

# FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Ministry

## OUR SOURCE FOR MINISTRY

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Introduction:



Sermon Notes

*Definition of "Christ's work" (ministry):*

To make disciples through a combination of demonstration, proclamation, and participation.

**Big Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_ *for the work of the ministry,*  
*not* \_\_\_\_\_.

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trust him. (9:37-43)

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**Personal Reflection and Application:**

1. Are there any situations in your life where your response right now could be described as “faithless and twisted”? What do you need to believe in those situations to be faithful to the true standard of the gospel?
2. Identify and write down “ministry” that you are part of so that you know how you are applying the following questions (see the definition of “Christ’s work” on the front of this handout). Consider Christ’s work through you in your family, church, neighbors, coworkers, etc.
3. Have you ever been tempted to forget the source of your power for ministry? What are some evidences in your life that let you know you are working in your own power and not Christ’s power?
4. What are some situations in life and ministry in which you don’t have complete understanding or perspective right now? How does the sufferings and resurrection of Jesus help shape your perspective on those things?
5. Are there any ways in your life that you have seen ministry become rivalry or jockeying for position, status or a title? How should the true greatness of Jesus change your approach to ministry?

**Gospel Community Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Luke 9:37-43a. Have you ever been tempted to forget the source of your power for ministry (doing Christ’s work)? What are some evidences in your life that let you know you are working in your own power and not Christ’s power?
2. Read Luke 9:43b-45. What are some situations in life and ministry in which you don’t have complete understanding or perspective right now? How does the gospel of a suffering Savior help shape your perspective on those things?
3. Read Luke 9:46-50, Phil. 1:15-18, and Phil. 2:3-11. What ways have you seen ministry become rivalry or jockeying for position, status or title? How should the true greatness of Jesus change that approach to ministry?

**Breakout Time**

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.