



HOW MANY MINISTRIES DO WE HAVE?

C.L.A.S.S. 501 STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Topic: Current and Potential Ministries

ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN!

Select someone from your team to be a spokesman for this study. That person's name is _____. He/she will read the instructions and make sure everyone understands this assignment.

Assignment: Identify all of the current and potential (future) ministries (*definition of ministry: anything that is done for Jesus such as painting the church walls to teaching the Bible*). Why? CLASS 301 (Personal Ministry Identification) will help everyone identify his/her strengths. Those strengths will then be mapped to the enormous ministry list produced by this Study Opportunity. In addition, there are many untapped ministries within our membership that our current structure throttles! 301 will open the door to many new ministries than currently exist. This is a first for our church and is something very few churches offer their people!

Time to complete: 50 minutes Time to return: _____

TOOL: SILENT BRAINSTORMING. Do this part in silence. Each person takes five sheets of paper. Answer each question below on a separate sheet of paper. Write "Question #1" on the top of the first sheet, "Question #2" on top of the second sheet, etc.

QUESTION #1 –

1. Make a list (1, 2, 3) on this sheet of every ministry that you are personally involved in. (This includes everything from painting/cooking/decorating/greeting to teaching or administration. It is also possible that you may have a unique ministry at work/home/community that needs to be mentioned. Feel free to do so.)
2. **Please indicate the department/committee** (such as nursing home) **with each item.**
3. Identify all of the ministries by their required maturity level (your best guess). Indicate one of the following maturity levels: N = New Christian; A = Advanced Christian; M = Mature Christian

❑ **QUESTION #2 –**

1. Make a list (1, 2, 3) on this sheet of every additional ministry done within every department you serve. (For example, in Question 1 you may have recorded that you sing at the nursing home. The nursing home ministry also requires a musician, music director, coordinator, speaker, what else? There are a lot of nursing home ministries when you think it through plus more that we aren't yet doing.)
2. **KEY: Please indicate the department/committee** (such as the nursing home) **with each item.**
3. Identify all of the ministries by their required maturity level (your best guess). Indicate one of the following maturity levels: N = New Christian; A = Advanced Christian; M = Mature Christian

❑ **QUESTION #3 –**

1. Make a list (1, 2, 3) on this sheet of every ministry that you would like to do or have thought about doing if you could be guaranteed success, time, energy, finances, etc.
2. **KEY: Please indicate the department/committee** (an existing or new one) **with each item.**
3. Identify all of the ministries by their required maturity level (your best guess). Indicate one of the following maturity levels: N = New Christian; A = Advanced Christian; M = Mature Christian

❑ **QUESTION #4 –**

1. Make a list (1, 2, 3) on this sheet of every new ministry that you or a fellow member would like to see happen (regardless of who does it) in our church.
2. **KEY: If possible, please indicate the department/committee (an existing or new one) with each item.**
3. Identify all of the ministries by their required maturity level (your best guess). Indicate one of the following maturity levels: N = New Christian; A = Advanced Christian; M = Mature Christian

❑ **QUESTION #5 –**

1. Make a list (1, 2, 3) on this sheet of every ministry (*if not previously listed*) that our church can offer to the community outside our walls. If possible, note also the different responsibilities/roles necessary to make that ministry successful.
2. **KEY: If possible, please indicate the department/committee (an existing or new one) at the bottom of your post-it note.**
3. Identify all of the ministries by their required maturity level (your best guess). Indicate one of the following maturity levels: N = New Christian; A = Advanced Christian; M = Mature Christian

❑ **TOOL: VERBAL BRAINSTORMING.** Record these answers on the flip chart.

1. Each person makes one observation about their findings in this Study Opportunity. Record the answers.
2. Put the following in God's order of what happens first, second, etc.
 - ministry (items such as you listed above),
 - department (such as being assigned to a responsibility in Music or Sunday School),
 - gifted or skilled person.
 - salvation experience – the person is born again.

- Which does God give first to our church?
 - Is this how we normally think?
3. What was the first responsibility (ministry) each person had in God's church?

Return to the fellowship hall and share your wisdom with us!

Facilitator's note: The proper mapping of this data is from the individual's strengths to the ministry then to the department...not to the department then to the ministry. Ministries transcend departments. This is a different way of thinking for most church leaders.

1. Divide the people into male teams and female teams for bonding/competition.
2. Identify the meeting rooms.
3. Look for ministries in the areas of hospital visitation, Backyard Clubs, van driver, taking care of widows, etc.