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Sunday, August 14, 2011

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The Bible tells the stories of men and women called out by God to join Him in His work in His world. As followers of Christ we are a "fellowship of the called." What ministry has God called us to?

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2. God has given us a ministry of	(v. 28).
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4. God has given us a ministry of	(v. 36).
5. God has given us a ministry of	(v. 24, 37-38).

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"Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19, NIV).

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10, NIV).

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1. God has given us a ministry of proclamation (v. 27).

"I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God" (Acts 20:27, NIV).

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10, NIV).

2. God has given us a ministry of protection (v. 28).

"Look after yourselves and everyone the Holy Spirit has placed in your care. Be like shepherds to God's church. It is the flock that he bought with the blood of his own Son" (Acts 20:28, CEV).

"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8, NLT).

3. God has given us a ministry of preparation (v. 31-32).

"Make disciples" (Matthew 28:19, NIV).

- 4. God has given us a ministry of prayer (v. 36).
- 5. God has given us a ministry of participation (v. 24, 37-38).

"one Lord, one faith, and one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5, NIV).

"Two are better off than one because together they can work more effectively" (Ecclesiastes 4:9, GN).

"The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose" (1 Corinthians 3:8, NLT).