

## Talk It Over

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*Questions are prepared each week by the teaching pastor and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used in a group immediately following the talk, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church. They will also be useful to individuals who want a deeper understanding of the message.*

*You don't need to answer all of the questions. Choose one or several to think about on your own or to discuss if you are meeting in a group.*

### THE NEW STARTS NOW - SERVING

1. Identify one area where you really enjoy(ed) serving in life (in church or not). What made it enjoyable? Are you still doing it? If not, could you begin serving again?
2. How easy is it for you to let someone help you? Consider one area in your life where you are currently being served. Write it down. How can you show appreciation for it this week?
3. Each part of the church has a special function. Reflect on your unique skills, talents, and passions. How can you identify your special function within the larger context of your community or church? What areas do you feel drawn to contribute to?
4. There is a tool that can help you discover God's purpose in your life – it's called a SHAPE test. Check it out here: <https://www.freeshapetest.com/> What are the next steps you need to take to be the disciple Jesus wants you to be?
5. Consider the idea that serving is not limited to specific volunteer opportunities but can also be integrated into your daily life. How can you serve the Lord through your everyday work or interactions?
6. Understanding that giving and serving is a by-product of discipleship, how are you giving and serving to realize the dream of making more disciples OR what keeps you from being a part of the team?

