

MEDIOCRE MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED
(skits on volunteer service)

These could be used as part of a church-wide campaign highlighting needs, talents, & interests, along with interviews set up for "placements".

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(skits are not in "order" of presentation, only in "order" of creation)

A:
points:
Some of us don't want to serve; We want our own needs met without further involvement.
Some of us want to serve but cannot do so because our lives are out of control.
Some of us are willing to serve but can't because we are not encouraged, equipped, or led.

needed: 3 audience plants, offstage operator, phone on stage, power point presentation

Powerpoint presentation of **NEEDED NOW** surrounded by positions (librarians, friends, teachers, movers, cleaners, typists, counselors, disciples, hostesses, cooks, greeters, singers, actors, instrumentalists, callers, writers, babysitters, organizers, leaders, helpers, communion preparation, etc.). Powerpoint finishes with overlay of **YOU ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CALL NOW** (phone # of your choice). (Music would make this presentation more interesting and it could be even be included as a part of "announcement time".)

plant #1 stands: They can't possibly function with so many openings. I'm out of here before they ask me to do something! (leaves - excuse me, please.....)

plant #2 stands: I'd really like to help. I think I'll call.... (heads toward phone, glances at watch) OH, but I'll have to do it another time. I've got to go now.

plant #3 stands: I'm needed?? I'm needed! I've always wanted to get involved. (Heads to phone) I'm going to call right now. I'm ready to serve! (dials, phone rings, & waits for voice)

operator: Mediocre Ministries, Incorporated.... will you hold, please?

plant #3: I guess so.....(wait, and wait, and wait, and.... "clock" on powerpoint and could have the jeopardy theme playing in background while plant #3 fidgets and checks watch) I guess they don't want me after all! (leaves)

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B:
point:
Successful Service opportunities should have a realistic time frame and a load we can handle.

needed: same power point ad from skit A; audience plant; offstage operator

show power point ad

plant: I want to serve. I think I'll call..... (dials...)

operator: Mediocre Ministries, Incorporated.... how can I help you?

plant: I saw your ad, and I'd like to help.....

operator: GREAT! Let's see..... I just got a request for 10 visitations each week. Do you think you could visit?

plant: I really do like spending time with people. Yes, I could visit. Who should I visit?

operator: Well, this request is for ten visitations, and since we haven't gotten any more calls.... I think you could handle the whole job. Let's see, that means you'll be making 10 visits each week.....

plant: 10 visits each week! I don't have the time for that!

operator: Of course you do. If you had been one of 10 volunteers you'd have only 1 visit to make each week. How long would you have spent with each person?

plant: At 1 visits each week..... I'd probably make the visit on my way home after work and maybe spend about 30 min.

operator: Super! So, all you have to do is spend 2-3 min. per visit and you can get all 10 in. I'll email you the list of names and addresses for this week and you can begin right away! Thanks for calling Mediocre Ministries! (hang up while plant is saying but....I....don't....think....)

plant: What on earth do they expect of me! (while leaving the stage)

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C:
point:
Sometimes we are needed to serve regardless of our gifts/training!

needed: heart attack victim, mediocre ministries trainee, off stage operator, cell phone

Heart attack victim and trainee stand talking. Heart attack victim clutches chest, says "can't breathe", and falls down.

trainee: Oh my!.... A chance to minister. I'd better call the office to find out what to do.

operator: Mediocre Ministries, Incorporated.... what's up?

trainee: I've got an emergency with my.....

operator: (but in) Sir, please calm down! Who are you and what is your servant #?

trainee: My name is (name) and I'm servant #5,347 and I've got an emergency here.

operator: Wait a minute. If you are servant #5,347, you are not yet qualified to handle an emergency.

trainee: But, I've got a friend here who needs CPR and an ambulance. Can you tell me how to do CPR, and then call 911?

operator: I'm afraid that's not possible. Let me look at my on call list and see if I can find a servant who IS qualified for an emergency.

trainee: There isn't time! (kneel and look at friend...) He's turning blue! He's not breathing! He needs help NOW!

operator: I'm sorry, but you will have to report back to the office. All our servants cleared for emergencies are out on assignments. We do have a training class scheduled for next summer that you could take that would qualify you to do CPR and call 911. Would you like to enroll in that seminar?

Trainee throws down phone and begins working on victim. Scene closes.

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D:
point:
Our service should match our gifts and our experience.

needed: audience plant (stutters throughout), operator, powerpoint ad, stage phone

show same powerpoint ad....

plant: I've got some extra time this week. I think I'll call in and see what I can do to help.

operator: Mediocre Ministries, Incorporated, how can I help you?

plant: Do you have something I could do this week?

operator: I just got an urgent request that I'm sure you could fill.

plant: What is it?

operator: Our preacher has been called out of town and will not be available on Sunday. Shall I put you down to preach?

plant: I've never talked to a big group before.....I thought you might have a job I could do with my hands.

operator: Consider this "on the job training". Now, our preacher is doing a series and your assignment this Sunday is the book of Joel.

plant: Is that in the Old Testament or the New Testament?

operator: Boy, are you going to be doing a favor for our preacher!!! I can tell that the congregation will really look forward to having him back. Now, remember that we have 3 services: one at 8; one at 9:30; and one at 11. I've just decided I'll be out of town too, but I'm sure I'll hear about everything when I get back. Thanks for calling Mediocre Ministries Incorporated! (hangs up)

plant: Let's see, the book of Joel.... (opens Bible to look for the book while leaving stage)

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E:

point:

Authority should accompany responsibility and responsibility should be defined.

Needed: servant minister; off stage operator; cell phone

SM dials phone

Operator: Mediocre Ministries Incorporated, how may I help you?

SM: Good morning. My name is _____ and I'm the new leader of "special events". The pastor said I should call you to get our upcoming events on the calendar.

Operator: I'm so glad you called. What is it you'd like to put on our schedule?

SM: The first one is our Mother's Day celebration on Friday, May 10th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Operator: Our Mother's Day tea is already scheduled for Saturday, May 11th at 2 PM.

SM: There must be some mistake. I know it was held as a tea on Saturday in the past, but in February we did a survey in our women's groups and they'd prefer it to be on a Friday evening. We've worked out all the details on food and decorations and the people who are helping me are all set to go.

Operator: I'm sorry, there's no mistake. Deacon Jones has always been in charge of our Mother's Day celebration and he always does it the Saturday before Mother's Day. Did you have any other dates for our calendar?

SM: (deep breath) Well, yes, I do. Our Father's Day celebration will be after church on June 10th. We're all set for a car show and steak barbeque from noon until 4 PM in the church parking lot.

Operator: I'm afraid that is impossible. Our Father's Day celebration is always on the Saturday evening before Father's Day and we always have a touch football game.

SM: (another deep breath) If these aren't the kind of events I'm supposed to be working on, perhaps you could tell me just what it is I'm supposed to be doing as the leader of "special events"?

Operator: Give me just a minute and I'll find your job description in my manual. (Thumbing through)...Let's see now, oh yes, here it is, leader of "special events" on page 493. The leader of special events shall attend all special events, being sure to wear his "the buck stops here" t-shirt. There is a special note that the t-shirt is not provided by our agency, so you must provide that yourself. A second special note asks that the shirt be color coordinated with the decorations for each event as there have been complaints about that in past. Is there anything further I can help you with?

SM: (another BIG deep breath, thinks a bit, shakes head) Somehow, I think not.

Operator: Well, thanks for Mediocre Ministries, and remember, we're here to serve you.

SM leaves stage shaking his head in both wonder and sorrow.

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