



Gifts and Shared Ministry

Christ Equips Every Believer to Strengthen the Body

The church is not built through passive spectatorship. Christ strengthens His people through shared ministry, spiritual gifts, encouragement, service, teaching, mercy, hospitality, prayer, and faithful participation within the body of Christ.

SPECTATOR CHRISTIANITY VS SHARED MINISTRY

SPECTATOR MODEL	BIBLICAL MINISTRY
Passive Attendance	Active Participation
Consumer Mindset	Servant Mindset
Ministry by Professionals	Ministry by the Body
Celebrity Culture	Christ-Centered Service
Watching	Contributing
Isolation	Shared Responsibility

HOW CHRIST BUILDS HIS CHURCH



KEY SCRIPTURES

- Ephesians 4:11–16**
“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...”
- 1 Corinthians 12:12–27**
“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.”
- Romans 12:4–8**
“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”
- 1 Peter 4:10**
“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

HOW THE BODY GROWS



- Galatians 6:2**
“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	SHARED MINISTRY
Source	Christ
Participants	Every believer
Purpose	Strengthen the body
Leadership	Equipping and shepherding
Result	Spiritual maturity
Witness	Unified Kingdom life

★ KEY TRUTHS

- ✓ Every believer participates in ministry.
- ✓ Christ equips His church through many members.
- ✓ Spiritual gifts exist for edification.
- ✓ Leaders equip the saints for ministry.
- ✓ Shared service strengthens unity.
- ✓ The church grows through covenant participation.

THE BIBLICAL PICTURE



THE BOTTOM LINE
Christ does not build His church through passive spectators. He strengthens His people through shared ministry, faithful service, spiritual gifts, encouragement, teaching, and covenant participation within the body of Christ.

TEACHER NOTE
Use this handout to help learners understand that ministry belongs to the whole body of Christ. Emphasize that every believer has a role in strengthening, serving, encouraging, and building up the church under Christ’s leadership.