

THE NATURE OF MINISTRY

(Mark 10:41-45)

I. Ministry is _____.

1. Any _____ that _____ other people is ministry.

2. _____ ministry has a _____ purpose.

II. The _____ way to minister.

1. We should not minister for personal _____.

2. We should not minister for personal _____.

III. The _____ way to minister.

1. We should minister for the _____ of _____.

2. We should minister from the _____ of _____.

Bottom Line: The Nature of Ministry is _____!

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Do you agree with these two statements: “the local church is in the business of doing ministry” and “no matter what you do for a living, ministry is what we do in our living”? Why or why not?
2. What do you think of the idea that anything that we do that benefits others is technically ministry? What distinguishes Christian ministry from other kinds of ministry?
3. What is Jesus contrasting when He says, “no so among you”? Can you think of other wrong ways to minister found the Bible?
4. Why is it important that we keep in mind that ministry is about service? What can happen if we lose sight of this?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?