

LESSON 17: THE CHURCH: ATTRIBUTES, MINISTRIES AND MARKS

The 4 ministries of the Church

The 4 ministries are not listed in a confessional statement. Commonly the following 4 are named by their Greek names.

The church _____

Kerygma - Proclaim

Christ gave His church the command to spread the Gospel of His love. The Church must thus always be into outreach

This is the work of _____

E.g. _____

Koinonia - Fellowship

Christ loved His own people and sought them out. The Church will follow Christ's example.

This is the work of _____

E.g. _____

Leitourgia - Worship

The Church is a people living for the praise of God.

This is the work of _____

E.g. _____

Diakonia - Service

Christ cared about all people and all creation. The Church is to express God's love and care in this broken world.

This is the work of _____

E.g. _____

Which should have priority?

Proclaiming (outreach) is _____ as fellowship. Worship is _____ as service.

Focus on the tasks

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Individual members of the church _____

The Church as a body _____

Discussion: Focus on the tasks

Individuals specialize, the church does all. What does this mean for a congregations like ours with 140 odd members, an age spread of 0 – 93, ethnically diverse with a predominantly Dutch culture?

Your own notes: _____

The church should _____

Never forget _____ !