A Church for Others: Ministry Abounds
Romans 12:1-11

Introduction

1. Have you every wondered why God didn't take you to heaven after you trusted Christ and entered His family? It is because God has a _____ for you to do.

2. What did the Thessalonian believers do after they were saved? They _____! 1 Thessalonians 1:9

3. God has a ministry for you! Ministry is giving to and serving _____.

4. In a church for others, ministry abounds. Every believer should be actively engaged in ministry.

5. Why is this so crucial that every person be involved in ministry?

First, every believer is _____ to serve. vs. 1-2

1. These people had experienced God's mercy and forgiveness. Paul said, "Is it not reasonable that you should serve this One who saved you?"

2. If you have been saved by His mercy, you don't serve Him out of guilt, shame, or fear. You serve Him out of gratitude because you _____ to!

3. Paul said that as we minister for God, it is a _____ sacrifice. Christ died for us so we could _____ unto Him.

   - *"And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."*
     2 Corinthians 5:15

   - *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* **Ephesians 2:10**

Second, every believer is _____ to serve. vs. 3-8

1. God likens the church to a human body. vs. 4-5

   - You have different members of your body with different functions, but they ____ have a function.

2.   When God places you in the body of the church, He expects you to _____, not vegetate.

3.   Because God expects you to function as a contributing member of the body, God has _____ you to serve or minister. vs. 6

4.   The purpose of your gifts is to be a _____ to others. 1 Corinthians 14:12; 1 Peter 4:10

5.   The effectiveness of our church depends on the number of people who are _____ in meaningful ministry.

Come back next week for part 2 of this study.