

Sunday Sampler

Lesson 5 – Ministry

With
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For
JESUS

Ministers & Ministries?



The Gift of Ministry

Ephesians 4: 11 - 13

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

for

building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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Equippers

Apostles	Foundation laying messengers
Prophets	God's "mouth-piece" to the World
Evangelists	Spiritual "mid-wives"
Pastors	Shepherding the flock
Teachers	Training up the children of God

Equipping Goals

Building up the Body of Christ

Until everyone

- consistently relies on Christ moment by moment
- knows Him intimately
- functions like fully capable spiritual adults
- exemplifies the character of Christ Jesus.

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Ministers



Διακονος

Diakonos

Deacon

Servant



Ministers



Servants

- Get involved with people
- Model the character of Christ
- Sacrifice self for others

**To help people
grow in Christ!**



Helping Others Grow

What can you do to help people grow in Christ?

Let's make a list.

These are things we can do, but they all must be done in Jesus' Name

In Jesus' Name?

Matthew 18:5

Translation: We are to love others as Ambassadors of Jesus. That is to say we are the image of Jesus to those we meet. We take His identity into every encounter.

Matthew 18:20

Translation: When we gather together because we belong to Jesus, He joins with us.

John 14:13-14

Translation: Whenever we ask for something in line with Christ's plan & character, to be accomplished in His power and done for His glory, He will do it.

Matthew 24:5

Translation: This is a case of identity theft. It's fraud to say you are serving in Jesus Name, but actually doing it for your personal benefit.

Ministering in Jesus' Name

What's in a name?

- Identification
- Character
- Belonging (Family)
- Authority

Ministry in Jesus' Name

Touching the lives of others to draw them to Jesus

- For His glory
- Under His direction & authority
- In total reliance upon His power.

Our Calling

Have you ever sensed God calling you to a task that you felt completely inadequate to carry out?

- Noah
- Joseph
- Moses
- Joshua
- Isaiah
- The 12 Apostles

His strength is made perfect in our weakness, because then we must rely on Him completely.

Spiritual Gifts

Controversy

- If I haven't seen or done it, it must not exist.
- The gifts I have are the best.
- There are so many, I just get confused.
- Spiritual gifts don't need to be understood, it's for God to understand.



Spiritual Gifts



1 Corinthians 12 : 4 - 7

Charisma – Romans 12: 6-8

Ministry – Ephesians 4: 11-13

Capability – 1 Corinthians 12: 8-11

Motivation

Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, ^b but have not love, I gain nothing. NIV



Guilt



Glory

Not



**Personal
Agenda**



**It needs to
be done.**

Relating to Non Believers

What would you think if your Doctor refused to see you if you were sick?

Read Matthew 9: 9-12

How can we expect to make disciples of all nations if we never hang out with non-Christians?

**but aren't we to
avoid the
appearance of evil?**

We are to avoid appearing evil to those who are unbelievers, not other believers?

Remember Friends

*You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
He has a purpose in your being there.
Christ, who dwells in you,
has something He wants to do through you,
where you are.
Believe this.
And go in His Grace, Love and Power*