



LISTENING Together









LIFE Together



Our God-given calling & responsibility

TO MAKE DISCIPLES





BY FAITH

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth





to serve together in our Mission





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When I die, I want the people I did group projects with to lower me into my grave so they can let me down one last time.









Context of Corinthian church

Measuring and judging others by their

STRENGTHS & GIFTEDNESS





When we measure each other, we tend to be biased towards our areas of strengths and giftedness.





Paul's emphasis:

Different gifts, service & workings but

ALL to be used to serve God and others





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Be humble stewards for God's purposes,

Not proud owners for our own glory.





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When we believe that people can't change, we are thinking God is **not powerful enough** or **doesn't care enough** to change them.





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God works all things in all people - believe in others





Learn to see people through God's eyes





Eph 2: 10 ESV

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.