

Wednesday in the Word Bible Study

First Mount Zion Baptist Church (FMZBC), Dumfries, Virginia

FMZBC Four Step Strategy - Worship/Study of the Word/Stewardship/*Service

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***Lesson Focus:** *Service: Ministry With Heart & Hands*

Presenters: Reverend Helen Parker (11:00 am); Reverend Tarra Taylor (7:30 pm)

Objective: Discern how Service contributes to FMZBC's mission to "Connect People Who Have a Desire to Become Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ."

Summary:

Chapter 2 of the Book of James, (James 2:17-18) reminds us that faith and works go hand in hand and, as one writer puts it, "faith alone saves but the faith that saves is never alone." First Mount Zion is committed to a faith that produces good works. Through our faithful service we become the extended arms of God to humanity.

Our time of study will focus on several biblical examples of service, taken from R. Paul Stevens' book, *Service: Ministry With Heart and Hands*. Stevens writes: "Usually when we speak of service we refer to something done for the benefit of others. But in both languages of the Bible, Greek and Hebrew, *ministry* and *service* are the same word...Ministry is something that belongs to all of God's people, all men and women, all old and young, and it is not just done in churches and mission fields but in workplaces, cities, relationships, schools and universities, hospitals and medical clinics, and art studios."

I. Serving With Heart and Hands (Exodus 35:30-36:2)

A. Bezalel

1. Who was Bezalel and what skills did he have? (Exodus 35:31-35)
verse 30 _____

Bezalel's Skills:

v31 _____	v32 _____
v33 _____	v34 _____
v35 _____	

2. Why might God have equipped Bezalel and Oholiab with teaching skills, as well as artistic and practical skills? _____

B. Dorcas (Tabitha) (Acts 9:36-43)

1. Who was Dorcas? Describe her ministry. (Acts 9:36-43)_____

2. What do we learn about Dorcas' example of service and its impact on the people in Lydda?

II. Serving God Through Music and Arts

1. Let us explore examples of music and arts in Old and New Testament. How were they used?

A. Miriam - Exodus 15:20-21_____

B. David

1. 1 Samuel 16:14-23_____

2. 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 21_____

C. Musicians in the temple

1 Chronicles 6: 31-32 _____

2 Chronicles 5: 12-14 _____

D. Singing- Colossians 3:16_____

2. How can music and the arts serve our neighbors and God?_____

III. Further Application:

1. What do you believe determines whether a believer's activities are "secular" or "sacred" unto the Lord? And what do you believe establishes whether or not someone is a fulltime minister of Jesus Christ?_____

2. How does Matthew 25:31-46 help inform our locations of ministry, our audiences, or the recipients of our service?

3. What 3 things do we have in common with the bible characters in our study?

a) Hebrews 6:10_____

b) Ephesians 2:10_____

c) Colossians 3: 23-24_____

***"Christ has no body now but ours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Ours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Ours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Ours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Ours are the eyes, we are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but ours."** ~ St. Teresa of Avila~(modified version)*