

## Review:

- Do these translations agree on the terminology of "**Masterpiece**" in **Ephesians 2:10** (NLT; NIV; HCSB)?

**God's Masterpiece – Romans 1:20 NLT** <sup>20</sup> *For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*

Christians are compelled to use their gift(s) to serve others because of three causes: **ACTIONS, REACTION, and LIABILITY.**

**1 Peter 4:10 (HCSB)** — <sup>10</sup> "Based on the gift that each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God."

**The Cause of God's ACTION**—He Gave you a gracious gift that only He could give.

- **Romans 5:16-18; Colossians 2:6-7 (HCSB)**
- Other verses to consider: **Ephesians 2:8; John 4:10, Romans 6:23.**

**The Cause of Other People's REACTION**—People need help. We all need to survive and thrive as believers.

- **Romans 5:6; 1 Corinthians 12:19-25 (NLT)**
- Other verses to consider: **Hebrews 5:12; 1 John 3:17; 2 Corinthians 8:14; Revelation 3:17.**

**The Cause of LIABILITY**—As gift managers, we are given the privilege and the responsibility to sustain and maintain God's Masterpiece.

- **1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (HCSB)**

## Conclusion:

*If this is new to you:*

Does the gift of God's grace confuse you? Impress you? Does it compel you to find out more? Where will you go to find out?

*If you are serving in a Ministry:*

In what ways is your service a stretch that does not come easy? How is that causing growth? Who can help you? In what ways does your service to others bring you joy? Who and how do you celebrate that with?

*If you are not serving in a Ministry:*

Think about God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ to you personally. How does it influence your choices and attitudes? What do you want Him to do in order for you to serve again? What does He want you to do in order to give His gifts to others through you again?

## lifeGROUP Discussion Points:

1. Using God's grace as a guide to your answer, what gift do you think He has given to you?
2. What do you think is the difference between a God given gift and a special talent?
3. Tell about a time when a member of this church served you. How did it affect you immediately and long-term?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 3:12-15** and **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**. Paul is talking about your future. How does this teaching impact you? What confuses you about it? What excites you about it? What concerns you about it?