

The Ministries of the Church of Christ

Ephesians 4: 11-12; Acts 9:17; Matthew 28:19-20

Memory Verse

"I will place shepherds over them who will take good care of them." --Jeremiah 23:4

Message

Our ministers are here to help us.

Additional Lesson Content

Ministries	Functions/Responsibilities
<u>Apostle Ministry:</u> Chief Apostle, District Apostle, Apostle	As commissioned by Jesus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To proclaim the pure teachings of Jesus Christ- As the light of the world to spread the bright radiance of godly truth.- To establish and preserve order in the congregations- To baptize with water.- To forgive sins- To dispense Holy Communion- To seal souls with the Holy Spirit- To govern the Church- To ordain the required ministers- To proclaim Christ's return- To gather and lead the elect to the Lord Jesus and His bride.
<u>Priestly Ministries:</u> Bishop, District Elder, District Evangelist, Elder, Shepherd, Evangelist, Priest	As commissioned by the apostle: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To carry the souls entrusted to them on hands of prayer- To care for the souls and provide comfort- To conduct divine services- To baptize with water,- To pronounce the forgiveness of sins- To dispense Holy Communion- To make family visits and visit those who are ill
<u>Deacons</u>	As commissioned by the apostle <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To support the priest• To be a witness to the truth• To be an example• To maintain a dignified atmosphere in the divine services.

Talk About It

Help your child to understand this week's lesson about ministers. Talk with your child about a minister that is/was special to you and why. Maybe they always were there for you when you needed someone to listen. Maybe it was just the way they made you feel each time you had a conversation together. Perhaps they share a special Bible verse with you that gave you strength when you were feeling weak. Ministers can be very special people in our lives. They do many things for us because of the love they have for our souls.

When you pray together remember all of your ministers. Pray that they can have special strength and wisdom so that they may continue to care for God's children. Talk about it.

