



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *How Can I Make the Most of My Life?*

Service Date: February 11, 2024

Text: Romans 12:1-5

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Growing up, what did you want to do when you got older that you thought was based upon your ability and talent?

Sermon Discussion

- How is involvement in the church different from other organizations?
- Paul asked the question, "What does it mean to be a servant?" After listening to the sermon, how would you define it?
- Read Romans 12:1-5 and Philippians 2:3-5. Serving others as God wants us to serve means we have a right heart, a right mind, and that we serve with our hands. Without all three together, service is not that of what God would want. After reading the three passages, why do you think each of these characteristics of serving are so important together?
- How can we make sure that we are serving with the right heart and right mind?
- What are some common excuses people use for not serving?
- What should be the Biblical response to excuses given for someone not serving?
- For those who have completed the S.H.A.P.E. assessment (tri-village.org/shape), share your results with the group. Did anything surprise you?

- When someone uses their God-given abilities and talents to serve, it oftentimes will energize them, not “drain” them. Can you describe a time in your life when you felt energized giving back or serving?
- For someone hesitant about serving for the first time within a ministry at Tri-Village, what would you tell them?
- Tri-Village encourages every person to be involved in at least ministry. Is there any ministry you’d ever want to try or a ministry you’ve imagined that currently doesn’t exist? What would be needed for you to step out of the “boat”?
- Action plan step: What is one action step you could take this week based upon the sermon?

Resources

S.H.A.P.E. Test: tri-village.org/shape

Book: *S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life*
by Erik Rees

Book: *Now, Discover Your Strengths* by Marcus Buckingham

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.