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“Closer In Serving”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
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2020 Vision: To provide a clearer path of discipleship where we can grow closer to God and people.

➤ Closer as we **Serve** by administering God’s grace to others.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your **servant**, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to **serve**, and to give His life as a **ransom** for many."

Matthew 20:24-28 (NIV)

"I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, a **servant** of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to **receive** her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a **great help** to many people, including me. Greet **Priscilla** and **Aquila**, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They **risked** their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the **church** that meets at their house."

Romans 16:1-5a (NIV)

We Can Grow Closer by Administering God’s Grace through:

1. Discovering and Developing Our S.H.A.P.E.

"But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people belonging to God**, that you may **declare the praises** of Him who called you **out of darkness** into His **wonderful light.**" **1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) Remember Verse**

❖ **S** _____

"In his grace, God has given us **different** gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is **serving** others, serve them well. If you are a **teacher**, teach well. If your gift is to **encourage** others, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give generously. If God has given you **leadership** ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it gladly."

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

❖ **H** _____

“For God is working **in you**, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to do what pleases Him. Do everything **without complaining** and **arguing**, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. **Hold firmly** to the **word of life...**”

Philippians 2:13-16 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

❖ **A** _____

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully **administering God's grace** in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it 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.”

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV); Exodus 31:1-5

Notes: _____

❖ **P** _____

“Love the Lord your God with all your **HEART** and with all your **SOUL** and with all your **MIND** and with all your **STRENGTH**.” **Mark 12:30 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

❖ **E** _____

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **compassion** and the God of all comfort, who **comforts us** in all our troubles, so that we can **comfort those** in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.” **2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

➤ **How can my S.H.A.P.E. help people find and follow Jesus?**

I will make my next right step this week by:

- [] Using my S.H.A.P.E. to minister God's Grace in: _____
- [] Taking the Spiritual Upgrade Class this Wednesday
- [] Accepting Jesus as my Savior and Lord for the first time
- [] Following Jesus in Believer's Baptism on February 16th

Cornerstone Ministries I may be interested in:

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| [] Administration | [] Children | [] Youth/Teens |
| [] Visitation/Meals | [] First Impressions | [] Hospitality/Café |
| [] Media & Sound | [] Men's | [] Prayer & Celebration of Life Quilts |
| [] Facilities | [] Women's | [] Worship |

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

Open your group with a prayer.

Icebreaker:

Share a time when you ever felt like a fish out of water doing something you were not good at?

Family Corner:

S – What are you **Spiritually** gifted to do?

H – What does your **Heart** beat passionately for?

A – What are your natural **Abilities**?

P – Where does your **Personality** fit the best?

E – What are your **Experiences**?

Read Matthew 20:20-28

What was the request?

How is God’s kingdom different than the world?

Romans 16:1-5a

Who is Phoebe and how does Paul honor her?

Who were Priscilla and Aquila? How did they serve the church?

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Review 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

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What stands out to you about this verse?

❖ **Spiritual Gifts**

Read Romans 12:6-8 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Why is it important for us to remember that we have “different” gifts?

What do you do well?

Which gift do you think you might have?

How are you using it?

❖ **Heart**

Read Philippians 2:13-16

What does your **Heart** beat passionately for?

Which area of ministry are you the most interested in?

What will help us stay planted in the right areas?

❖ **Abilities**

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11

What is an ability that you could use to help the church?

Notes: _____

❖ **Personality**

Mark 12:30

How would you describe your personality?

Shy? Outgoing?

Up front or behind the scenes?

❖ **Experiences**

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

What experiences do you have where God has been a comfort to you that you could share to be a comfort to others?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
