**T**his class, is the third of Lighthouse Church of Independence’s five basic classes. Since these classes build on each other you should have already attended “Next Step” PHASE 1 and PHASE 2 before taking this class. **We are convinced that you must first be committed to membership in a church family and committed to the habits for spiritual maturity before you are ready for ministry. Membership and Maturity are the foundation for Ministry.**

 **INTRODUCTION**

1. My ministry is determined by my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

The two results of discovering the ministry I’ve been shaped for are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 **2. Lighthouse Church of Independence’s ministry is determined by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **purposes and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our congregation.**

**THE GOALS OF THE MINISTRY**

**DISCOVERY PROCESS**

“(God) has given...pastors and teachers to prepare (equip) God’s people for works of ministry, so the Body of Christ may be built up.” Eph. 4:11-12

The Bible says:

· The Pastors are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

· The People are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. That I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my unique design (S.H.A.P.E.) for ministry and commit to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my God-given gifts and abilities in serving God and others through my church family.

2. That I will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and begin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the ministry of my church that best \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_what God made me to be.

3. That I will continue \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, developing my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for better service, and remain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to His leading.

**WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT MINISTRY**

**1. WHAT IS MINISTRY?**  DEFINITION: (Greek V “diakonos” = “to serve”)

 **“MINISTRY IS USING WHATEVER GOD HAS GIVEN**

 **ME TO SERVE HIM AND THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.**

**2. WE MINISTER IN 3 DIRECTIONS**

 · To **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Acts 13:2)

 · To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Heb. 6:10)

 · To\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Matt.5:13-16)

3. THE GOAL OF OUR MINISTRY

 Eph. 4:11-16 (NIV) GOD WANTS TO USE ME

TO **HELP OTHERS TOWARDS MATURITY**\_

“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Eph. 4:11-13

“There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving. The Holy Spirit displays God’s power through each of us as a means of **helping the entire church**. All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each one of you is **a separate and necessary part of it**.” 1 Cor. 12:27

**4. MINISTRY PURPOSES**

We seek to achieve the goal of our ministry by fulfilling these 3 purposes of the church. **LOVE, GROW, SERVE**

* **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God’s Presence (Worship)**

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Matt. 4:10 (NKJV)

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24 (NKJV)

* **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Family (Fellowship)**

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6:2, 10 (NKJV)

* **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s People (Discipleship)**

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, Heb. 6:1 (NKJV)

but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

* **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ through sharing God’s Word (Evangelism)**

to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,Eph. 3:10(NKVJ)

* **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s People (Ministry)**

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:35 (NKJV)

Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 1 Cor. 12:27 (NKJV)

**5. WE HELP PEOPLE ACHIEVE MATURITY BY ATTENDING TO FIVE KINDS OF NEEDS.**

·  **To people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs.**

“...God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” 2 Cor. 5:18

“We proclaim Christ, counseling and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

 Col. 1:28,29

 **· To people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs.**

“(God says) I was hungry and you fed me,…thirsty and you gave me a drink...needed clothes and you clothed me...sick and you cared for me...in prison and you visited me...Whenever you have done this to the least person, you did it to me.”

Matt. 25:35-36, 40

“If, as my representative, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded.” Matt. 10:42 (LB)

 ·  **To people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs.**

“...Warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.” 1 Thess. 5:14 (GN)

 · **To people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs**.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is his good, pleasing and perfect will. Rom. 12:2

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.” Phil 2:5

 · **To people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs.**

“Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God’s grace. 2 Cor. 1:12