

CELEBRATING OUR SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Acts 11: 22-26

The church was designed to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of people. She recruits people to serve other people. Most of us serve voluntarily while some persons serve involuntarily to fill a gap. We voluntarily serve because we believe in the mission of the church; we involuntarily serve to fill a void in ministry until God places someone to lead the group to manifest the vision of the church. Involuntary service may work in the military but not necessarily in the church. Service is a joy when it is our passion in our heart.

The church consists of Christians who are followers of Jesus Christ. Christians should realize that we are saved to serve. We serve God as we serve people. We are called to minister to people in the church and beyond the church. As we bless people, we are being blessed. The more we serve, the more we are blessed. It should be our desire to be too blessed to be stressed.

Let me share with you three reasons why we should serve the church.

1. We Serve to Develop Discipline.
 - A. Good news about God's transformation that made us glad
 - B. Good news about God's salvation by the grace of God

2. We Serve to Make Dynamic Disciples.
 - A. Teach them to exercise their faith
 - B. Teach and encourage them to be faithful

3. We Serve to Make Discipleship by Duplication.
 - A. Model the significance of sacrifice
 - B. Model the importance of support