

**Session 6**  
A Family Ministry That Works  
Requires Equipping

**Teaching Guide**

1. In Ephesians 4:11-12 the word "perfecting" in the KJV is translated as " \_\_\_\_\_ " in modern versions.
2. One of the major functions of the Pastor is...  
A. shepherd                      B. leader  
C. equipper                      D. preacher
3. Deaconship is not \_\_\_\_\_ position.  
\_\_\_ A. a permanent                      \_\_\_ B. a difficult  
\_\_\_ C. a important                      \_\_\_ D. a honorary
4. Pastors and Deacons need to share a \_\_\_\_\_ in ministry.
5. We never outgrow our need for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. According to Dr. Pedersen, no man ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ until he has been \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Dr. Pedersen's one year of deacon training would include 6 months of \_\_\_\_\_ and 6 months of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. At least 6 10 24 hours of training should take place before \_\_\_\_\_.  
(circle one)
9. Every time we come together we should ...  
\_\_\_ A. pray                      \_\_\_ B. read the Bible  
\_\_\_ C. discuss business                      \_\_\_ D. do training
10. Five Basic Areas of Ministry that deacons need training in...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Needs
  - 2) Personal \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Sick

5) Ministering to those in \_\_\_\_\_

## Group Learning Guide

1. What are some possible results of sending people out without training?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Place an X on the line below to express your reaction to Dr. Pedersen's statement:  
"No man ought to be ordained until he's been trained."

Disagree ----- Agree

What objections might be raised by some members if this practice were implemented in our church?

How would you respond to those objections?

3. Assuming 100% as an absolute, what percentage of our Deacon Meetings is...

Administrative - \_\_\_\_\_%

Training - \_\_\_\_\_%

What would you like those percentages to be?

Administrative - \_\_\_\_\_%

Training - \_\_\_\_\_%

List two steps to achieve that goal.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Jim and Elaine Adams have been faithful members of Central Baptist Church for several years. Over the years they have developed a warm, trusting relationship with Drew Harrison, their deacon.

Recently, Jim and Elaine have been experiencing some marital difficulties. They invited Drew over for dinner one evening and after dinner they shared their problems in detail.

Drew is taken aback, but assures them of his prayer support. He also promises to keep their conversation in confidence.

Drew carries this burden around for several days. Then, over lunch with a fellow deacon, Thad Stephens, he says, "I want you to be praying with me for Jim and Elaine Adams."

"What's wrong?" asks Thad.

Drew pauses, uncomfortable. "I'd rather not say."

"Well," says Thad, "it might help me pray more intelligently."

Drew shares the situation, and they pray. The next Sunday at church, Becky Clark, Jim and Elaine's Sunday School teacher, stops Drew by the water fountain.

"What's wrong with Jim and Elaine?" asks Becky.

Drew swallows. "I--I'm not sure what you mean."

"oh," says Becky hesitantly. "Well...Thad Stephens said they were having marital problems, and I was wondering if I might help."

What are the possible ramifications of the situation...

For Jim and Elaine?

For Drew?

For Thad?

For Becky?