



Group Discussion and Application

1. Tell how someone has personally ministered to you recently.
2. What are some of the criteria often used today to judge the effectiveness and success of ministry?
3. In addition to those discussed in the sermon, list some *Biblical* criteria for successful ministry.
4. Every believer has been spiritually gifted (1Pet 4:10). Define "*spiritual gift*".
5. 1Cor. 12:7 says we are to use our spiritual gifts *for the common good*. What does this mean? Share an example.
6. Suggest some practical ways we can sharpen our spiritual gifts for ministry?
7. What makes your ministry personally distinct from others with similar gifting?
8. Why is it so important that we properly identify elders and deacons in the congregation? What happens when we don't?
9. Review some of the requirements of Scripture for those who serve the church as elders or deacons. Why are these particular criteria important?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Evaluate your own personal ministry with the criteria for meaningful ministry taught in our text. What changes do you need to make in your own ministry?
2. Take time to work thru the packet of materials you were given for identifying elders and deacons in our congregation. Return your form to Pastor Greg by November 20.



Family Homework

1. Tell about someone who has served you recently?
2. Make a list of some practical ways we can serve others.
3. Select a practical service to perform for someone this week.



Measuring Meaningful Ministry

Ephesians 3:1-13

What made Paul's ministry successful and meaningful?

1

Paul's ministry was _____.

2

Paul's ministry was _____.

3

Paul's ministry was _____.

4

Paul's ministry was _____.