



Spiritual Ministries Guide

Where Should I Serve?

New Testament Ministries in Today's World

Where might God use me in ministry? In what ministries does he want me to serve? If you find yourself asking these types of questions, the *Spiritual Ministries Guide* will help you consider possible areas of ministry you could participate in that will build up the community of faith and the work of Christ around the world!

Circle the response that best represents the ministry-areas where God has commonly used you in the **past** (*Often, At times, Rarely*), or where you think God may want to use you in the **future** (*Yes, Open, Unsure*). Many ministries listed below are the responsibility of all believers (e.g., evangelism, prayer), but this list aims to help you identify areas of ministry you think God may want you to *regularly* emphasize.

After you have filled out the list, ask a church leader, mentor, or another wise Christian to look through the list with you. Then discuss together specific ministry-roles that God might want you to move into right now. Remember, God may have a different mix of ministries for you during various seasons in your life - don't ever think that you are locked into a category forever!

The examples listed on the following pages include almost all the ministries mentioned in the New Testament. They are organized into **13 categories**. In addition, actual examples of ministries in churches today are provided for each category to help you find a specific ministry and to inspire you to think of new ministries that God may want to start!

Summary of Spiritual Ministries

Ministry Category	I have seen God use me here in the PAST...	I can see God using me here in the FUTURE...
ADMINISTRATION -- Support other ministries by managing groups, events, supplies, schedules, and finances.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
COMPASSION -- Care for others who are suffering and vulnerable.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
CONNECTING -- Bring believers together in a variety of ways.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
EVANGELISM & APOLOGETICS Share the good news of Jesus Christ with unbelievers.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
GIVING -- Find ways to generously give money and help others do the same.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
HELPING -- Come alongside and support others.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
HOSPITALITY -- Open our homes, hearts, and hands to help others feel welcomed and loved.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
LEADERSHIP -- Guard and guide the church.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
MIRACLES -- Demonstrate the presence and power of God.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
MISSIONS -- Extend God's work into far-away places, often serving cross-culturally.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
PRAYER & WORSHIP -- Committed to praying for others and inviting people into the presence of God.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
SHEPHERDING & COUNSELING Serve one-on-one or in small groups to spiritually and emotionally help others.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure
TEACHING -- Instruct others in what the Word of God teaches and challenge them to live it out.	Often At times Rarely	Yes Maybe Unsure

The following pages provide many examples of these ministries (New Testament and present-day) to help you consider where God may be calling you to serve.

