

Ministers Equip Sessions 2021

This is a ministerial development for lead ministers and beginning ministers to be more equipped and prepared for the Ministry of the End Times.
ready to deal with the spiritual needs in this present time.

This is to convey understanding for the work of ministry, to exercise compassion in helping others overcome their challenges and to be a beacon of God's grace and truth bringing increased awareness of God's plan for the people on earth everywhere.

FOUNDATION

WHAT IS MINISTRY?

Ministry - Is Service,

(the administration of rendering to others the Life-Giving Intentions of the Person of Christ.)

Minister - The Serving Attendant,

One who dispenses the Life-Giving Intentions of Christ

Mat 20:25

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Mat 20:26

But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister:

Mat 20:27

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

Mat 20:28

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The Minister's life from Christ is the dispensing substance of God for the benefit of others

The First Calling Is Transformation . . . Enables The Second Calling of Service

Ministry is a secondary **calling** springing forth from an involved response to the **primary** calling to be **conformed to the image of God.**

2Pe 1:10

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence **to make your calling and election sure:** for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Rom 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the **called according to his purpose.**

Rom 8:29

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son,** that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Phi 3:14

I press toward the mark for the prize of **the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

1Co 15:45

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

Quickening Spirit- life giving Spirit

The Last Adam was made a life-giving Spirit as the first-begotten from the dead
Physical Life Of Jesus is The Last Adam
The Resurrection (Spirit) Life Of Jesus is a Quickenning Spirit

Gal 4:19

My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed in you,**

_____ It is not the physical Life of Christ that is being formed in you
but the resurrection Life Of Christ this being formed in you.

The Life Giving Ability of Christ Being Formed in You is Impetus of Ministry

The First Area Of Qualification For Ministry Is The Minister

The Minister is called to be an accelerated formation of Christ

To Participate in The Death Of Christ By Practicing The Denying Of Self
To Participate in The Life Of Christ By **Feeding on His Word and Spirit**
To Serve in The Ministry Of Christ By **Yielding To His Direction**

Mat 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself,** and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mat 16:25

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and **whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**

As a Fireman It did not matter who, what or where I was from when they hired me.
I had to completely give myself over to their regiment in order to meet their standard of service capacity to save lives and property.
During The Training You were like a self-submitted Prisoner.

1) YOU MUST BECOME A PRI-SON-ER . . . A SERV-ANT

Eph 4:1

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Eph 4:2

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love

Ministry is related to sonship. Becoming a Son Of God is the High Calling Of God.
A son is diminishes his will for his life as if to become the size of an ant.

You have a High and Monumental Calling with a microscopic will.

We cannot be a Son of God without becoming a prisoner of the Lord.
You cannot spell pri-son-er without spelling 'Son'

Long-suffering = put up with one another. our weird, irritating, obnoxious personalities.

to have staying power

Forebearing = to hold on and suffer with it.

I am appreh-end-ed of Christ Jesus.

Under The Complete Executive Authority Of Christ
His Spirit, Word / Truth

Being a slave or prisoner are not a contradiction to the relationship but denotes ownership by God while I am committed to His Calling, placing me in the ranks of the chosen.

Giving your life over to God for the purpose of Christ being formed in you; The idea is to become a visible representation of the invisible God.

Being apprehended by God is for a deeper work where certain ones are chosen.

Not that they are more special than others but there is something that God wants to accomplish with regard to His purpose.

They could turn it down, but if they comply then they enter into the beauty of being conformed to Christ.

2) YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN YOURSELF

Mat 22:11

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

Mat 22:12

And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless

The wedding supper is the Church age. The wedding garment is righteousness of Christ for the new birth.

White linen is a representation of the righteousness of the saints.

Every born again believer receives a garment of white linen on their born again spirit;

The man who is in the wedding supper (church age) is one who is not born again (he had no wedding garment) but has come into the church and in many cases started ministering.

