



Closing the Gap:

*Where am I?
Where do I want to be?*

Church = believers in God all
times, all places

church = local congregations, local
bodies

The Seven Essential Heart Attitudes

Participate in the Ministry of River

Demonstrate an Open and Honest Life

Maintain Clear Relationships

Put the Success of Others Above Your Own

Submit to the Leadership of River within Scriptural Limits

Support the Work of River Financially

Give and Receive Spiritual Correction

Values shape and guide culture and behavior.

Family is the appropriate way to think about church.

“Household of God”

Psalm 23 – *A family gathering at table, and we feast.*



Who are the people of God that I'm called to invest in?

How can I, as a mature member of this family, contribute to its overall health?

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 glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

All people in Christ are called to a life of ministry.

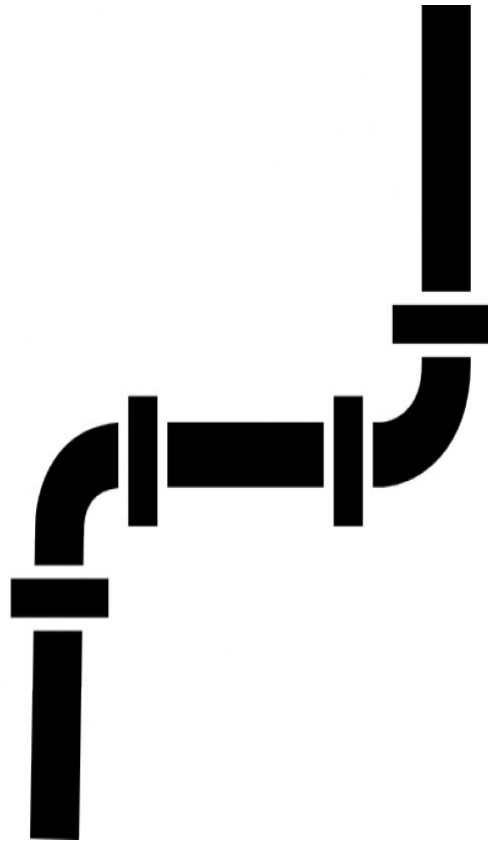
1 Peter 2:4-5, 9

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ ... 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 and into his wonderful light.

Vs 10

Each one should use whatever gift (charisma) he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

If everyone contributed to the ministry at my level of participation, would the ministry be sustainable?



1 Cor 12: 4-7

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

James 3:16

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Emulation can be good.

Envy is destructive.

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Obedience is faith in action.

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Gifts are to be used for the
common good and our mutual
benefit.

Use your gifts for faith and love in
action.