

All In – Part 2 – Participation

Discussion Questions

1. Knowing that there are many ways to contribute (beyond serving), when you think about your relationship with Westside church, do you tend to see yourself more as a consumer or a contributor? What influences that perspective? Why do you think you find yourself in that place in this season?
2. People serve for different reasons, including guilt, responsibility, belonging, and joy. What has motivated you to serve in the past? What do you think helps shift our motivation from "I have to" toward "I get to"?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 27. What stands out to you in this passage? Paul describes the church as a body rather than an organization or gathering. What does this metaphor teach us about what it means to belong to a church community? Why do you think we sometimes underestimate what we have to offer? Have you ever struggled to recognize the value of your own gifts or abilities?
4. Read Ephesians 4:11–16. Paul describes the church growing and building itself up in love as each part does its work. How do you think participating in a church community contributes to our spiritual growth? Can you share an experience where serving or helping others changed you?
5. In 1 Peter 4:10, Peter encourages believers to use whatever gifts they've received to serve others. What gifts, abilities, experiences, or resources has God given you? How could you use them to bless others, both inside and outside the church?

Moving Forward

The sermon challenged us with the idea that "To follow Jesus is to go all in on community. You can't be all in on community if you're only a spectator!" What might going "all in" on community look like for you in this season of life? What's one practical step you could take toward deeper participation?

Optional closing activity: Invite each person to name one gift or strength they see in someone else in the group. This can be a meaningful way to reinforce the idea that we all have something to offer.