The Christian’s Mission - Chapter 2

Summer 2021 Worship Theme Schedule

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*(Suggestions and questions at the end of each* week *refer the reader to some Scripture readings that will add depth to the* message themes. They provide points of discussion in a group setting.)

1. Every Christan a minister in God’s Mission
	* 1. The Church Has Some Definite Functions .
		2. God’s People - A Royal Priesthood .
		3. Ministers All .

**Bible Reading and Study**

* + - 1. The church in Scripture is pictured in the Holy Scriptures is a church in action. Many passages show that God’s people were actively engaged in the functions listed in the message. To gain a feeling of the church in action, read the following passages and try to place them on the appropriate blanks so that the content of the passages match the words describing what God’s people were doing or were urged to do.

Phil 1: 5; 2 Tim 1: 3; Acts 5: 42; John 4: 23; 1 Tim 6:12; Acts 2:42; 2 Tim 3:16; Acts 11:29; Acts 8:4; Acts 5: 28; Acts 22:15; 1 Cor 16:15

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* + - 1. To understand the Christian’s unique relationship to God, it is necessary to understand the covenant by which God binds Himself to His people. Read and compare Ex. 19:4-6 and 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Deut.7:6-8. In each case, determine what causes God to choose His people as His own?

What significance do you see in the fact that God establishes His covenant with groups of people rather than with individuals?

What purpose does God seem to have in choosing His people?

* + - 1. Read Matt 20:25--28 and John 13:4-5 and John 13:12-17. In light of these passages, discuss how the individual Christian and groups of Christians (families and congregations) may carry out their functions of service in today’s world.
			2. Consider the meaning of the following statement: “The Christian isn’t distinguishable by what he *doesn’t* do as by what he *does* do.”

# Problems and Projects

1. If you have never seen the official documents of a pastor’s “Solemn Call,” ask your pastor if you may see his. Examine it to see what the responsibilities of the pastor are. From this you may be better able to understand the function of the pastor and the function of the laity.
2. Read through a copy of your church’s constitution and bylaws. Compare the stated objectives and functions of those outlined. IS the role of laity and its training clearly set forth?

What changes would improve the constitution?

1. Make a survey of the institutions in your community that offer opportunities for volunteer, unpaid service to the unfortunate.

Determine, if you can, what qualifications they demand for those who wish to serve. what opportunity for training do they offer?

Something like Red Cross, a pregnancy support center or Prodicy Pantry may be a good place to start.

1. In light of the message theme, consider the problem in the beginning. How would you help someone understand what is expected of him?

**Thinking It Through For Myself**

1. Have I excused myself from the mission because I am satisfied with “just belonging to the church?”
2. Why is it that we “push all the work on the pastor”? Whose fault is it?
3. What would be the best use of the pastor’s talents? …of the member’s talents?
4. How do I react to the statement, “Just working for the upkeep of our congregation is not my chief mission”?
5. Are there occasions when the witness of a layman is more effective than the words of a clergyman?
6. How can “the institutional church” hinder personal witness?
7. For which of the six functions outlined in this chapter am I best equipped?

For which do I need more help?

1. Do I regard my pastor as the equipper, trainer, and leader of his parishioners?

Or, what is my image of the pastor’s role

1. “Each Christian is a priest to every other person!” How would acting on this principle change my life?
2. ”All that I do, and how I do it, is part of my mission.” How does this thought make this message’s theme manageable in my life?