

The Church: The Work of Ministry

Ephesians 4:7-16

Ephesians 4:7-10 (CSB) – Who has gifted you?

Jesus. The King of kings, Lord of lords has given you all you need to fully, completely worship and serve Him through the body of Christ.

Ephesians 1:3; Revelation 1:12-16

Ephesians 4:11-16 (CSB) – Equipped to Serve Christ

What is ministry?

3 aspects of what the early church needed to have vibrant ministries. Spiritual help, physical help, financial help.

1. Spiritual Help: early church dedicated themselves to Scripture and prayer. Acts 2:42
 2. Physical help: early church called out deacons to help lead them in service. Acts 6:1-7
 3. Financial Help: early church collected offerings to support the ministries. Acts 2:43-47; Acts 4:32-5:11
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Who does God use to equip believers for ministry?

¹¹ And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,

What type of believers does God equip for ministry?

¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

Who are the saints?

- ἅγιων – holy one. Holy – set apart. Set apart ones. All those in Christ are called and should be equipped for ministry.

Why does God equip His people for ministry?

1. To build up the body of Christ (v. 12b)
2. To reach unity in the faith (v. 13a)
3. To reach unity in the knowledge of God’s Son (v. 13b)
4. To grow to maturity in Christ (v. 13c)

What is the result of His people doing ministry?

1. Sound Doctrine (v. 14)
2. Speaking Truth in Love (v. 15)
3. Supporting One Another (v. 16)