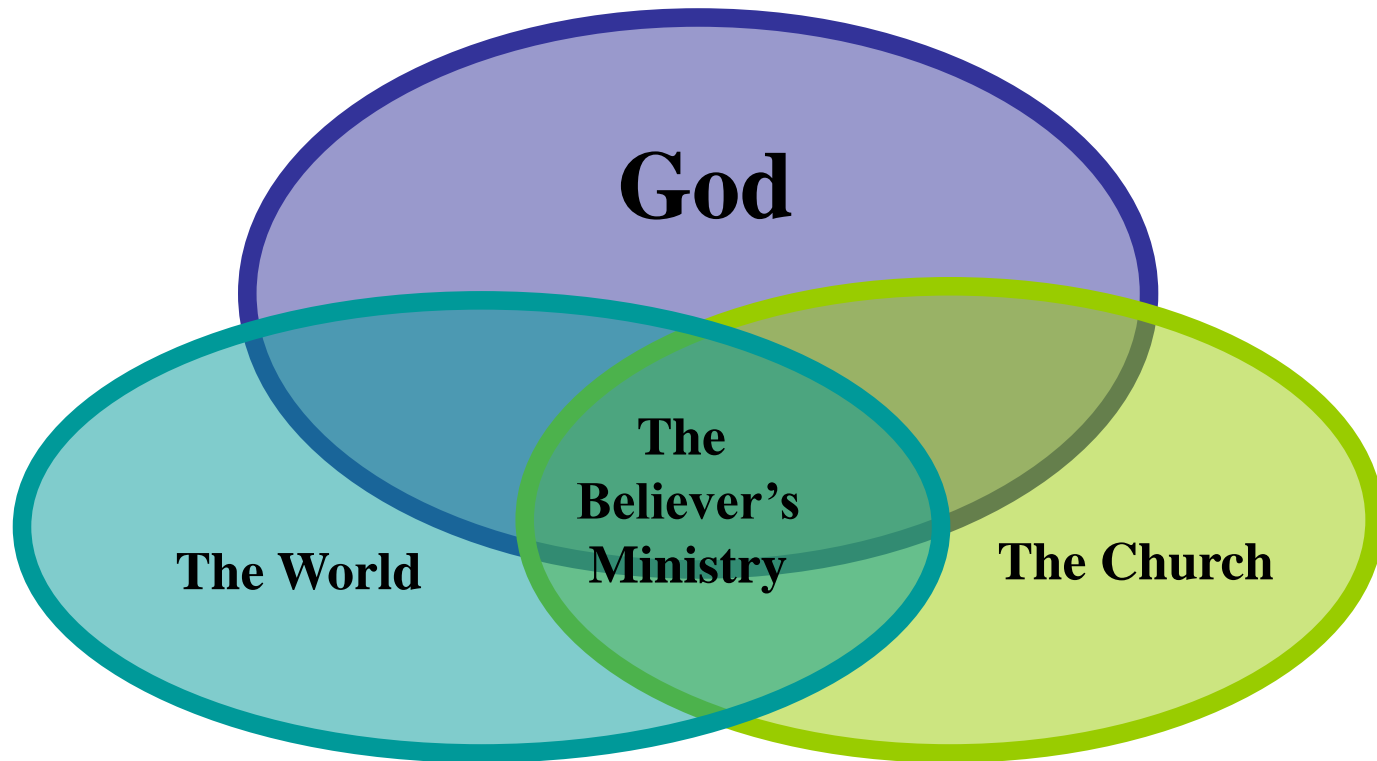


Keys To Effective Ministry

How YOU Can Be Used!



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Session I

What Every Ministry Needs!

An Understanding of Purpose and the Church

Who Is the Church?

Definition of the Church. The New Testament word for "church" is *ekklesia* [ἐκκλησία], which means "the called out ones." In classical Greek, the term was used almost exclusively for political gatherings. In particular, in Athens the word signified the assembling of the citizens for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the *polis*. Moreover, *ekklesia* referred only to the actual meeting, not to the citizens themselves. When the people were not assembled, they were not considered to be the *ekklesia*. The New Testament records three instances of this secular usage of the term (Acts 19:32,39,41).

An Understanding of Purpose and the Church

Who Is the Church?

When we come to the New Testament, we discover that *ekklesia* [ἐκκλησία] is used of the community of God's people some 109 times (out of 114 occurrences of the term).

