

MINISTRY OVER MEDIOCRITY

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Discussion Guide

Open Up

- What do you think most people think of when they hear the word "ministry?"
- Have you ever been involved in a ministry before? If so, what was it?
- What joys have you experienced in ministry? What problems have you experienced?

Dig In

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18. Who has been given the ministry? What is the ministry that has been given?
- Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Who are the ones who do the ministry? What are they to do in addition to "the work of the ministry?"
- Read Acts 5:17-18. Describe your thoughts and emotions if you were one of the apostles. Now read verses 19-20 and describe your thoughts and feelings.
- Look over verses 33-40. Why do you think Gamaliel proposed what he did?

Live Out

- Since the ministry has no boundaries, where do you believe God has placed you so that you might help bring people to Jesus?
- 1 Peter 4:10 says that each has received a gift in order to serve (minister) to one another. Go around the group and affirm the gift in each other that would make each a good minister.
- What is one practical thing you can do this week to "do the work of your ministry?"

What is Jesus saying to you? • What is your next step?

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