

# BELONG SERIES – PART 5: SERVING OTHERS

## 1 Corinthians 12 – 14

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### Opening Sharing Question

1. What do you think a health serving church looks like?

### Serve Others with What God Has Given You

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12

2. What does Paul teach about the source, the purpose, and communal nature of what God has given his people (12:4-7, 12-27)
3. How does this passage challenge both **feeling unnecessary** and **seeing ourselves as indispensable**? (v14-21)
4. In light of v. 7, how might your own **abilities or opportunities** be used to serve others?

### Serve Others in Love

#### Read 1 Corinthians 13

5. What is Paul's verdict on ministry exercised **without love** (13:1–3), and how does that reshape how we think about serving?
6. Which aspect of love (vv. 4–7) do you find **most challenging in your service**, and how might God grow you there?

### Serve Others to Build Up the Church

#### Read 1 Corinthians 14

7. What is Paul's **main concern** in chapter 14 (vv. 3, 5, 12, 26), and how should that shape church gatherings?
8. How can our church better **“excel in building up the body”** (14:12)? Where do you personally see an opportunity to do this?

## Serving Others Together

9. How do 1 Corinthians 12 (gifts), 13 (love), and 14 (edification) work together to form a unified picture of Christian ministry?
10. Reflect on how the diagram below can help us think through serving others at church.
11. Which of these three questions challenges you most right now? (a) “Am I serving?” (b) “Am I serving in love?” (c) “Am I building others up in Christ?”
12. Which ministries in our church currently need love-fuelled servants?
13. What is one new step of service you could take in response to this passage?
14. Who is one person you could intentionally build up this week—in word, prayer, encouragement, or practical care?

