

Opening words:

A. The Church facilitates the _____ of the living God

Ephesians 3:20–21 - *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Glory = Greek “doxa” – to speak well of

The Church’s _____ ministry – “to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus...”

1. The Church facilitates worship through _____ the indwelling of Jesus Christ

Ephesians 3:16–17b - *That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.....*

2. The Church facilitates worship through _____ the person and power of God

Ephesians 3:20 - *Now to him who is able to do..... according to the power at work within us...*

We teach God’s people who God is - **Psalm 9:10** - *And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

3. The Church facilitates worship through _____ the purpose of the Church

Ephesians 3:21a - *....to him be glory in the church....*

4. The Church facilitates worship through _____ the role of Jesus Christ

Ephesians 3:21b - *...and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Hebrews 13:15–16 - *Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

a. Through Christ we continually offer the sacrifice of praise – the fruit of our lips acknowledging Jesus’ name

b. Through Jesus Christ we do good

c. Through Jesus Christ we share

B. The Church facilitates the _____ of God’s People

Ephesians 4:11–12 - *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...*

Equip = Greek “katarizo” - To fully train

1. The Church’s _____ ministry – “for the work of ministry....” - _____

a. The Church equips for evangelism through reminding God's people they are _____ of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18 - *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...*

b. The Church equips for evangelism by reminding God's people of the gospel - **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** - *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*

3. The Church's _____ ministry – “for building up the body of Christ.”- _____

a. The Church equips God's people for edification by training individuals to _____ to be like Jesus Christ

Ephesians 4:13 - *Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...*

b. The Church equips God's people for edification by training individuals to _____ into Jesus Christ

Ephesians 4:15-16 - *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*



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