



WHOLE-LIFE MINISTRY—A Study Guide

As you explore your calling, purpose, and discover and understand your unique, God-given spiritual gifts, you will increasingly view your whole life as ministry, not just what is done in the context of Sunday or church or even serving.

Scripture is full of robust explanations of why we engage together in the work of the Lord:

Read Colossians 3:23-24.

- What does Paul say about our work and/or service? About all work/service?
- Whom, ultimately, are we serving?
- Discuss ways in which you can remember that you are working for the Lord in all things.

Read Isaiah 65:14; Luke 10:1, 17; and John 15:10-12.

- What three-letter word is mentioned in each passage?
- In what ways are joy and servanthood connected?

Read Romans 12:1.

- What are we told to offer?
- This offering is a response to what/Whom?
- What does Paul say that our offering of ourselves in service/sacrifice is?
- Does this change your view of “worship”? In what way/s?

Read 1 Peter 4:10.

- What does Peter say our gifts are to be used for?
- Discuss the concept of being a steward of God's grace to others.

Read Ephesians 4:11-13.

- Who does it say gave the leadership gifts listed?
- What is the role for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers?
- So that, what?
- With the ultimate goal of what?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11.

- To whom are spiritual gifts given?
- For what purpose?
- Who distributes gifts and how?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 12, 14, 18-20, 27.

- What do you see in these verses about diversity? Community? Unity?
- Who distributes gifts to us?
- Who empowers the gifts?
- Discuss what it means for the church to be the Body of Christ.

For more on this, explore the resources available at GodGiftsYou.com.

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