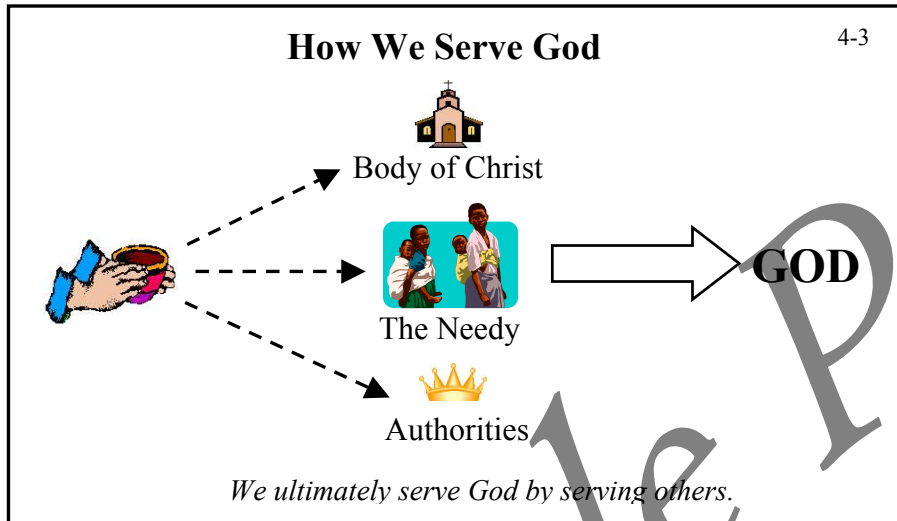


## B. Three Practical Ways to Serve in the Kingdom.

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**Practical Ways to Serve in the Kingdom**

We are to serve:

1. The Body of Christ.
2. The needy.
3. The authority placed over us.

1. **We are to serve the Body of Christ.**  
*...as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers (Gal 6:10).*
  - We are all part of the Body of Christ and everyone is needed to serve for the body to function properly (1Cor 12:12-26).
  - Yet only 20% of the people do all the work in the church.
  - We are to serve fellow believers in the local church.
  - We are to serve fellow believers beyond the local church.
  
2. **We are to serve the needy.** [See Appendix 4C]  
*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in (Mt 25:35).*
  - We are to serve beyond our comfort levels, crossing barriers ethnically, socially, and economically.
  - We are to serve the unlovely.
  - We are to serve the widows and the orphans by caring for their physical needs *for this is pure and undefiled religion (Ja 1:27).*
  
3. **We are to serve the authority placed over us.**  
*Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men (1Pet 2:13).*
  - Throughout life, we are placed under the authority of various leaders of government, employment, school, etc.
  - We please God when we obey authority whether good or bad.

Share with your group that only about 1 out of 5 adults (20%) volunteer time to help a church in a typical week. This statistic has remained relatively stable across the years. (The Barna Group)

If time permits read Appendix 4C "Servant in Chief" to see how a former American President lives as a true servant.