*2 times in Gospels (Matt 16:18; 18:17),

*23 times in Acts

*46 times in Pauline writings

*20 times in Revelations

An Understanding of Purpose and the Church

Who Is the Church?

Conclusions:

1. First, predominantly *ekklesia* applies to a local assembly of those who profess faith in and allegiance to Christ.
2. Second, *ekklesia* designates the universal church (Acts 8:3; 9:31; 1 Cor 12:28; 15:9; especially in the later Pauline letters, Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18).
3. Third, the *ekklesia* is God's congregation (1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor 1:1; etc.).

An Understanding of Purpose and the Church

The Purpose

The Christian Church, at its root, has a two-fold purpose:

- 1. To Save The Lost (John 3:16, Matt 5:13-16)**
- 2. To Perfect (Mature) the Saved. (Eph 4:2-16)**
 - **(Depicted in our two major Sacraments: Baptism {Romans 6:3-6} and Communion {I Cor 10:16})**
 - **All other ministry should support these two core objectives.**

A Visionary and A Clear Vision

Consider...

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15

The Pastor (the Visionary) is given by God to the Church

➤ **Promises: v16-Increase in the number or followers, v.17-Glory, Fame, and Salvation, v.18-Unity and Blessing, v.19-Blessing upon the Pastor ...**

***If the church will allow the Pastor to feed you with knowledge and understanding**

A Visionary and A Clear Vision

Consider...

*Where there is no vision, the people perish... Proverbs
29:18a*

I (*Habakkuk – the Visionary*) will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. 2 And the *LORD* answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Habakkuk 2:1-4



A Visionary and A Clear Vision

Vision

(Greek- *Chazowne*) to see, perceive, look, behold, prophesy, provide

Miriam-Webster – a supernatural appearance/occurrence that conveys a revelation. A thought, concept, or object formed by the imagination. The act of power of the imagination. A mode of seeing or conceiving.

***Inspiration from God by the Holy Spirit.**



A Visionary and A Clear Vision

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Every Ministry Needs Good Help!
What Is Good Help!

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Every Ministry Needs Good Help!

Jesus needed help! (Matthew 9:36-38)

- **Moved by compassion. (v.36)**
- **Called for Help (laborers). (v.37-38)**
- **Commissioned others. (Matthew 10:1)**

The Church is that help! (Ephesians 4:2-16)

Good Help With A Burden For Ministry

The Church – the Called Out Ones of God, must be ready to minister or serve this present age.

- Burden – something that is carried (a load, duty or responsibility); something oppressive or worrisome;. Burden flows out of that which inspires or offends to the point of compassion. (Matthew 9: 36, 14:14)
- Minister – to give aid or service (Matthew 20:26-28)

What Is Good Help?

I. Help That Knows The Voice of God

- If called to service every minister should hear the voice of God (be called) (Genesis 37:5-11, 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Acts 6:1-3, Acts 13:1-3)
- Usher, Choir Members, Kitchen Committee, Ministerial Staff, etc, ideally “anyone who serves”.
- Not out of tradition, strictly need, or boredom with no call to service



What Is Good Help?

2. Help That Serves As Unto The Lord...

- **Has given themselves to the Lord**
(2 Corinthians 8:1-6,
- **Seeks to Glorify God not others.**
(Matthew 5:16, Colossians 3:18-25,
Matthew 6:1-8)
- **Serves with right motives.**
(1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 6:1-8,
James 4:3)
- **Serves without excuses.**
(Luke 9:57-62)



What Is Good Help?

3. Help That Is Faithful

- **Begins at the Pastor despite the people**
(Numbers 12:4-9)
- **Won't be a hindrance or hurt the Body.**
(Proverbs 25:19)
- **Faithfully servers the Pastor.**
(2 Kings 2:9-12)
- **To the call of God. (John 6:37-40)**
- **Serious about his calling.**
(Matthew 24:42-51, Luke 2:48-50)



What Is Good Help?

4. Help That Is Committed To Excellence

- **Realizes they serve a God of excellence**
(Genesis 1:31, Exodus 3:8, Revelation 4:3-6)
- **Realizes they were created to walk excellence**
(Ephesians 2:10, Genesis 9:6, Psalm 139:14)
- **Realizes “average” isn’t good enough.**
(Colossians 4:12, 1 Kings 10:1-7)



What Is Good Help?