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<p>ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>Believers placed by God in administration ministries support other ministries by managing groups, events, supplies, schedules, and finances.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Managing ministry-money with integrity (2 Cor. 8:18-21).
- Organizing the distribution of food and basic necessities to believers in need (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 5:9-10, 16).
- General church administration (1 Cor. 12:28).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookkeeping • Counting offerings • Planning meetings • Signing people up for events • Organizing children’s curriculum • Organizing resource rooms • Purchasing supplies for mission trips or camps • Inputting church member info into database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing worship folders for distribution • Editing print materials • Follow-up phone calls • Volunteering as a receptionist • Organizing supplies for work days • Doing inventory of office supplies • Coordinating church participation in special events • Serving on the Finance, Trustees, or Missions Committee
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<p>COMPASSION</p> <p>Believers placed by God in compassion ministries care for others who are suffering and vulnerable.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Visiting orphans, widows, and others during their time of distress (James 1:27).
- Caring for those in prison (Phil. 2:25-30; 2 Tim. 1:16-17; 4:9-11; Philem. 13; Acts 24:23; Heb. 13:3).
- Helping believers who have been persecuted (Heb. 13:3; Acts 9:25; 16:33, 17:7-10, 14).
- Breaking down ethnic barriers (Acts 10:34-43; 13:46-49; Gal. 2:11-22).
- Bringing relief during periods of disaster (Acts 11:30; 12:25).
- Showing mercy in various ways (Rom. 12:8; 1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Tim. 5:10).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting prisoners • Ministering to prisoners’ families • Taking meals to people who are sick or recently delivered a baby. • Visiting older people who cannot easily get out of the house (sending notes, making calls) • Visiting people in the hospital • Helping homeless people with transition into housing and other life-issues • Working with a visitation team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping with baby bottle drive for Women’s Pregnancy Care Clinic • Joining a prayer team • Doing house and car repairs for people in need (elderly etc.) • Operation Christmas Child • Comforting the grieving • Helping with memorial services • Feeding people living on the streets • Serving on the Deacons Committee
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<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">CONNECTING</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Believers placed by God in connecting ministries bring believers together.</p>	<p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Often</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">At times</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;">Rarely</p>	<p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Yes</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Maybe</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;">Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Introducing believers to each other (Acts 9:26-27).
- Relaying information about how other believers are doing, often for the purpose of encouragement (Eph. 6:21; Phil. 2:19; Col. 4:7-9; 1 Thess. 3:6-7).
- Acting as a mediator (1 Cor. 6:5; Phil. 4:2-3; Philem. 8-21; Acts 11:1-18).
- Connecting through letter-writing (2 Cor. 7:8; 10:9-10; 2 Thess. 2:15; Acts 15:23-29; 18:27; 1 Peter 5:12).
- Carrying greetings to a church from other believers (Acts 18:22; 21:7, 19), carrying and delivering a gift from one church to another (Phil. 4:18; 2 Cor. 8:19), or visiting believers for the purpose of encouragement (Acts 11:22-23; 14:21-22; 15:36).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading a life group • Helping others get into life groups • Participating in a life group • Greeting people in the church courtyard before and after services • Helping new people find their way around the church • Setting up dinners for people to get to know each other • Making phone calls to visitors • Connecting mentors with mentees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering at the kiosk • Helping connect people and highlight God-stories through social media • Arranging testimonies (live or video) for worship services • Doing the production for video or audio (films, testimonies, etc.) • Assisting with all-church events • Coordinating various slide shows for Sunday worship
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<p>EVANGELISM and APOLOGETICS</p> <p>Believers placed by God in evangelistic and apologetic ministries share the good news of Jesus Christ with unbelievers.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Proclaiming the gospel (Rom. 1:9, 15-16; Acts 16:28-34), sometimes described as being “witnesses” (1 Cor. 15:15-17; Acts 1:8, 26:16; Heb. 2:3; 1 Peter 5:1).
- Persuading others of the truth of the message (2 Cor. 10:4-5; Phil. 1:16; Acts 6:10; 9:22, 29; 17:1-4, 18-34; 18:4-5, 19; 18:27-28; 19:8-9; 1 Peter 3:15).
- Defending the faith in the public square (2 Tim 4:16; Acts 3:5-12; 7:1-53).
- Sharing the gospel one-on-one or in small groups (Acts 8:27-37; 10:34-43; 16:14-15, 31-34; 24:25; perhaps Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5).
- Personal follow-up after public ministry (Acts 13:43; Acts 18:26; 19:4).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personally sharing the gospel with neighbors, co-workers, or friends • High school students sharing the gospel at the beach • Leading special meetings to respond to a popular film with faith or anti-faith themes in it • Writing pamphlets or books to defend the faith • Inviting people to church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following up with visitors • Visiting a local mosque to help people learn how to talk with Muslims about Jesus • Assisting with an outreach event or evangelism training event • Setting up neighborhood block parties for pre-evangelism • Christmas caroling to make connections with neighbors • Inviting high school friends to summer camp
