



## Verse of the Month

*“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV)*

## Cross Training Perspective Questions

1. Are you a disciple of Jesus?
2. What makes you a follower of Jesus?

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## A Follower of Jesus Serves

*And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19, ESV)*

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints **for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11–12, ESV)*

**Our good works are motivated by the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8–9, ESV)*

*We have all become like one who is unclean, and **all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment**. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (Isaiah 64:6, ESV)*

*For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10, ESV)*

**We are called to serve God in our \_\_\_\_\_.**

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17, ESV)*

*Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31, ESV)*

**We are called to serve God as the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**We are called to serve God in our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Find your S.H.A.P.E.

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**We are called to serve God as \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and **gave us the ministry** of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17–18, ESV)*

**The difference between volunteers and ministers:**

- Volunteers give what is left-over. Ministers give their first-fruits.
- Volunteers set aside their work when other things come up. Ministers set aside other things for their work.
- Volunteers do it for recognition. Ministers do it for the glory of God.
- Volunteers quit. Ministers persist.
- Volunteers work where they are comfortable. Ministers allow themselves to be stretched and work outside their comfort zone.

- Volunteers resist criticism and critique. Ministers welcome feedback to improve.
- Volunteers do it to feel better. Ministers do it to serve others.

**We are called to serve God for \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16, ESV)*

## **Why We Don't Serve**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. We don't know where we \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Final Thoughts**

1. What is your ministry?
2. How will you discover you ministry?