4. Help That Is Committed To Excellence

- **Always gives God their best.**
(Philippians 2:13, 3:5-12)
- **Chooses to be excellent. Exodus 32:26, Deuteronomy 30:19, Joshua 24:15, Isaiah 1:16-20)**
- **Is just that, diligently committed to excellence.**
 - **Not lazy – Proverbs 13:4**
 - **Not wasteful – Proverbs 10:4**
 - **Not slack in business – Proverbs 12:24**



What Is Good Help?

5. Help That Has The Leader's Spirit

- **Has been called to follow by God.**
(Numbers 11:17-18)
- **That submits to the Anointing on the Pastor** (Numbers 25-26)
- **Is faithful to the Pastor's heart (Vision)**
(1 Samuel 14:7)
- **Follows in spite of circumstances**
(Matthew 4:19, 2 Thessalonians 3:9, Philippians 2:2, Acts 2:32-37)



Session II - In Review

We have discussed...

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Discovering Your Purpose

Purpose

... something set up as an object or end to be attained.
The original intent of a thing (*product*); intention:

- Intention - what one intends to bring about

Product

...something that is produced; a commodity:

- Commodity – something that is useful or valued

Purpose addresses *why* a thing (*product*) was created and how it is to be used if it is to meet its *original intent*. So, one must get into the mind of the *Creator* in order to determine the *purpose or original intent* of His creation (*product*).

Discovering Your Purpose

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Consider Man— Genesis 1:26-28

Creator — God

Product — Man

Purpose — Have dominion, Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth

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Consider The Church – Ephesians 2:10

Creator – His (God v. 4)

Product – We, the Workmanship (The Church)

Purpose – Created in Christ Jesus to walk in good works

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

God placed within the Church everything it needs to fulfill its purpose.

Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And he gave some, *apostles*; and some, *prophets*; and some, *evangelists*; and some, *pastors and teachers*; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ Romans 12:5-8

1. Gift of Prophecy - to prophesy with the idea of foretelling future events pertaining esp. to the kingdom of God. To prophesy speak forth by divine inspirations, to predict.

Purpose is to Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort

2. Gift of Ministry - to provide service within the Body of Christ.

A Minister or Servant is one who attends or waits on another.

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ Romans 12:5-8

3. **Gift of Teaching** - to impart instruction to the Body of Christ. To literally, pour out of you into someone else.
4. **Gift of Exhortation** -: to call to one's side, call for, summon (an act or instance of exhorting/language intended to incite and encourage). To Exhort - to incite by argument or advice: urge strongly, to give warnings or advice : make urgent appeals



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➤ Romans 12:5-8

5. Gift of Giving -: to give, to give something to someone of one's own accord to give one something; to his advantage; to bestow a gift; to grant, give to one asking, let have; to supply or furnish necessary things

With Simplicity – simple; without pretense or guile

6. Gift of Ruling: to set or place before; to set over; to be over, to superintend, preside over

With Diligence – haste, earnestness in accomplishing, promoting or striving after a thing

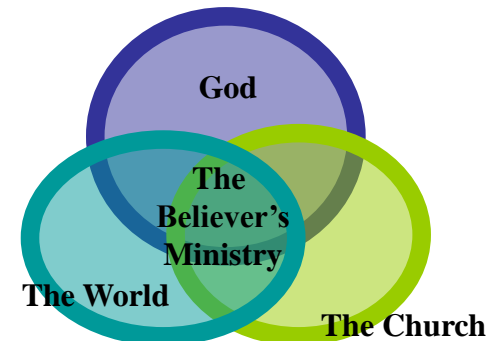
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7. Gift of Mercy: to have mercy on, to help one afflicted or seeking aid Compassionate treatment of those in distress; compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or one subject to one's power

With Cheerfulness - cheerfulness, readiness of mind, full of good spirit; conducive



Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ **I Corinthians 12: 1-11**

According to our passage, there are three categories, according to function, of spiritual gift:

- 1. Revelation Gifts – Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits**
- 2. Power Gifts – Gift of Faith, Healing, Working of Miracles**
- 3. Inspirational Gifts – Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues**

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ I Corinthians 12: 8 & 10d

1. Revelation Gifts – Word of Knowledge

* Revelation – God’s showing of a spiritual insight to man or mankind

➤ Word of Knowledge – the revealing of a fact in existence that can only be supernaturally revealed. It cannot be know or seen naturally. (Knowing Fact)