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<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">GIVING</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Believers placed by God in giving ministries find ways to generously give money and help others do the same.</p>	<p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Often</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">At times</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;">Rarely</p>	<p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Yes</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Maybe</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;">Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Generously giving toward those who are poor, whether believers or unbelievers (Rom. 12:8, 13; 15:25-27, 31; 1 Cor. 13:3; 16:1-4; 2 Cor. 8:1-9:15; Gal. 2:10; Phil. 4:14-19; 1 Tim. 6:18; Acts 2:45; 4:32-37; 5:1-11; 11:29-30; 12:25; Heb. 13:16; James 2:15-16).
- Financially supporting those who are doing the work of ministry (Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 9:14; 3 John 8; Titus 3:13).
- Working as a “tentmaker” for one’s own support, both as an example to others and to provide financial support to a ministry team (2 Cor. 11:8-9; 1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8; Acts 18:3; 20:34-35).
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<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly and consistently supporting the church budget • Regularly giving to long-term missions or missionaries • Arranging a campaign to raise money to dig wells or buy land for an overseas orphanage • Secretly giving money and physical materials to help people in need • Giving gift cards to encourage ministry leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacrificially giving to build or renovate ministry buildings • Supporting special missions projects • Filling Operation Christmas Child boxes • Sponsoring youth camp scholarships • Giving to short-term missions • Giving to the benevolence fund • Sponsoring a needy child overseas
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<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;">HELPING</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Believers placed by God in helping ministries come alongside and support others.</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Often</p> <p style="margin: 0;">At times</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Rarely</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Yes</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Maybe</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Serving as a support person on a missionary team (Acts 10:23; 13:5).
- Accompanying believers as they travel from place to place (2 Cor. 8:19-20; cf. 1 Cor 16:11-12; Acts 10:23; 17:15; 10:4-5; 21:5, 16; 28:15).
- Making things with your hands as a ministry to others (Acts 9:39).
- Serving as a deacon (Phil. 1:2; 1 Tim. 3:8-13), or deaconess (Rom. 16:1-2; perhaps 1 Tim. 3:11).
- Serving in various ways (Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 12:28; 1 Peter 4:11).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ushering • Cleaning up the pews and pew racks for the next service • Setting up chairs • Preparing for communion • Preparing for baptisms • Repairing things as they break • Cleaning and organizing resource rooms, classrooms, storage areas • Setting up and putting away tables and chairs • Helping with projection ministry or sound-tech ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joining a work day • Set up and clean up for special events • Emptying garbage at events • Locking/unlocking doors • Setting up rooms for Sundays • Preparing crafts and handouts for children’s ministry • Making food for events • Washing tablecloths from events • Taking photos/video of events for communication and highlight reels • Helping in church library
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<p>HOSPITALITY</p> <p>Believers placed by God in hospitality ministries open their homes, hearts, and hands to help others feel welcomed and loved.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Hosting meetings in your home (Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philem. 2).
- Caring for missionaries (Titus 3:13; 3 John 8).
- Showing hospitality in various ways (Rom. 12:13; 1 Cor. 16:6; 1 Tim. 3:2; 5:10; Titus 1:8; Philem. 22; Acts 9:43; 16:15; 16:34; 17:7; 18:7; 21:7, 17; 28:14; Heb. 13:2; 1 Peter 4:9).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening up one’s home for life group meetings • Hosting youth-group events • Taking people (guests, etc.) to lunch at a restaurant after church • Taking food to people who need it • Inviting college students who have no nearby family to dinner • Hosting game-nights so people can get to know each other • Hosting luncheons for ministry launch events • Helping with social events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepping and cleaning up Sunday refreshments • Opening your home for a visiting missionary • Offering for a missionary to use your car • Helping missionaries with re-entry • Catering for memorial services, special church events
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<p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">LEADERSHIP</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Believers placed by God in leadership ministries guard and guide the church.</p>	<p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Often</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">At times</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;">Rarely</p>	<p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Yes</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 10px 0;">Maybe</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;">Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Serving as an overseer / elder (Phil. 1:2; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 5:17; Titus 1:6-9; Acts 14:23; 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1) or other leader (Rom. 12:8; Heb. 13:17); shepherding the flock (1 Peter 5:2).
- Equipping others so they can do the work of ministry (Eph. 4:12).
- Wrestling through and deciding an important doctrinal issue (Acts 15:6-29), correcting false doctrine (Gal. 1:6-9; Col. 2:8-23; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 4:1-6; 6:3-5, 20-21; 1 John 2:26-27; 4:1-6; 2 John 7-11; Jude 3-19; Rev. 2:6), evaluating prophetic utterances (1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Cor. 14:29).
- Overseeing a case of church discipline (1 Cor. 5:3-5; 2 Cor. 10:6; 13:2; 2 Thess. 3:14-15; Titus 3:10), restoring those who have repented (2 Cor. 2:5-11).
