

Uneducated + Common = Enough

*The True Nature of Ministry*

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## Ministry = Gk Diakonos

- A table **waiter**
- Someone **carrying out a task** for another

## It is how Jesus defined greatness

Mark 10:43-45 — **Whoever would be great** among you must be your **servant**... For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to **serve**.

## A definition based on its use in scripture

Ministry is the **variety** of ways given to us by **God's grace** — In order to **meet the needs** of others — and requiring **some response** from us.

# The variety of ways given to us by God's grace

1Co 12:5 -varieties of service, but the same Lord

Eph 3:7 - I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace

Act 20:24 - if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus

## In order to meet the needs of others

Act 11:29 - send relief to the brothers living in Judea

Act 6:1 - neglected in the daily distribution [of food]

Act 6:4 - the ministry of the word

2Co 5:18 - the ministry of reconciliation

## And requiring some response from us

Col 4:17 And say to Archippus, "See that you **fulfill the ministry** that you have received in the Lord."

Eph 6:21 Tychicus the beloved brother and **faithful minister** in the Lord

1Co 16:15 - the household of Stephanas have (KJV **addicted**) **devoted** themselves to the **service** of the saints--

# Why Are You Qualified?

## You have the POWER

1 Cor 3:16 — "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that **God's Spirit dwells in you?**"

Rom 8:11 — "If the **Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you...**"

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## You have the CALLING

Eph 4:11-12 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

# Where Does Ministry Happen?

**H** - **Hospitality** - *love of strangers*

**O**

**M**

**E**

# Where Does Ministry Happen?

**H** - Hospitality

**O** - **Oikos** - *Who has God put into my life?*

**M**

**E**

# Where Does Ministry Happen?

**H** - Hospitality

**O** - Oikos

**M** - **Ministry** (*pray, encourage, befriend, meet a need*)

**E**

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**H** - Hospitality

**O** - Oikos

**M** - Ministry

**E** - Equip / Evangelize (*next step w/ Jesus*)

# Open your Home to Advance the Kingdom

Brief orientation after church **July 19th**

Training **Aug 15th 8:30-11:30**