There are many who have come into the church and have assumed the role of ministry and they have not received a wedding garment through the new birth

probably teaching success principles of how to have a new and improved life
How to be a better and more improved sinner in reality

3) YOU MUST BE CALLED (Even If You Are Born Again - you need to be called)

Heb 5:4

And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

1Ti 1:12

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, **who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;**

Many people decide on their own to be ministers, God did not choose them for that.(fivefold)

They are not gifted to do so. But they are doing anyway. This is in part what is wrong in the church today.

The Ministry is not a career choice. There are many that made the decision to go to seminary as a field of Profession just as a person would choose to go to medical school to be a doctor.

Ministry is not an Occupation, But A Vocation - a calling

The Calling is Not on a Subscription basis that it can be cancelled,
It is not on a contractual basis where it can annulled
It Is Without Recall

There are many who are supposed to be ministering but are not. Because of various reasons they may have disqualified themselves or just refuse to say yes.

Ministry in the Eyes of God is not an official position. Any average human being (janitor, housewife, teacher, garbage man) can serve in ministry if called of God.
Its not about fanfare
Its not about having a position
Its not about being well known

Rom 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

The Call is bigger than their ability to carry it. They literally have to grow into it.

Many end up misappropriating the calling. And on a human scale it all looks good and seems to work. But the fall of it is inevitable because it came out of a man's intellect and not from the Spirit.

The Calling Is not Going Anywhere
The Ministry Is not Going Anywhere
However, The Minister Has To GO and GROW.

4) YOUR GROWN SELF HAS TO END

Moses Knew he was to help deliver the People, But He did not know how or when.

Exo 2:11

And it came to pass in those days, **when Moses was grown**, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.

Exo 2:12

And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.

Exo 2:13

And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

Exo 2:14

And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

He had to flee to the mountains and be sanctified and peeled away of the Moses layers

THE BURNING BUSH TRANSITION (Exo 3) (John 5:33-35)

Moses was willing to turn aside and see the sight of Fire that did not burn

He is willing to see the truth of God's holiness in an unholy world.

In a world that is so set on getting it done, ripping and running from one thing to the next

No time to slow down, No desire to consider eternal things, seeking to be efficient and get results.

In a world that is always on fire. Burning up everything that is manly and man centered, while being destroyed in the process of time

Here today, gone tomorrow! If you snooze, you lose. Go and get it while the getting is hot

This the world on fire.

And Few be there are that will stop notice something burning but not consumed.

Because God is viewed a consuming fire, but when this fire did not consume the bush the bush and the ground in which it was planted had to be Holy in that it did not burn up If it were unholy it would have turned to white hot ashes.

God waited to see if Moses would turn to see the burning bush before he spake to Moses It shows that Moses had a curiosity for the Truth of the Holy things Of God.

Many in this soft, flakey, self serving generation are too uninterested to notice what is holy and what is not. They don't know the difference between what is precious verses what is vile. There is no perception of the eternal. There is no built in scale to weigh out the difference between good and evil. There is no discernment of Holy Beautiful things that God will right in the open and wait to see who notices, who will turn aside and see.

God tends To Hide The Truth Right In The Open

He Awaits Those Who Will Turn Aside To See It (having a heart for truth)

And There God's Voice Will Speak

MOSES CAME TO THE END OF HIMSELF

Exo 3:10

Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Oh wow! This is like 'Rumble In The Jungle'. Moses had to face the heavyweight champion of world. This was not the guy you laid with one punch and buried him in the sand.

This is not whom the Lord is sending you to.

My Testimony: Being sent from Atlanta To Mississippi where some of the biggest religious s spirits rule over.

Exo 3:11

And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

Where is the (George Foreman) of Egypt? Where is the guy knock the lights of the Egyptian with one punch and buried him in the sand? Where is that Moses?

Where is that Moses that was bent on being deliverer of the Hebrews in his own strength?