- Rebuking and admonishing (Rom. 15:14; 2 Cor. 7:8-12; 12:19; 13:10; Gal. 2:11-14; Eph. 1:28; Col. 1:28; 4:17; 1 Thess. 5:14; Acts 8:20-23; 20:30).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading a life group • Leading a large event • Commissioning and sending out missionaries • Evaluating teachers to see if their teaching conforms to Scripture • Appointing other leaders • Leading the process of church discipline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casting vision for the church • Leading a mission trip • Overseeing a ministry department • Leading campus work days • Leading worship • Serving as an overseer • Chairing a committee • Leading a student ministry small group
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">MIRACLES</p> <p style="margin: 10px 0;">Believers placed by God in miraculous ministries demonstrate the presence and power of God.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Healing the sick (1 Cor. 12:9, 28, 30; Acts 3:1-10; 5:15-16; 8:7; 9:32-35; 14:8-10; 19:12; 22:13; 28:8-9; James 5:14-15).
- Prophesying (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 29; 13:2, 8-9; 14:1-6, 22-33, 37; Eph 4:11; 1 Thess. 5:20; 1 Tim. 1:18; Acts 2:17-18; 13:1; 15:32; 19:6), including but not limited to predictive prophecy (Acts 11:27-28; 21:4, 9, 10-11; 27:21-26, 31)
- Sharing miraculous knowledge or wisdom (1 Cor. 1:5; 12:8; 13:2; 2 Cor. 11:6).
- Distinguishing between spirits (1 Cor. 12:10)
- Speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:8; 14:1-33, 39-40; Acts 10:44-46)
- Interpreting tongues (1 Cor. 12:10, 30; 14:13, 27-28).
- Receiving and delivering visions (Acts 2:17; 10:9-16, 23; 16:13-15) or revelations (1 Cor. 14:26; Gal. 2:2).
- Raising the dead (Acts 9:36-43; 20:9-10).
- Casting out demons or engaging in other power encounters (Acts 5:16; 8:7; 13:8-12; 16:16-18; 19:12).
- Performing various signs and wonders (Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 29; 2 Cor. 12:12; 1 Thess. 1:5; Acts 2:43; 5:12; 6:8; 8:6, 13; 14:4; 19:11; Heb. 2:4).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praying for healing (sometimes anointing with oil) • Speaking in tongues • Interpreting tongues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praying with people oppressed by demons • Speaking a word that exposes an area of sin in someone’s life because God has revealed it • Receiving and sharing a vision
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<p>MISSIONS</p> <p>Believers placed by God in mission ministries extend God’s work into far-away places, often serving cross-culturally.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Leading in pioneer mission work and church planting (Rom. 15:20-21; 2 Cor. 10:14, 16) in regions away from the home church (Acts 13:2ff).
- Serving as a support person on a missionary team (Acts 10:23; 13:5).
- Reporting back about what God has done on a missionary trip (Acts 14:27; 15:3; 21:19).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church planting overseas • Large-meeting evangelism in cross-cultural settings • Communicating the gospel through literature or internet • Translating the Bible • Living as a professional in a cross-cultural setting to model and share Christ with others • Joining a short-term mission trip • Praying for missions • Organizing missionary support, prayer, and communication teams • Helping missionaries with re-entry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending encouraging notes to missionaries • Participating in or helping with Missions Conference • Serving on the Missions Committee • Mentoring future missionaries • Participating in or helping with Granada Missionary Fellowship • Serving with the Gogo Grandmothers team that helps needy families in Malawi, Africa
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">PRAYER and WORSHIP</p> <p>Believers placed by God in prayer and worship ministries go beyond others in praying for others and inviting people into the presence of God.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Praying for others (Rom. 1:9-10; 12:12; 1 Cor. 14:15; 6:18-19; Col. 4:12; 1 Thess. 1:2; 3:10; 1 Tim. 2:1-2, 8; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philem. 4; Acts 6:4; Heb. 13:18; James 5:14-18; Jude 20; Rev. 8:4), including corporate prayer (Acts 1:14; 4:24-31; 12:5, 12; 13:2-3; 14:23; 16:25; 20:36; 28:8-9), sometimes with fasting (Acts 13:2-3; 14:23).
- Ministering through music (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Acts 16:25).
- Praying, singing, or blessing in the Spirit (1 Cor. 14:15-16).
- Sharing a psalm or reading a Scripture during a meeting (1 Cor. 14:26; 1 Tim. 4:13).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting people for dedicated times of prayer • Leading Spirit-filled worship • Grouping together prayer-warriors for extended times of prayer • Offering to fast and pray together with someone about a decision or a difficulty • Composing worship music • Praying for missions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using visual arts to draw people into the presence of God • Being on a prayer team • Participating in the weekly Concert of Prayer • Adopting a ministry, pastor, or something else to pray for daily • Playing a musical instrument for various worship settings • Singing in the choir/worship team
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<p>SHEPHERDING and COUNSELING</p> <p>Believers placed by God in shepherding and counseling ministries serve one-on-one or in small groups to spiritually and emotionally help others.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Encouraging, strengthening, refreshing, and exhorting other believers (Rom. 1:12; 12:8; 1 Cor. 16:17-18; 2 Cor. 7:13; Eph. 4:29; Col. 4:11; 1 Thess. 2:3, 11; 3:2; 5:11; 1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Tim. 4:13; 1 Tim. 1:16; Philem. 7; Acts 11:23; 14:21-22; 15:32, 41; 16:5, 40; 18:26; 20:1-2; Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25).
- Reminding believers of the truth they have already learned (1 Cor. 4:17).
- Offering comfort (2 Cor. 1:4-7; 7:6; Eph. 6:22; 1 Thess. 3:7; 4:18).
- Reaching out to those facing doubts (Jude 22).
- Helping resolve conflicts between believers (1 Cor. 6:5; Phil. 4:2-3; Philem. 8-21; Acts 9:26-27; 11:1-18).
- Restoring (on a personal level) someone who has been caught in sin (Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 2:25-26; James 5:15, 19-20; Jude 23).
- Mentoring (1-2 Timothy; Titus; esp. 2 Tim. 2:2).

