

## Study Guide: Doing the Works of Jesus

This study guide is designed to facilitate deep reflection and group discussion based on the principles of Christian ministry, the promise of John 14:12, and the individual's role within the Body of Christ.

### Glossary of Key Terms

| Term                            | Definition Based on Source Context                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>The Works of Jesus</b>       | Practical ways of demonstrating the power and love of Jesus Christ to people in everyday encounters; living a life of power and love while walking in the Spirit.                    |
| <b>The Promise (John 14:12)</b> | Jesus' assurance that those who believe in Him will not only perform the works He did but will do "greater works" because He has gone to the Father.                                 |
| <b>The Saints</b>               | Described in Ephesians 4:12 as God's "consecrated people." These are the members of the Church who are to be equipped by leaders to perform the work of ministering.                 |
| <b>Overcomer</b>                | An individual within the church who sets themselves apart, refuses to be satisfied with the ordinary, and is willing to make sacrifices to obtain the extraordinary prize of Christ. |
| <b>Full-time Ministry</b>       | A state of service applicable to all believers, regardless of whether they hold an official church title, staff position, or work in a secular environment.                          |
| <b>The Body of Christ</b>       | A metaphor for the Church, consisting of many members with unique, essential, and vital functions where no part can claim it does not need the other.                                |
| <b>The Great Commission</b>     | The command found in Matthew 28:19–20 to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe everything Jesus commanded.                                                  |

## **Comprehensive Review Quiz**

**1. According to the text, what is the primary condition a believer must meet to fulfill the promise of doing the works of Jesus?**

- A) Obtaining a degree from a Bible school
- B) Holding an official staff position at a local church
- C) Meeting the condition of faith
- D) Working for a nonprofit organization

**2. Which of the following best describes the role of church leaders (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers) as outlined in Ephesians 4:12?**

- A) To perform all the work of the ministry on behalf of the congregation
- B) To perfect and equip the saints so they can do the work of ministering
- C) To serve as the only individuals capable of doing "greater works"
- D) To manage the organizational chart of the church

**3. When Jesus chose His twelve apostles, what group did He intentionally bypass?**

- A) Ordinary people
- B) Secular workers
- C) Religious leaders and "Bible schools" of the time
- D) The "overcomers"

**4. True or False: The promise of doing "greater works" is a possibility only for those in full-time vocational ministry.**

- A) True
- B) False

**5. According to the document, what must happen before a believer can "do" the works of Jesus?**

- A) They must first "become" the person God intends.
- B) They must wait for an invitation from church leadership.
- C) They must leave their secular job.
- D) They must memorize the letters to the seven churches in Revelation.

**6. What is the "ultimate prize" for the individual who accepts the challenge to be an overcomer?**

- A) A position on the church organizational chart
- B) Recognition from the pastor or priest
- C) Doing the works of Jesus and even greater works
- D) Personal financial blessings

### **Thought-Provoking Discussion Questions**

1. **Redefining Ministry:** The text states that one can be a "minister of Jesus Christ" even while working a secular job for decades without a title. How does this shift the traditional definition of "full-time ministry," and how might this perspective change the way you view your daily work?
2. **The Nature of the Promise:** Jesus refers to the "greater works" in John 14:12 as a promise rather than a suggestion. What obstacles—internal or external—typically prevent believers from claiming this promise?
3. **The Equipping Model:** If the role of the "saints" (the congregation) is to do the work of the ministry, and the role of the leaders is to equip them, how should the "success" of a church leader be measured?
4. **The Overcomer's Path:** The text mentions that in Revelation, Jesus addresses individuals who are "not satisfied with the ordinary." What are the specific "ordinary" behaviors in modern spiritual life that might need to be abandoned to pursue the "extraordinary"?
5. **Becoming vs. Doing:** The author suggests that "in order to 'do', we must first 'become'." Why is the transformation of the individual's character and identity in Christ a prerequisite for performing His works?

6. **Outward Focus:** The document concludes by contrasting "getting blessings for ourselves" with "giving to the needs of others." How does shifting focus toward others' needs serve as a practical demonstration of the Great Commission?
7. **The Corporate Impact:** How would a city or nation be transformed if a local church functioned truly as a "Body" where every member recognized they were "vital" and "essential," as described in 1 Corinthians 12:21?

### Answer Key

| Question | Correct Answer | Source Reference                                                                                                          |
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| 1        | C              | "If a believer meets the condition of faith, Jesus promises that believer..."                                             |
| 2        | B              | "His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints... [that they should do] the work of ministering." |
| 3        | C              | "Jesus did not choose religious leaders. He bypassed the 'Bible schools' of the time..."                                  |
| 4        | B (False)      | "This promise is not only for church leaders. It is for all believers."                                                   |
| 5        | A              | "In order to 'do', we must first 'become'."                                                                               |
| 6        | C              | "...obtain the extraordinary ultimate prize... doing the works of Jesus, and even greater works."                         |