

THE  
EXCITING  
= CHURCH =

*July 30, 2017*

# MESSAGE NOTES

## The Exciting Church | Part 9

*When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 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."*

Mark 10:41-45 (NLT)

### How do I become an exciting servant?

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ my spiritual gifts.

*A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other...It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.*

1 Corinthians 12:7, 11 (NLT)

I Corinthians 12:8-10

Romans 12:6-8

Ephesians 4:11-13

1 Peter 4:10-11

[www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment)



#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ my spiritual gifts.

*I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

2 Timothy 1:5-7 (NLT)

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ my spiritual gifts.

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

***If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.***

**VBS** - Passport to Peru VBS is NEXT WEEK!! 5:00 – 8:00 pm, dinner included. Kids pre-K through 5th grade can register online. Volunteers needed - call Joanna at 941-621-4224.

**Short term mission trip to Ghana, West Africa** is now forming! Informational meeting is August 4th at 4:00pm. Applications are available at the info desk in the lobby and are due back by August 27th. Interviews will be Sept. 6th, 2017 with team selection Sept. 10, 2017. The mission trip will be September 16-27, 2018 with our mission partners Lawrence Beka and Michael Mozley.

**Women's Small Group** meets in the Conference room on Mondays at 6:00.

**Pastor's Bible Study** - Tuesday mornings, 7:30am at the Vamo Starbucks (8394 S Tamiami Trail).

**Prayer hour** – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come to a quiet place to pray, pray over requests or if you are in need of prayer.

**Acts 2:42 Gathering** ('They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers') – Wednesday evenings, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by Bible Study. All are welcome!

**Faith & Fellowship bible study** – Saturdays at 8:00am at the Potter's Park Pavilion.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /      1st Time Visitor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday:     /     /      Male    Female

I would like to meet with the pastor.

## MY DECISION TODAY

- I said **YES** for the first time, and became a follower of Jesus.
- I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

*We have resources to help you with your decision.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

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## SMART GIVING

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-OR-

text any amount to: 941.200.1515

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Join the Sprout Team!** The 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. The breakfast team meets at 7:30 am to set up, cook breakfast, cleanup and build relationships with our neighbors. There is another team that meets at 9:00 am to help with food distribution and prayer for our neighbors.

**Join the Sunday Morning Team!** We need more people on various teams for Sunday morning – Parking, Children’s Ministry, Prayer, Band, Tech (light and sound) and Social Media. Come help us with weekly Sunday services.



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