

COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTIONS ONLY

Fall 2024 - Welcome One Another - "Serve Together"

Monday, Sept. 16 - Sunday, Sept. 22 (Week 2)

In this sermon from 1 Peter, the focus was on the theme of "Welcome One Another," stemming from Romans 15:7. Pastor McKinney emphasized the importance of and how to make the church feel like home. He outlined three key habits that contribute to this sense of belonging: fellowship together, serve together, and worship together. This week, the emphasis focused on serving together, coinciding with "Step Up Sunday," encouraging people who consider Church at Bergen their church-home to actively engage in the life of the church. Pastor McKinney explored the concept of stewardship, particularly in the context of serving one another with the gifts we have received from God. He pointed to 1 Peter 4:10, urging that each gift should be used responsibly for the benefit of others, underscoring that we do not own these gifts but are entrusted to use them wisely. This stewardship is rooted in the trust and responsibility placed upon us by God.

QUESTION #1: Discuss a time when you felt entrusted with a significant responsibility. How did you handle it, and what did you learn from the experience?

QUESTION #2: 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." What gifts do you believe God has given you?

QUESTION #3: The sermon emphasized that we are stewards, not owners, of the gifts God has given us. How does this perspective change the way you view what God has given and entrusted to you, your gifts, talents, and resources?

QUESTION #4: What are some challenges you face in using your gifts to serve others? How can the group support you in overcoming these challenges?

QUESTION #5: How has serving others helped you grow in your faith and relationship with God?

QUESTION #6: How has this sermon and today's discussion changed your understanding of serving together?