

# C. Serving at Calvary

In the Bible, the word “servant,” when translated, means “slave,” indicating that as believers we must give up all in order to meet the needs of others. Meeting the needs of others is accomplished both on an individual level and within the local church. At Calvary Chapel Saint Paul, we approach ministry not on the basis of skill and expertise, but on spiritual giftedness and the calling of God. All areas of ministry are based on the model given in 1 Peter 4:10-11:

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

At Calvary Chapel Saint Paul we have developed basic guidelines in order to serve here:

## 1. Present yourself to God

We are to present ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). Because our service is unto the Lord, it is vital our lives reflect His lordship and direction. Therefore, people serving must not practice willful and unrepentant sin. This does not mean we expect perfection, but a life that reflects God's ongoing work of conforming you in the image of Christ.

## 2. Study to show yourself approved to God

2 Timothy 2:15 tells us an approved servant is one who is able to rightly divide the Word of truth. It is vital a servant at Calvary Chapel Saint Paul be a student of God's Word, both in personal Bible study and devotion as well as consistently sitting under the teaching of the Pastor Chik.

## 3. Commit yourself to the work of Christ

Our service should be a work of faith, a labor of love and with a steadfastness in the hope of Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 1:3). The catalyst for our service is the love of Christ and furtherance of the Gospel. Ministry should never be done for applause or selfish gain.

Every member of the body of Christ serving in the place in which God has called them and working within the power of the Holy Spirit brings life and edifies the body. You are invited to serve Christ here at Calvary Chapel Saint Paul so the blessing of God may be added to your account.