

MINISTRY 102

**WHAT IS
MINISTRY?**

Today's Outline

Topic Highlights

What is ministry?

What does it mean to be “In” ministry?

What does it mean to be a minister of the Gospel?

What is the goal of ministry?

Who is called to ministry?

What are the essentials of ministry?

What ministry IS and IS NOT

WHAT IS MINISTRY?

ACTS 3:1-9

Serving others, serving God, or being selfless

Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God

We are simply sharing with others what we have in Christ, and by doing so, we are serving God

WHAT IS MINISTRY?



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE “IN” MINISTRY?**

ISAIAH 6:8

MATTHEW 9:35-38

It means we are committed to the call,
we have stepped up to be utilized by God

God is looking for who would be willing

WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE “IN” MINISTRY?

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A
MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL?**

EPHESIANS 3:1-10 NLT

To be a minister of the gospel means:

- Being called by the Living Triune God. (Our calls begin and originate with God and not ourselves.) v.2
- Being a servant of the Living God. v.7
- Being a recipient of the grace of God through the working of his power. v.7-9

The grace of God is not some magical substance out there, but it is God Himself empowering us to do His work. Even though we don't deserve to be a servant for him.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO BE A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL?



WHAT IS THE GOAL OF MINISTRY?

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

v.12 – Perfecting or Equipping

v.12 – Saints

v.12 – Work of the Ministry

v.12 – Edifying of the body of Christ

v.13 – Knowledge of the Son of God

v.13 – Perfect or Mature unto Christ

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF MINISTRY?



WHO IS CALLED TO MINISTRY?

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Everyone is called according to Matthew 28:18-20.

But even though we are all called,
we are called to different roles, different parts of the body.

ROMANS 12:1-5

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

WHO IS CALLED TO MINISTRY?



WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS OF MINISTRY?

Discipline, Equipping, Fellowshiping, Edifying and Growing in the Lord

If we do these things, then the by-product will be ministry

We must identify what ministry is.

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WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIALS OF MINISTRY?



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS ON WHAT MINISTRY IS

Just Do It!

Do the work of the ministry.

Be obedient to the calling and role God has given you for the current season you are in.

Build, Mature, Grow

The natural process God made was for us to mature through this principle of building others up and being built up, which leads to maturity, which is growth. If we have a different understanding or don't function in this model, will we grow?

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS
ON WHAT MINISTRY IS

WHAT MINISTRY IS NOT

Ministry IS NOT a job.

Ministry IS NOT your personal platform for advancement.

Ministry DOES NOT have set hours.

Ministry DOES NOT compare/measure up like worldly success

WHAT MINISTRY IS NOT.

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**SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES/
BIBLICAL
DISCIPLESHIP**

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Topic Highlights

Spiritual Disciplines

Disciples Follow Jesus

Disciples Imitate & Replicate Jesus

Disciples Help Others Follow Jesus

Disciples Intentionally Build Relationships

Disciples Depend Upon Grace

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

ACTS 2:42

Doctrine, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread, Prayers.
Aside from this verse, Fasting & Serving

v.42 – Apostles Doctrine (Teaching)

Apostles are in the New Testament. Apostles have knowledge and practice of the Old Testament. Studying of the Apostles doctrine is the study of the Bible.

Psalms 119:140

We are to be given over to the scriptures and learning doctrine

Note – We can only have doctrine or teachings when
both OT & NT verses support that teaching

ACTS 2:42

v.42 – Fellowship (Koinonia)

It is a special kind of fellowship that the Lord intended the church to have with each other and with Him

Synonyms for fellowship can be intercourse or intimacy

Koinonia is community, it's togetherness that confounds the world and its understanding of what friendship is.
It is jocks hugging nerds, or hipsters hugging goths

ACTS 2:42

v.42 – Breaking of Bread

Is part of fellowship, but also partaking of the Lord together

1 Corinthians 11:17-33

We are to take care of each other

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

ACTS 2:42

v.42 – Prayer

He prepared them with prayer

Luke 11:1

Mark 14:38

Matt 6:7

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

Fasting

To prepare for ministry (Matthew 4:1-17; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-14)

To seek Gods wisdom (Acts 14:23)

To show grief (Nehemiah 1:1-4)

To seek deliverance or protection (Ezra 8:21-23)

To repent (Jonah 3:10)

To gain victory (Judges 20:26)

To worship God (Luke 2:37)

DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS

When we encounter Jesus, we meet a Man
who calls us to come and die
(Mark 8:34-35)

And He calls us to follow Him and learn from Him
(Matthew 4:19, 11:29)

The only requirement is that we repent of rebelling
against our Creator and cling to Him through faith
(Mark 1:15; 1 Thess. 1:9)

If we do this (repent and believe through faith),
we're promised forgiveness of our sins and reconciliation to God
(Colossians 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Jesus calls us to come and die so that we might live.

DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS

Those who follow Jesus by faith are known as his disciples

Disciples > Christians ?

Super Christians > Normal Christians ?

(Matthew 10:38, 16:24-28)

(Mark. 8:34)

(Luke 9:23, 57-62)

(John 10:27, 12:25-26)

We are either following Jesus or we aren't; there is no middle ground

(Matthew 12:30)

DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS



**DISCIPLES IMITATE &
REPLICATE JESUS**

At the heart of following Jesus, is Jesus' call
to imitate him and replicate him

As disciples, we are called to imitate Jesus' love (John 13:34)

His mission (Matthew 4:19)

His humility (Philippians 2:5)

His service (John 13:14)

His suffering (1 Peter 2:21)

His obedience to the Father (1 John 2:3-6)

DISCIPLES IMITATE & REPLICATE JESUS

Since He is our teacher, we are to learn from Him and strive in the power of the Holy Spirit to become like Him
(Luke 6:40)

This growth in Christlikeness is a lifelong endeavor that is fueled by the hopeful expectation that one day we will see Him face-to-face
(1 John 3:2-3)

DISCIPLES IMITATE & REPLICATE JESUS

**DISCIPLES HELP OTHERS
FOLLOW JESUS**



As we follow our Lord, we quickly learn
that part of imitation is duplication.

Having a personal relationship with Jesus is magnificent,
but it is incomplete if it ends with us.

Part of being His follower is to intentionally help others
learn from him and become more like Him.

To be his follower is to help others follow Him.

DISCIPLES HELP OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS



Being a disciple that makes disciples happens in two particular ways

First, we're called to Evangelize

Evangelism is telling people, who don't follow Jesus
what it means to follow Him

By proclaiming and portraying the Gospel
(Matthew 28:19-20)

We must help people learn how to begin to follow Jesus.

DISCIPLES HELP OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS

The second aspect of making disciples is helping other believers grow in Christlikeness

Jesus has designed His church to be a body
(1 Corinthians 12)

A kingdom of citizens and a family who actively builds each other up into the fullness of Christ
(Ephesians 2:19; 4:13, 29)

We are called to instruct each other about Christ
(Romans 15:14)

DISCIPLES HELP OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS

Imitate others who are following Christ
(1 Corinthians 4:16, 11:1; 2 Thessalonians 3:7, 9)

As disciples, we are to intentionally pour into
other disciples so they can pour into others
(2 Timothy 2:1-2)

DISCIPLES HELP OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS

**DISCIPLES INTENTIONALLY
BUILD RELATIONSHIPS**

We need to be intentional about cultivating deep, honest relationships

While we can have discipleship relationships anywhere, the most natural place for them to develop is in the community of the local church

In the church, Christians are commanded to meet together regularly, spur each other on in Christ-likeness, and protect each other against sin

(Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25)

The discipleship relationships that spring out of this type of committed community should be both structured and spontaneous

DISCIPLES INTENTIONALLY BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

When we study the life of Jesus, we see that
He formally taught His disciples
Structured
(Matthew 5-7; Mark 10:1)

While also allowing them to observe His
obedience to God as they lived life together
Spontaneous
(John 4:27; Luke 22:39-56)

Discipleship happens “when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way,
and when you lie down, and when you rise” (Deuteronomy 6:7)

DISCIPLES INTENTIONALLY BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

**DISCIPLES DEPEND
UPON GRACE**

We must always remember that apart from the sustaining
and empowering grace of God we can do nothing
(John 15:5)

As we follow Christ and help others follow Him,
we're constantly made aware that we need grace

We fail. We sin. We struggle.
But thankfully, God's grace abounds to His children
This is good news as we seek to follow Jesus together
and daily be transformed into his glorious image
(2 Corinthians 3:18)

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