

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Shaped for Serving God – part 5

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Eph 2:10

“You formed me with your hands; you made me...” Job 10:8

#### **My 4<sup>th</sup> Purpose in life is to serve God by serving others - Ministry**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

#### **1. Serving like Jesus means being available**

‘Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!”...<sup>32</sup>When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, “What do you want me to do for you?”’ Matt 20:30 &32

‘If you can help your neighbour now, don’t say, “Come back tomorrow, and then I’ll help you.”’ Proverbs 3:28

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Barrier: Self-centredness**

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” Phil 2:4

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Barrier: Perfectionism**

“Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.” Ecc 11:4

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Barrier: Materialism**

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.” Luke 16:13

#### **2. Serving like Jesus means being thankful**

Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup>You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” John 11:41-42

“Worship the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.” 2 Tim 1:9

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Barrier: Comparing and criticising**

“Who are you to condemn someone else’s servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall.” Romans 14:4

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Barrier: Wrong motivations**

“Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.” Matt 6:1

#### **3. Serving like Jesus means being faithful**

“I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” John 17:4

“Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.” 2 Cor 4:2

“Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” 1 Cor 15:58

“He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.” Heb 6:10

‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ Matthew 25:21