

What Matters?
“Ministry Matters”
Reference: **Philippians 2:5-8**
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Preaching Matters, Church Matters, and Missions Matter – There is a theme that cause all of these things to be included in the things that matter. It is the Gospel of the Kingdom. Today, Ministry Matters!

I. The Bible says that Jesus Christ, God Himself, left the comforts and glories of heaven to become our servant. We are to let that same mind, that same attitude, be in us.

II. **2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

A. Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all things are of God. The passing of your old life and the giving of your new life is a gift from God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.
vs. 17

B. Every believer has been called to ministry – the ministry of bringing people back to God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. **vs. 20; 11; 14**

Our love for God ought to compel us to be involved in ministry – the ministry of introducing people to Jesus Christ and helping them begin to lead others to Christ.

C. You and I are children of God today because Jesus Christ humbled Himself and took upon Himself the form of a servant. We are commanded to take on the humble, servant-like attitude of Christ.

III. Our fear of standing before God in the judgment and our love for God compels us to get involved in ministry. We’ve been called to ministry, it’s up to us whether we’re going to be obedient to that call or not. Example: **John 13**

IV. So why don’t we get involved in ministry more often?

Proverbs 14:4

A. We are in ministry to build the kingdom of God, to reconcile lost humanity to a loving and just God. **Matthew 9:37-38**

B. Jesus wants a big harvest. But what do we want? Do we want a clean stall, or do we want a big harvest? The clean stall means comfort; but it means no harvest too.

- C. How are you using the gifts God has given you to touch the lives of others?
- D. Imagine the impact we could make for the kingdom of God by humbling ourselves and taking upon us the form of servants. Are our ministries growing the kingdom of God? Are we making disciples of the people in our lives? Are we reconciling them to God? Are we leading them closer to Christ or not?

If Jesus could get uncomfortable and suffer for me,
then I can do the same for others.

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