

“Making My Life A Ministry”
A Study in the Practical Meaning of Ephesians 2:10

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

Lesson Objective:

That all believers would edify the body by being a regular participant in the various levels of biblical church life, from worship gatherings, to educational classes, to small groups; so that believers can “one-another” each other in the body with the exercise of personal ministry.

Priority #2 – The Growing of the Fellowship of the Body.

A. The Body Concept

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-16, Romans 12:3-8, I Corinthians 12:12-27. Count the number of times the word “body” is used in all three passages. Jot down any ideas about church life implied by the “body” concept.
2. How do these passages speak to the question or issue of membership in a local church fellowship? What can be implied?

B. Gifts and the Body

1. Read Ephesians 4:7-8, I Corinthians 12:1-7, I Peter 4:10-11. Describe what seems to you the most significant fact about spiritual gifts and their relationship to the body of believers.
2. What connection must a believer have to a body of believers in order to use his or her spiritual gift?

C. Growth of the Body

1. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What are the vital elements that make the body grow? How does the individual member fit into this biblical description?
2. Beyond the teaching and equipping ministry, what activities, service, ministry, good works, etc., actually cause the body to build itself up in love?

D. Fellowship within the Body

1. Read Romans 12:3-13. For these “good works” to happen, what must the life of the body look like? That is, where, when, how will these kinds of things happen?
2. Beyond the larger assembly of believers, how would smaller groups enable body life to happen?