

Christian Ministry: The Foundation

Part one of a series on Christian ministry in the church, home, workplace, and world.

Sermon Questions

1. Could you write in a few paragraphs who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him?

(Yes/No)

2. What comes to your mind when you think about “ministry” in the context of the Christian life?

3. There is only one command in Ephesians 1–3 which call us to _____ the glory of salvation; the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and the amazing love of God.

Ministry is (1) people serving people...

4. Saints are a special class of Christian that have surpassed others in virtue. (Yes/No)
5. Every _____ has a role to play according to their gifts and calling.
6. The goal is not to be busy but _____.

... (2) led by the Word and Spirit...

7. Leaders equip the saints for the work of ministry by _____ the word of God.
8. A great danger that has slipped into the church today is _____.
9. There is no life, power, conversion, or sanctification in the church apart from the _____.

... (3) to behold Christ and become like him.

10. The word that most defines Christ’s character is _____.
11. The orientation or direction of our ministry is _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. What are some of the ways in which this sermon challenged your perceptions about Christian ministry or service?

2. Do you believe you're equipped for ministry? Based on the sermon and your own growth, what do you need to improve on? How has God fit you to serve people around you?

3. It is easy to forget the goal of ministry is Christlikeness, so how can we ensure this remains the priority? How should this goal be used to assess events, programs, classes, or other supporting structures?

4. Write the gospel—including who Jesus is, what he did, and what it means to follow him—in a few paragraphs. After you're done, send it to a mature believer or one of the elders to review.