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

- I Corinthians 12: 8 & 10d

2. Revelation Gifts – Word of Wisdom

- * Revelation – God’s showing of a spiritual insight to man or mankind
- Word of Wisdom – the application of knowledge through wisdom, broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters under the Anointing of God. (Applying the Fact) (Joseph-Gen 41:17-32, Paul-Acts 23 1:11)

Discovering Your Purpose

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- **I Corinthians 12: 8 & 10d**

3. Revelation Gifts – Discerning of Spirits

***Revelation – God’s showing of a spiritual insight to man or mankind**

- **Discerning of Spirits – the comprehending of the human spirit, supernaturally revealed by the Holy Spirit. It is not discerning of demons, but the human spirit – both good and bad. Helps you to see the truth. (Solomon, I Kings 3:9, Malachi 3:18, Hebrews 5:14)**

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ I Corinthians 12: 9-10a

1. Power Gifts - Gift of Faith

Power - indicative of might, strength, force - that which cause something to happen. (Dunamis, and exousia or legitimate authority or power.)

Gift of Faith – a extraordinary spirit of conviction of the truth of anything, belief (2 Corinthians 4:8-18, Hebrews 10:19-39)

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ I Corinthians 12: 9-10a

2. Power Gifts - Gift of Healing

Power - indicative of might, strength, force - that which cause something to happen. (Dunamis, and exousia or legitimate authority or power.)

Gift of Healing – God's work through instruments and ways He chooses to bring health (wholeness) to persons sick physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (**Jesus**-Spoke - Luke 17:14, Touch - Mark 5:27 **The Disciples** - Matt 10:5-10, The Church – James 5:14-16)

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➤ I Corinthians 12: 9-10a

3. Power Gifts - Gift of Working of Miracles

Power - indicative of might, strength, force - that which cause something to happen. (Dunamis, and exousia or legitimate authority or power.

Gift of Working of Miracles – a supernatural intervention by God through a person, animal or some other instrument, into the ordinary course of nature. Miracles are manifest when the intangible power of God affects the tangible, material world to cause a desired effect on behalf of God's people. (Person Use: Issue of blood healed, [Matthew 9:20-22](#). Samson kills a lion Judges 14:5-6. Animal Use: Balaam's ass speaks, [Numbers 22:28](#). Instrument Use: Healing by the brazen serpent, [Numbers 21:8,9](#). Paul and Silas delivered, [Acts 16:25-26](#).)

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ I Corinthians 12: 1-11

1. Inspirational Gifts – Prophecy

Gift of Prophecy - a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; esp. by foretelling future events (Joel 2:28 – Acts 2:17-18, I Corinthians 14:1-5, 29- -

For Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort

Discovering Your Purpose

Spiritual Gifts Support Purpose

➤ I Corinthians 12: 1-11

2&3. Inspirational Gifts Tongues & Interpretation of Tongues

Gift of Tongues/Interpretation of Tongues – 3 Types of Tongues in scripture according to Act 2 and Paul's teaching in I Corinthians 14.

Tongue 1 – Human language (Acts 2-4, v.11)

Tongue 2 – Tongues from God – Requires Interpretation of Tongue (What was spoken) (I Cor 14:4-5, 26-28)

Tongue 3 – Tongues the Private Prayer Language (I Cor 13:1, I Cor 14:2)

Discovering Your Burden

- Your Burden coupled with spiritual gifting births excellent ministry.
- Burden – something that is carried (a load, duty or responsibility); something oppressive or worrisome;. Burden flows out of that which inspires or offends to the point of compassion. (Matthew 9: 36, 14:14)

Woman At the Well

John 4:4-26

Encountered Jesus (v. 7)

Realized Her Unworthiness (v. 9)

Receives Revelation (v. 11, 13, 14, 18)

Recognizes Jesus' Power (v.19-25)

Ministers (v. 29)

Salvation Came to Many (v. 30-42)



Get Involved & Stay on Course

- **See the need and meet it with proper spiritual gifting and burden. (Matthew 25:31-46)**
- **Put your hands to the plow and don't look back! (Luke 9:57-62)**
- **Stay the course! (Galatians 6:1-10)**

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Benediction

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-25

