

DISCOVERING YOUR MINISTRY

CLASS 301

I. THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS:

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

II. THE FOCUS OF THIS CLASS:

What God made you to _____ determines what He intends for you to _____.

God is consistent in His plan for each of our lives. He would not give us inborn talents and temperaments, spiritual gifts, and all sorts of life experiences and then not use them! The focus of this class is to help you discover the ministry you’ve been created for.

The two results of discovering the ministry you’ve been created for are:

1. _____
2. _____

III. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MINISTRY?

A. Ministry is using _____ God has given you to serve Him and the needs of others.

B. We minister in three directions:

1. To _____. (Acts 13:2-3)
2. To _____. (Hebrews 6:10)
3. To _____. (Matthew 5:13)

C. We minister to three areas of needs:

1. To people's _____ . (Matthew 25:35-40)
2. To people's _____ . (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
3. To people's _____ . (2 Corinthians 5:18; Colossians 1:28-29)

IV. THE PURPOSE OF MINISTRY

“And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:5-7)

God wants to use you for the _____ of the church.

V. THE PRIORITY OF MINISTRY

A life changing truth is that your primary identity is you are a _____ of Jesus Christ!

1. You've been _____ for ministry. (Ephesians 2:10)
2. You've been _____ for ministry. (2 Timothy 1:9)
3. You've been _____ into ministry. (Ephesians 4:1)
4. You've been _____ for ministry. (1 Peter 4:10)
5. You've been _____ for ministry. (Matthew 28:18-19)
6. You've been _____ to minister. (Matthew 20:28)
7. You've been _____ for ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-12)
8. The body of Christ _____ your ministry. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

(Ministry always functions in the context of _____. (Matthew 9:36-37))

9. You are _____ for your ministry. (Romans 14:12; Matthew 25:14-30)

10. You will be _____ for your ministry. (Colossians 3:23-24; Matthew 25:23)

VI. HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY

1. Dedicate _____ . (Romans 12:1)
2. Eliminate _____ . (Romans 12:2)
3. Evaluate _____ . (Romans 12:3)
4. Cooperate _____ . (Romans 12:4-5)
5. Use _____ . (Romans 12:6-8)

God uses an anatomy lesson in 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 to teach us the following important truths:

1. Every member is a _____ in Christ's body.
2. Every member has a _____.
3. Every member's ministry _____.
4. Every member belongs to the _____.

VII. HOW HAS GOD SHAPED YOU FOR MINISTRY?

A. God has been molding and shaping you for ministry since you were born. In fact, God started uniquely shaping you even before you were born. (Psalm 139:14-16)

1. You were shaped for _____.
2. You are _____.
3. You are _____.

B. Your shape will determine your ministry.

1. _____ (What are you gifted to do?)
 - a. Only _____ have spiritual gifts. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
 - b. Every Christian has at least _____ gift. (1 Corinthians 7:7)
 - c. No one receives _____ the gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:27-30)
 - d. No single gift is given to _____. (1 Corinthians 12:29-30)
 - e. You cannot _____ a spiritual gift. (Ephesians 4:7)
 - f. The _____ decides what gifts you get. (1 Corinthians 12:11)
 - g. The gifts you are given are _____. (Romans 11:29)
 - h. You are to _____ the gifts God gives you. (1 Timothy 4:14)
 - i. It is a sin to _____ the gifts God gives you. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
 - j. Using your gifts _____ God and _____ you. (John 15:8)
2. _____ (What do you love to do?)
3. _____ (What natural talents and skills do you have?)
4. _____ (Where does your personality best suit you to serve?)

5. _____ (What experiences have you had?)
- a. What _____ experiences have you had?
 - b. What _____ experiences have you had?
 - c. What _____ experiences have you had?

Your ministry will be most effective and fulfilling when you are using your _____ and _____ in the area of your _____ in a way that best expresses your _____ and _____.

MY MINISTRY COMMITMENT

Having committed myself to membership and the disciplines essential for spiritual growth, with God's help I will strive to:

1. Discover my unique shape for ministry.
2. Discover my spiritual gift(s).
3. Discover what I love to do.
4. Discover my natural talents and skills.
5. Discover where my personality best suits me to serve.
6. Discover how my experiences have shaped me to serve.
7. Serve in the area that best expresses what God made me to be.
8. Demonstrate a servant's heart by serving in secondary ministries as the Body needs me.
9. Cooperate with other ministries and place the greater good of the whole Body over the needs of my ministry.

Print Name

Date: _____

Signature