



Title: Visionaries – Team ministry that shakes the world
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Psalm 92:13-15

Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in Him.

What does it mean to flourish: Grow or develop in a healthy and vigorous way (Oxford dictionary)

How? We need to plant ourselves in God's house

There are many components to planting yourself in a church:

- For some of us it means becoming a member of the church.
- For some of us it means committing to a small group
- For some of us it means dealing with past hurts, forgiving your previous pastor, seeing God in the midst of relational issues.
- For some of us who have been uprooted, it means to plant yourself again if you feel that this is where God wants you to be. Not only planting yourself physically, but planting yourself in your heart.
- For some of us it means becoming involved.

New testament church

Ephesians 4:11&12

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:16

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

1 Corinthians 12:22

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. (we need you gift and your contribution!!)

The new testament model says: all hands on deck!

Shofar's purpose statement: To reach nations and generations through disciple making, leadership development and church planting – the whole gospel to the whole world.

It starts by finding your natural habitat as a plant in God's house.

How do you find your natural habitat as a tree in God's house? EXPERIMENT!

One-time serving opportunity:

Look at all you passions and interests and decide on a one-time serving opportunity to check something out.

After the first one-time serving opportunity, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Did you find it feel meaningful?
2. Did it charge your emotional batteries (not physical batteries), or did you find it emotionally draining?
3. Did you enjoy serving with the other people on the team

Some of you might start serving in a ministry because of an undeniable passion, but maybe some of you will feel that God calls you to a ministry in which you think you have no interest. But it might be that when you start serving in that ministry out of obedience to God that you discover your heart...

Imagine a church where every single person does something or is involved somewhere. The church will be healthy, growing, full of love. No-one will be burned out. We will make friends, we will grow, we will get healed, we will have fun, we will see people's lives changed! All of us will be part of something that God is doing, something bigger than ourselves, our own dreams our own priorities.

Ministry involvement opportunities at Shofar East London:

- Worship
- Sound engineering
- Media - Laptop
- Shofar kid's: toddlers; grade R – grade 3; grade 4 - 6
- Connect ministry: Ushering
- Youth (high school)
- Community upliftment
- Creative arts
- Missions
- Facilitation: small groups/foundations

A safe place

Psalm 27:4&5

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.