EVERYONE INVOLVED

Leviticus 8 reveals that God calls young and old alike to be active in His work. This chapter discusses Aaron, his sons, and their ordination for the priesthood, but it’s still relevant today because all of God’s people are now priests through the cross (Ex. 19:6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9). Ministry may be one of the most exciting values in the book of Leviticus!

The priests were responsible for leading worship and interceding for the people in prayer during the sanctuary services (2 Chro. 30:27). They also taught God’s Word and answered the people’s spiritual questions (Lev. 10:10, 11). Some even wrote and performed music. Most importantly, the priests were examples of what it means to be holy in one’s everyday life (Lev. 21:6–8).

According to the Bible, your pastor is supposed to help every member of their church get all the training they need to be effective ministers, servants, and priests (Eph. 4:11, 12), for we are to be “a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people” (1 Pet. 2:9). When pastors do their jobs well and the members cooperate, churches experience unity, maturity, and stability (Eph. 4:13–16). A church where most of the members are active in ministry and gospel mission is a church that experiences far less internal conflict and far more of Christ’s unifying presence!

What a wonderful opportunity God has given us to be trained by our pastors to effectively meet people’s spiritual needs not only in our local church but also in our local community! Let’s dive into Leviticus 8 and learn how to be an effective minister for God.
Write out Leviticus 8:6–13, 23, 24 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Leviticus 8:6–10. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse.
Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What steps can we take to begin learning how to live in total dependence on God?

Who is mentoring you in ministry?
Whom can you mentor in ministry?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are some spiritual gifts you would like to try pursuing? What steps do you need to take to begin?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

John 14:26
John 16:5–15
1 Corinthians 12
Ephesians 4:11–13
1 Peter 4:10, 11
Romans 12

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Leviticus 8?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 8.
What is He saying to you personally through these texts?

What are some ways we can start to readopt the evangelistic approach of how the early Christian and early Adventist churches operated? Do you think we should?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:

Meditate on Leviticus 8 again and look for where Jesus is.

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the passage, what remained with you personally?

What could be applied to others?

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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

How does the fact that you are a minister make you feel?

What ministry opportunities are available or need to be created in your church or community?

Has God been calling you to a particular ministry? If so, explain.

How high is God’s standard for His priests and ministers?

In what ways does God empower us to be all that He wants us to be in ministry?

How might God be calling you to assist your pastor in local church ministry?

What kind of ministry training is offered at your church? What training do you wish you had?

What do you think would happen if every local church released all its pastors to go and raise up new congregations, as the Adventist Church used to do? How would your church fare? In that event, what responsibilities would you take on?

Ministry