After 40 years on the backside of the mountain that Moses had been peeled away and reduced to dust.

“Who am I?” Is the question of a man who wants nothing to do with being a deliverer now.

No more high minded ideas of how you're going to take the city.

No more aspirations of making a name for yourself

No more self centered motivations building your own ministry kingdom

No more ideas of riding in on your white horse to rescue the people

Exo 3:9

Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: (Not you You Moses)

Exo 3:8

And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians,

Its when you have been dissolved in you self strength and you don't want to anymore is when God's says, Okay Its time to go. I have something for you to do.

ITS DONE BY GOD'S POWER

Exo 3:19

And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

Exo 3:20

And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

Exo 3:21

And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

Like Moses We Have to lose **our notion of ownership over our lives** and additionally **our ministry**. **Self ownership** has to be **abandoned** all together. Moses tried to deliver by the power of self, and it went completely wrong.

God allowed it and used it as a means of bringing Moses out of Egypt.

Moses had to completely depart from the life that He knew.

All of our **good doings** and **well intending expressions** have to be **lost to God**.

You coming to the end of your life's ownership and turning it over unto the Lord esteems a higher relational Life is Christ.

I have to **repent** of this life and **renounce** this life that I have been in control of.

We cannot give up parts of ourselves and keep other parts. For the Purpose of receiving Life.

You and I cannot minister for God unless God has ministered to us His Life

All ministry is the outcome of who Christ Is and what Christ has done personally in the MINISTER

The Minister's Ministry is the fruit of What has relationally been obtained from Christ Himself And without it you will can be in heresy, confusion, you will produce death Just as Moses ended up Killing the Egyptian

Forsaking and abandoning your life is not done for the sake of Forsaking but for the purpose Of being filled with the Life Of Christ. Of Revealing The Life Of Christ. Of Manifesting Christ Life.

5) YOU MUST SERVE WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVE

MINISTRY IS THE MANIFESTATION OF TRUTH - {Out With Underline Motives)

2Co 4:1

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2Co 4:2

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

The word can be used in the wrong spirit. Not by the Spirit of Truth
A person can present the word and it sounds good (the human version), but the spirit behind it, the intention behind it.

Their use of the word. It can be suggestive, while not being apparent, that the intention behind the use of the word is of building one's own kingdom.

There a a lot of **wrong motives** behind ministry activity

There is a lot of Ministry out there that is **misrepresenting the Lord Jesus**

Jesus Is The Word and The Word is a living Person

The Word is not just ink written on paper, Its not mere literature, Its not just documentation, Its not just a story to be heard, The Word Of God Is God!!!!

He Is Truth. And The Truth is Jesus.

We are suppose to denounce the hidden things of dishonesty and be in pursuit of the hidden manna.

2 Peter 1:12

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and **be established in the present truth**.

The Truth has to do with all that Jesus has accomplished and why He accomplished it. For what purpose.

Pro 23:23

Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

MINISTRY IS NOT FOR YOURSELF

2Co 4:5

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

You don't preach yourself but Christ Jesus. It not about your name sake's Ministry is suppose to a manifestation of the Truth.

Drawing Their Own Following . . . Speaking Perverse Things (Self things)

Act 20:25

And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom **I have gone preaching the kingdom of God**, shall see my face no more.

Act 20:26

Wherefore I take you to record this day, that **I am pure from the blood of all men**.

Act 20:27

For I have not shunned **to declare unto you all the counsel of God**.

Act 20:28

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Act 20:29

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Act 20:30

Also of your own selves shall men arise, **speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them**.

THIS IS THE IMPETUS OF MINISTRY

2Co 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 4:8

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Co 4:12

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

MINISTRY IS NOT FOR MONEY

1Co 9:11

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

1Co 9:12

If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

1Co 9:13

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

1Co 9:14

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

1Co 9:15

But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

1Co 9:16

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

1Co 9:17

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

1Co 9:18

What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.