

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Leaving the Harbor

**Week 1: Serve in Teams**  
**Exodus 31:1-11; 35:34**

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God calls His followers to leave the security of the harbor and follow Him on a high seas voyage into the unknown! If our journey will be successful, there are certain skills we must master. Once we've learned the ropes, we will embark together into the exhilarating and significant future God has planned for us. This week we explore the diversity of gifts God gave us and how we can serve Him together.

**Kicking It Off:** This week, Jeff shared about his small group taking a boat trip. What's been one of the most enjoyable things you've experienced so far this summer?

### Discussion:

1. By way of review, what are the four priorities of The Compass Church to help us "leave the harbor" of everyday life? Which of these four comes most naturally to you?
2. Read Exodus 31:2-3. What's so significant about Bezalel being filled with the Holy Spirit during that time period? When would other believers receive the Holy Spirit? (See Acts 1:8.)  
  
*"See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills." (NIV)*
3. Based on your experience, what are some of the benefits to serving in teams? What are some potential pitfalls to not stepping out of your comfort zone, especially if you choose not to serve where God has called you?
4. What are some tricks that the enemy has up his sleeve to keep us from using our spiritual gifts? How can we counteract those tactics? (You might brainstorm as a group.)
5. When you think about serving within the local church, where have you felt God nudging you? Where have you tried before and realized that it wasn't a good fit?
6. What does 1 Peter 4:10 teach us about serving others? How does that encourage you?

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." (NLT)*

**Wrapping It Up:** If you haven't already, have each group member go through a spiritual gifts assessment to see how God has uniquely gifted you. You can find one here: <https://www.thecompass.net/Serve>. If you're comfortable, share the results — and pray for wisdom in how to help your group members take one step closer toward serving in your sweet spot.