



**August Memory Verse:** *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess 5:16-18 (ESV)*

**Series:** You & Me & Jesus (09)

**Title:** Caring Leaders & Ministry

**Scripture:** Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 4:11-16; Colossians 3:23-24; Psalm 145; Romans 12

**What is church?** Church is an assembled group of people saved (called out) by God who:

1. Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, and do the Word of God.
2. Practice the Ordinances of the body of Christ (Baptism & The Lord’s Supper).
3. Are accountable to one another for Holy Living and the Great Commission.

**What makes a group of people a church?** (How is a church different from any other group?)

- The Biblical functions of church make a group of people the church:



**What has the church been devoted to since the beginning of the church? Ministry. (Acts 2:41-42)**

1. Caring leaders are given to the church to equip every member to do ministry. (Eph. 3:11-16)
2. Ministry is working heartily for the Lord and not for men. Ministry is rendering service to the Lord, to the church, and to the world. (Col. 3:23)

3. **God is giving us uniquely diverse ministries to build His church and expand His Kingdom. (Psalm 145)**
4. **We are ordinary people with extraordinary power preaching, praying, giving, suffering, living, and dying for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.**

**Baptism**

- Have you been baptized after being converted?
- Are you obeying the Great Commission by baptizing?

**Word & Teaching**

- Are you reading the Word?
- Are you teaching the Word to someone?

**The Lord's Supper**

- Are you regularly taking the supper with the body of Christ? When was the last time?

**Care & Fellowship**

- Are you in fellowship with people you know and know you for mutual care?

**Prayer**

- How often do you pray a day? A week?
- When was the last time you prayed with another believer?

**Giving Sacrificial Service**

- Do you give your time, treasures, and talents for the proclamation of the gospel and advancement of the Kingdom of God?

**Worship**

- Am I regularly worshipping Christ individually and corporately?

**Disciple-Making**

- Have you repented? Are you following Jesus? Are you fishing for men?
- Am I teaching someone else to follow Jesus?

**Ministry**

- Do I know and exercise my ministry calling with love?