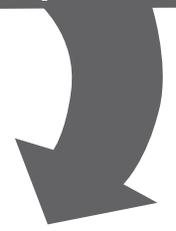




# Do You Know What Your Job Is?



“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

- How can you ensure that you're doing everything for the glory of God?
- How does your ministry reflect this verse?

## ▼ Training Session

Teaching doesn't begin when the first child walks into your room and end when the last child leaves. Teaching is more than leading discussions, directing craft activities, and helping kids. And it *certainly* isn't just about standing in front of a room and talking to passive children. Do you know any passive children? They're *active*. And so is teaching.

Since teaching is an active job—and an important one—you need to know what's expected of you. And it's best to have those expectations in writing so you can refer to them again and again in the future. You need a ministry description. This simple piece of paper tells you what you're supposed to be doing. It's designed to lay out the goals of your position and the details of accomplishing those goals.

For example, one goal would be building lasting relationships with children. Your ministry description could list some steps you should take to ensure that goal is accomplished.

For instance, you could

- Greet children with a smile each week, and sincerely ask how each child is doing.
- Keep lines of communication open between yourself and each child you minister to by calling or sending a note at least once per month.
- You could also contact each child's parents every quarter to compliment their child and thank parents for letting the child continue to be involved in your class.

Having clear goals and suggestions laid out in a ministry description helps you meet the expectations of leaders in your church, as well as build expectations for yourself. Ask your leader if you have a ministry description. If not, ask for one. It's essential to your success. If your leader isn't sure where to start, jot down a few ideas to start the process.

Already have a ministry description? When's the last time you read it and prayed about how you're doing meeting the goals?





Take this training deeper as you think over these questions:

- What's the mission of your ministry position?
- How can you fully understand what you're supposed to be doing?
- How might having a ministry description help you?

## ▼ Journal

*Give me wisdom as I . . .*

*Lord, help me live up to the expectations that . . .*

**God is using you to bring children into a close relationship with Jesus. No other expectation rises above this high calling. Thank you for serving to meet this goal!**

## ▼ Application

Imagine you're suddenly unable to teach your class for five weeks. Will your replacement know what to do?

If *you* were to replace you, what would you want to know?

Maybe you're moving to a different type of ministry position after this year and you need to train your replacement. How would you do it? What would you tell that person? Without looking at a current ministry description (if you have one), write a ministry description that would help train your replacement.