

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 Ephesians 4:11-16.

Notice several things about local church ministry from this passage:

- *The goal of ministry is to see the church “fit” Christ.*
- *The source of our ministry is the provision of God.*
- *The means of growth in ministry is through “the proper working of each part”.*

Local Church Ministry is when a believer, for God’s glory and by His grace, uses his spiritual capacities to worship and serve God and meet the genuine needs of others in the context of our local church.

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 ministers of the church.*
- *There is no essential difference in the ministries 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 ministry. (Eph 2:10; Heb 6:10)*
2. *You have been given a capacity for ministry. (1Cor 12:7, 11; Rom 12:6)*
3. *Your ministry is a meaningful expression of worship. (1Pet 4:10-11)*
4. *You are accountable for your ministry capacity.*
5. *You ought to be equipped for ministry. (Eph 4:12).*