

# "Awakening The Servant Heart" Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker Question: "What does 'service' mean to you personally?"

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."

#### **Discussion Questions:**

#### 1. Understanding Gifts:

- What are the different gifts mentioned in 1 Peter 4:10-11? How do you see these gifts in action within our church or community?
  - What personal gifts do you identify with, and how do you think God wants you to use them?

## 2. The Importance of Service:

- Why do you think God calls us to serve one another? What do you think is the impact of serving in our lives and the lives of others?

# 3. Obstacles to Serving:

- What challenges do you face when trying to serve others? How might Scripture help us overcome these challenges?

## 4. Practical Application:

- Reflecting on the verse, what are some practical ways you can use your gifts to serve others this week?
  - How can our group support each other in identifying and employing our gifts?

## 5. The Role of Strength:

- The verse mentions serving "with the strength God provides." What does this mean to you? Have you experienced moments when you felt God's strength while serving?



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#### Share a Story:

- Discuss a time when you experienced the joy of serving someone else. How did that experience reflect God's grace?

#### Reflection:

- "What is one takeaway from today's discussion that you plan to reflect on or act upon in the coming week?"

#### **Closing Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the unique gifts You've given each of us and for the time we've spent together. As we leave this place, guide us in using our talents to serve others effectively and joyfully. Help us to find opportunities to bless those around us, and fill our hearts with compassion. We lift up any prayer requests shared today, asking for Your comfort and provision in each situation. May we carry the spirit of service into our daily lives, reflecting Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.