

**SCC SMALL GROUP FOR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT SERIES**  
**WHAT SERVICE SERVES UP TO US Part 6 of 8**  
**Sunday Message – October 16, 2022**

**Getting Started:**

Pastor Scott talked about each of us having an important role in the expansion and enrichment of God's kingdom. Can you identify something you have done which relates to this idea?

Of the four roles Pastor Scott mentioned, which would you like to focus on more? (develop and use your talents, honor God by giving your best, show and tell others about God's love, grow in Christlike character)

**Ask someone to read Ephesians 4:13.** What do you think the "fullness" or "complete standard" of Christ means?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

**GOD'S CHARACTER BUILDING PLAN OF INTENTIONALITY**

- A. Ephesians 5:15 talks about making the most of every opportunity by acting carefully and thoughtfully. Talk about when you have made the most of "an opportunity"
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Psalm 15:4, Proverbs 18:9 and Ephesians 6:6-7 stress the importance of responsibility (keeping promises, fulfilling commitments, and working hard). How have these contributed to your own character development?

C. Pastor Scott mentioned that life tests us in the “small matters “ (see Luke 16:10). How has being faithful in something small led to greater responsibilities in your life?

Has the pressure of a “small matter” ever pushed you off God’s path?

D. How has God used trials in your life to give you inner strength (See Romans 5:3-4)

E. How has the challenge of loving a difficult person developed your character? (See 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 & Romans 12:18)

F. Romans 12:16-18 explains how “to live at peace with everyone”. How have you been growing in what these verses describe?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. What has been the greatest lesson you have learned from serving other people in love?

B. Which of the intentional behaviors discussed in this lesson would you most like to work on right now? (being careful, being responsible, being faithful in small matters, being patient, being peaceful)

For additional encouragement on this topic, check out the seven day study plan: “Service: an unsung gift of God” in the YouVersion Bible app

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/27443>