

## I'm no Mother Teresa, but I am a minister

- <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes..."
- <sup>38</sup> "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name..."
- <sup>39</sup> "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me"
- <sup>41</sup> "...anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name..."

### 1. Welcome ministry ..... 9:36-37

<sup>1</sup>If someone is overcome in a fault, those who are holy should restore them gently... <sup>2</sup>bearing one another's burdens...  
<sup>3</sup>Have a true evaluation of your own accomplishments. <sup>4</sup>Put your own work to the test so you can celebrate your own successes.  
<sup>5</sup>Everyone is to carry their own burden. (Galatians 6:1-5)

BUT I have ..... ability to help. I am not .....  
 The poor you will have with you always. (Mark 14:7)  
 Jesus does ..... help everyone! (John 5:1-9 & Acts 3:1-2)  
 Jesus gave ..... help and ..... instruction.  
 Jesus requires people to take ..... for their own future.  
 S ..... H ..... A ..... P ..... E .....

### 2. Encourage ministry ..... 9:38-40

We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

### 3. Accept ministry ..... 9:41

...anyone who gives me a cup of water in Christ's name, because I belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

Brother, sister, let me serve you.  
 Let me be as Christ to you.  
 Pray that I might have the grace  
 to let you be my servant too.

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#### My prayer list

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#### Discussion starters

1. Mother Teresa effected many lives. Who has had the greatest impact on your spiritual development, and what did he/she/they do that changed or challenged you? What have previous churches contributed to you?
2. We often think of clergy as the church's ministers. What are some advantages of God using ordinary people as His ministers? In what ways is serving in Jesus name different from serving?
3. Read Galatians 6:1-5. Verses 2 and 5 appear to be contradictory. How can they both be true? What should be the attitude of helpers? Why do you think verses 3 and 4 are included with helping others?
4. Suggest some reasons why Jesus did not help everyone during His earthly ministry. His help was often accompanied by an instruction, eg. "Go and sin no more" "Show yourself to the priest" "Go home". Why do you think Jesus required healed people to do these things?
5. Identify as many parts of your SHAPE as you can. On that basis, what sort of service can you offer in the church, and to people around you?
6. What is the most comforting, and most challenging, part of "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)