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Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners **“Multiply the Tastes and Sights of His Fruit” December 2008**

A marvelous opportunity to multiply all these Spirit-filled qualities for transforming lives and communities presents itself when church leaders encourage, cultivate and use the gifts of its members. Ephesians 4: 12-13 states that the purpose of the various offices is “to prepare God’s people for works of service.” Church leaders are called to encourage its members to be engaged in serving each other and their neighbours within their local community and on the other side of the world.

*Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate
to encourage the gifts of its church members to be used for His sake!*

1. **Consider** and share a time in your church when many different members were engaged in a variety of ministry activities related to a particular event. Name some qualities of His fruit that were delightful to witness. (10 min)
2. Read the lead article on the Partners issue titled “Multiply the Tastes and Sights of His Fruit”. Divide into groups (if needed) so that all may **participate**. **Discuss** what your church might look like if people were encouraged and equipped to use their passions and gifts for ministry. (10 min)
3. Ministry involvement may take many different shapes in your church’s presence in the community. **Review** the guidelines to involve your members in ministry. **Resolve** to take some next steps as a diaconate to be a catalyst within the church to encourage and implement ministry with Spirit-filled fruit. (10 min)

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