The Christian’s Mission - Chapter 3

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. Equipped for Our Mission
   * 1. Every Christian Receives Gifts for His Ministry
     2. Identifying Our Gifts
     3. Sharpening Our Gifts
     4. The Congregation Is a Developer of Gifts

**Bible Reading and Study**

* + - 1. Read 1 Corinthians chapter 12. What specific gifts of the Spirit are given?

Evidently these were gifts needed for the church then. What specific gifts are needed for the work of the church today?

Have some gifts become less important today? Are new ones called for?

* + - 1. Many Christians make the virtue of being “just humble, quiet people” with no ambition for important tasks in God’s mission. In the light of the following passages, draw some conclusions about the possibility of having “holy ambition”. 1 Cor 9:24; 1 Cor 12:31; 1 Cor 14:12; Phil 3:13-14; 2 Tim 2:15
      2. Read Ephesians 4: 12-16. In the light of this passage, what kinds of courses would be appropriate in the adult education program of a congregation?

What kind of “equipping” is needed for Christians to operate in the social context of our day with its complexities and problems?

* + - 1. Study and knowledge of biblical doctrine is essential equipping for Christians as they carry out their mission. In the following passages, consider what knowledge is mentioned, and then think of situations where you would use it - for instance, assurance of the resurrection. 1 Peter 1: 3-5; 1 John 3:2; John 4:42; Rom 8:28; 2 Timothy 1:12

# Problems and Projects

1. Carefully investigate all the various teaching and training opportunities offered in your congregation. Make a listing of “Opportunities for Equipping” available to you.

**Thinking It Through For Myself**

1. Is every Christian’s “gift” needed in building the kingdom of God? Eph 4: 16
2. Most people have many “gift”. Which are my special gifts?

Is my congregation concerned mainly with sustaining its members or using them in mission?

1. How is knowing my fellow members related to discovering their “gift”?
2. Have I restricted my discipleship to just “keeping my faith”?
3. Do I look at my church as a training school or only as a “filling station”?
4. How are new experiences, experimentation and participation related to the development of my talents?
5. Should my parish have an “assignment secretary” for volunteer services?
6. Why does this chapter demand adult education in the church?
7. Have I found my niche in the mission of the church?