

	Made for More
 BIG IDEA	You were not saved to sit; you were made to serve and move Jesus’ mission forward through His church. God has created each of us on purpose, for a purpose, and He has given us gifts that are meant to bless others and build His Church.
 ICE BREAKER	1. What is something you are naturally good at that other people often ask you to help with? 2. Have you ever been part of a team where everyone had a different role but the mission depended on everyone doing their part? 3. What is one place where serving someone else ended up changing you too?
 MAIN POINTS	Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2 that salvation is a gift of grace—we do not earn it. But grace does not leave us without purpose. We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works that He prepared in advance for us. Pastor DJ reminded us that God did not make us randomly. He knows us, loves us, and has intentionally designed us with gifts, experiences, and abilities that can be used for His purposes. You were made for more than simply attending church. Ephesians was written not only to individuals, but to the Church as a community. God saved us, and He created us to accomplish His mission together. Following Jesus is more than sitting in a service. Belonging to the Church means bringing what God has placed in us to strengthen the body and serve others. We were not saved to sit on the sidelines while a few people carry the mission. Everyone has a part to play. A symphony only works when every musician brings their instrument and plays their part. The same is true of the Church. Some people are gifted to work with kids or students. Others naturally welcome people, pray with others, work with technology, lead, teach, organize, or serve behind the scenes. Your gift may look different from someone else’s, but that does not make it less important. God’s mission moves forward when each person faithfully brings what He has given them. Jesus said that whoever tries to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Him will save it. Serving may cost us time, comfort, energy, or convenience. But Pastor DJ challenged us to trust that Jesus knows what He is doing. When we give part of our lives away for others, God uses that sacrifice to create purpose, fulfillment, connection, and impact. Serving blesses the Church, but it also changes us.
	1. What stands out to you most about being called God’s “handiwork”?

DISCUSS	2. Why do you think it is easy to view church as something we attend instead of something we are part of? 3. What gifts, abilities, experiences, or passions might God have given you that could serve others? 4. What barriers tend to keep people from serving, time, fear, uncertainty, comfort, or something else? 5. What might change in our church and community if everyone brought their gifts and played their part?
NEXT STEP	Jesus First — Ask What You Were Made For Spend time this week reading Ephesians 2:8–10 and ask God: “How have You uniquely created me, and where do You want to use me?” Remember that serving does not earn God’s love. It is an overflow of the grace He has already freely given you. People Always — Use Your Gift to Serve Someone Look for one practical way to use what God has given you to help someone else this week. Maybe that means encouraging someone, praying with them, welcoming someone new, helping a child or student, meeting a practical need, or simply showing up where help is needed. Your gifts were never meant to stop with you. Made for More — Get Off the Sidelines Take one step toward serving through Central. If you already serve, invite someone else to join you or help them discover where they might fit.
SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 2:8–10, Luke 9:23–24, 1 Peter 4:10–11
NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week as Pastor Shan preaches on “Found: The life you have been chasing has been here the whole time”

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