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting individually to counsel people who are discouraged, downtrodden, or depressed • Premarital counseling • Leading a support or group • Mentoring younger believers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking people through legal issues • Helping people learn life-skills, especially those transitioning from homelessness, incarceration, etc. • Counseling someone through the process of repentance
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<p>TEACHING</p> <p>Believers placed by God in teaching ministries instruct others in what the Word of God teaches and challenge them to live it out.</p>	<p>Often</p> <p>At times</p> <p>Rarely</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Maybe</p> <p>Unsure</p>

New Testament Examples:

- Teaching or preaching God’s truth in various settings (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 4:17; 12:28, 29; 14:26; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:11; Col. 1:28; 1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Tim. 1:5; 2:7, 12; 3:2; 4:11, 13, 16; 5:17; 6:2; 2 Tim. 1:11; 2:24; 3:10; Acts 6:4; 11:26; 13:1; 15:32; 18:11; 20:7, 27; Heb. 5:12; James 3:1).
- Older women teaching younger women (Titus 2:3).
- Teaching in an informal setting, one-on-one (Acts 18:26)
- Teaching one another (Rom 15:14; Col 3:16)

<p>Examples Today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preaching at the worship service • Teaching at Kid's Church or on Wednesday evenings • Teaching an elective course for adults • Leading a small Bible-study discussion group • Writing books, articles, or blogs to help people grow in Christ • Training life group leaders and small group leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching at Vacation Bible School • Teaching a Good News Club • Teaching people how to do evangelism • Training leaders in the nature and practice of servant leadership • Preparing a group of missionary candidates by talking about cross-cultural adjustment and issues they might face on the field
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Wrap Up

Choose three of the 13 ministry areas from above that stood out to you as possible areas of service and write them on the lines below. Then jot down any thoughts about specific ministries you could see yourself doing.

My Top Three Ministry Categories:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Ministries I am involved in now:

Specific Ministries I could see myself doing that I'm not already:

Next Steps:

- 1. Spend some time praying about where God might have you serve.
- 2. Talk to some trusted friends about your thoughts on where to serve.
Get feedback to see if there are things you haven't considered.
- 3. Schedule a meeting with an Elder or a staff member to discuss where you think the Lord might be leading you to serve. Get feedback from them.
The Elder/staff member will also show you how our online database (GLO) can help connect you with ministry opportunities both now and in the future.