

The 3 Goals of Today's Message:

1. **Re**_____ how you see yourself as a believer
2. **Re**_____ how you perceive ministry
3. **Re**_____ how you live your life

1. How you see yourself:

- Christian culture caste system (unbiblical): clergy vs laity
- We assume that if we're not ordained, we can't do legit ministry (2nd rate at best)
- Oops: Exodus 19:5-6 All God's people are a Holy "priesthood."
- Double oops: 1 Peter 2:9-12 The New Testament echoes the Old (see above)

2. How you perceive ministry:

Common Myth-perceptions

1. *Real "ministry" requires ordination*
2. *Authentic ministry requires you to go somewhere (e.g., church, mission field, etc.)*
3. *It takes quite a bit of time (1 hour on Sundays, weeknight, weekend, week, month, etc.)*

- **Legit ministry is** _____
- Examples: Colossians 3:17, Matthew 4:19; 5:14
- The laity are not to be in the church, for the church, or do work at the church...
we ARE the Church!
- The "Good News" Continuum means ministry looks different depending on the type and location a person is on their path
- **The two main ministry roadblocks are:** _____ & _____
- Two words in the Greek for time:
 - *chronos*: quantity of time (Western mindset of schedules, speed, efficiency)
 - *kairos*: quality of time (biblical/Eastern mindset of ripeness, readiness, fertility)
 - *Ecclesiastes 3*: God makes everything beautiful "in its time"
 - *Matthew 13:3-8* Parable of the soils; look for fertile conditions
- God is a good steward; emphasizing effectiveness over efficiency; knowing our location, God creates divine appointments every day
- Pareto Principle (80/20 rule); most ministry opportunities are convenient (brief/close)

3. *How you live your life:*

Five examples of 5-Minute Ministry; fertile, convenient opportunities to make an instant impact

A. The power of _____

- Encouraging words re-courage battle-weary people
- Biblical mandates: 1 Thes. 5:11; 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 15:1; Eph. 4:29

B. The power of _____

- ... so that in times of felt needs, we can cross them
- Examples: Galatians 1:1-5, Ephesians 1:1-2, Philippians 1:1-6, and Colossians 1:1-6
- **List ways you can keep in touch with those in your network:**

C. The power of _____

- Initiating interest primes the pump for ministry opportunities
- Biblical examples: Luke 19:1-10; John 4:7-26
- It's NOT the unbeliever's responsibility to initiate interest with believers
- SALT (Matt. 5:13): **S**ay something, **A**sk a question, **L**isten, **T**urn it deeper (if appropriate)

D. The power of _____

- A soul is nearest the surface during times of intense pain and joy
- Biblical examples: John 11:35; 19:25-37; Luke 2:1-11

Conclusion: What's 1 thing you got of today's message?

How do you want to act on it today? This week?



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