

USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Lesson One: Ministry is for You

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Introduction

What Is Local Church Ministry?

Name a passage which describes local church ministry. What does that passage teach us about ministry in the local church?

The key passage for our class is _____.

Notice several things about local church ministry from this passage:

- *The goal of ministry is _____.*
- *The source of our ministry is _____.*
- *The means of growth in ministry is _____.*

Local Church Ministry is _____

_____.

We Must Think Clearly about Local Church Ministry!

What is the purpose of the Adult Bible Elective series? What happens when we don't have shared thinking about core issues in the church? Could this happen in regard to ministry in our local church?

Let's be clear about two things:

- *There is no essential difference in the _____ of the church.*
- *There is no essential difference in the _____ of the church.*

Emphasize Five Key Truths about a Believer's Ministry in the Local Church

We know based on Ephesians 4:11-16, that healthy local churches are places where "each individual part" is carrying out its ministry function. I believe if our church members are to maximize their opportunity and responsibility to fulfill this function, they must embrace five key truths about ministry:

1. *You are called into the _____ . (Eph 2:10; Heb 6:10)*
2. *You have been given a _____ for ministry. (1Cor 12:7, 11; Rom 12:6)*
3. *Your ministry is a meaningful expression of _____. (1Pet 4:10-11)*
4. *You are _____ for their ministry capacity.*
5. *You ought to be _____ for ministry. (Eph 4:12).*