



## Sermon Title: A Servant of the Church

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**Scripture:** I (Paul) commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well. [Romans 16:1-2]

1. People tend to hear what they **want** to hear, and growing numbers of Jesus' followers want to hear **criticism** of the church.
2. To embrace Scripture where it **aligns** with your narrative but ignore it where it **refutes** your narrative is demonic!
3. A **partial** truth is a **whole** lie!
4. Jesus' time with His disciples only laid the **foundation** for the church. The **full** expression of the church began after Pentecost and wasn't complete until it was shaped by the Spirit through the apostles and their inspired writings!
5. God's blueprint for the local church includes divinely-**called** and Spirit-**verified** leadership and structure.
6. Christian friends hanging together are not a **complete expression** of the church!
7. Organization isn't **corruption**; it's **preparation**. It lays the groundwork for greater impact.
8. The anti-congregation movement is prone to romantic radicalism that's neither romantic or radical because it has **minimal impact**.
9. When God has important assignments, He calls selfless **servants** of the church – not self-assured **critics** of the church.
10. It's **hard** to grow in grace if you avoid the **need** of it!

**Growth Group Questions**  
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**KICK-OFF**

1. What kinds of things do you do to beat the wintertime blues?
2. Do you like being part of a larger church? Why or why not? What are the advantages and disadvantages?



**THE GAME PLAN**

1. What drew you to ACAC? What keeps you here?
2. Are you currently serving in any ministries here at ACAC or elsewhere? If so, how?
3. How have service opportunities helped you to grow in your faith and build relationships with other believers?
4. What points from today's sermon challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention and why?

**OVERTIME**

1. Read Ephesians 2:10. Discuss what you believe this verse is saying about service within the local church.
2. Read 1 Peter 4:10. Each "born-again" follower of Jesus has been given at least one spiritual gift. Do you know what your spiritual gift(s) are? How are you using them to serve the church?
3. If you're looking for a service opportunity here at ACAC – pick up a "**Top Ten**" list (available at the Connection Hub) or grab a copy of our **SERVE** booklet available in any of the information racks around campus.

