

Forms of Ministry

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Acts 9:36-43

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **How does God use different forms of ministry to strengthen his Church?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. What does Tabitha's life teach us about faithful ministry?
14. What different forms of ministry can strengthen a congregation?
15. Agree or Disagree: Every person can serve in every form of ministry.
16. Does every form of ministry need a specific title?
17. How can we help people find ministry opportunities that fit their gifts?

18. What ministries exist in your congregation, and who could serve in them?

- Identify the different ministries in your congregation.
- Discuss the gifts that would be helpful for each ministry.
- Consider what training might be needed.
- Identify individuals whose gifts may fit those opportunities.
- Pray for God to raise up workers for each area of ministry.

Lesson wrap-up

How does God use different forms of ministry to strengthen his Church?

Final Project Checkpoint

Now begin matching the gifts you have observed with real ministry opportunities. For each of your 3–5 individuals:

- What needs exist in your congregation or community?
- What form of ministry might fit this person's gifts?
- Could this person serve through teaching, evangelism, mercy, hospitality, visitation, encouragement, administration, prayer, or another form of ministry?
- Is there a ministry opportunity that does not currently exist but could be developed?

Begin completing Step 3: Ministry Involvement Plan of your Final Project.

Be specific. Instead of writing “help at church,” identify an actual opportunity such as “visit elderly members,” “welcome visitors,” “assist with a Bible class,” or “help organize outreach visits.”

Remember: The goal is not to fit people into positions. Look for meaningful opportunities where their gifts can strengthen Christ's Church.