



Series: Discipleshift

Sermon: Part 3: From Informing to Equipping (Shift 2)

Date: Sunday, February 25th, 2024

Ordinary lives become extraordinary whenever we decide to be available, to take risks, and participate in making history ourselves.

Making the shift from informing people about God to _____ them to serve God.

Ministry is the Greek word *diakoneo*, which means “to _____.”

In view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. (Romans 12:1)

We owe Jesus our lives and so we serve as a _____ with joy and gratitude for what He has done for us, which we didn’t even deserve.

If we all need each other and if every believer is a vital member of the body, then if we are isolated and not attached to a living local church body, eventually we will lose our effectiveness and passion for the things of God.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:4-5)

We need each other and _____ is needed.

So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Anyone who is a follower of Jesus is a _____.



Every member is a minister and every member is needed.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (Romans 12:6-8)

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All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

When we move away from isolation and into community, we become part of the body of Christ and in doing life with people, we have the opportunity to be equipped, to exercise our gifts, and to mature spiritually.

If we are too busy, we will _____ out on what God is trying to do in, through, and around our lives.

If we all do something, just imagine how much more of an _____ we all can make together for Jesus.

Bottom Line: *We need each other and everyone is needed.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *When have you seen people work together to accomplish a greater goal or mission?*
2. *In what ways does the body of Christ function similarly to a physical body?*
3. *How have you seen that when you are connected to a consistent spiritual community that you have grown in your faith and how have you seen the opposite?*
4. *What is a next step you can take to use your S.H.A.P.E. in ministry to be the church by serving God by serving others? What could be a possible ministry that God could use you in?*

Songs used in service: Give Me Faith (Elevation Worship), How Deep The Father's Love For Us (Stuart Townend), Jesus Paid It All (The Worship Initiative), Available (Elevation Worship), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?