

“FULL-TIME” MINISTRY

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What exactly is “full-time” ministry? In my opinion, it is a working definition. According to Webster’s dictionary, ministry is defined in one way as “a person or thing through which something is accomplished.” So what is it we are trying to accomplish as Christian young adults and young adult leaders? My personal hope is that I am a vessel through which God can accomplish His plan on earth. If we are basing our definition of full-time ministry on this concept, a specific vocation is not required to be a full-time vessel through which God can accomplish His plan. Perhaps you are a nurse or a schoolteacher. Or maybe you are a college student or a mechanic. It doesn’t matter what skill you are utilizing to make a living, God wants to use you greatly in His kingdom to accomplish His will.

Sometimes in the church we tend to view full-time ministry as being employed by a church. And while that is one avenue through which God can use us, full-time ministry is not limited to that alone. Maybe God has called you to work as a receptionist in order to reach your coworkers. Or perhaps He has called you to be a banker in order to place you in a position to build strong relationships with members of your community.

The only requirement to be a full-time minister is a willingness to serve others wherever you are placed.

Jesus’ closest followers all had vocations. Even Jesus had a “day job”; He was a carpenter and yet He was also the King of kings, the only Savior, and the Redeemer of all.

My question to you today is this: what would it look like for Jesus to use you in a “full-time” capacity at your place of employment, in your neighborhood, your apartment complex, or your college campus?