

HEART

Ministering When We Gather - Calling, Readiness & Responsibility

Your <u>calling</u> is from God!

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

...you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Your <u>readiness</u> is YOUR responsibility: <u>WILL</u>

Ephesians 5:18

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled with the Holy Spirit...**

- Our ministry is merely a reflection of our walk with Jesus and our submission to His Spirit
- Step 1 for ministry, then, is **spiritual preparation**--get yourself ready!

Your <u>readiness</u> is OUR responsibility: <u>SKILL</u>

Ephesians 4:7, 11-13 (NLT)

However, He has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ...Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to **equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.** This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

FACT: *"Equip"* is the Greek word *"Katartizo"*, which means **to perfect by way of a path of progress**, or **to prepare or form** as creation was formed by God's word (Heb. 11:3)

Your *ministry* is essential! Eternal things hang in the balance each weekend!

- People are hurting more than we, or even they, know!
- Only Jesus can heal and transform us, meaningfully now and permanently later
- So, our *calling* is to encourage by speaking from a heart of love to hearts of fear

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Our Objective: To equip you to move from <u>cliche</u> to <u>connection</u> using <u>verbal</u> & <u>non-verbal</u> skills

Context:

So Much Has Changed!

- Our world
- Safety protocols
- New roles
- New people

Resources:

3 <u>Non-Verbal</u> Keys For Effective Ministry

- 80-90% percent of the impact of a message comes from nonverbal elements, such as facial expressions, eye contact, body language, and tone of voice.
- 55% of what we communicate is in our body language, 38% in how we speak, and 7% in what we say
- "It's not what you say but how you say it."

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Posture	Attentiveness	Tone
 Spiritual: Servant leaders I am here for YOU Physical: Arms at your side Fully facing others No physical barriers between you and others 	 Active Listening Eye contact Attention (device- and distraction-free) Appropriate facial responses 	Smile! • Can't be or sound unkind while smiling! Warmth Assertiveness • As opposed to Passive (victim-like) or Aggressive

Philippians 2:3-4

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

3 <u>Verbal</u> Keys for Effective Ministry

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Personal	Clear	H elpfulThe "4 C's"
 Ask for and use others' names Remember their names Remember conversations and details 	 Share our Vision Crossroads is a church for everyone We consider the needs of others We honor and protect everyone with a safe and clean environment Find several ways to say the same thing 	 Clarify concerns Mirror Validate, validate, validate! Apologize when appropriate Communicate your intent to help Confirm resolution Compensate losses whenever helpful
" I'm so glad that you're not wo	rried about COVID! Thank you for t	· · · · · ·

We really appreciate your consideration for people who are more vulnerable or more careful.

¹¹ I love how this church focuses on the needs of others.

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Role-play scenarios ...