

CHAPTER SIX Off The Bench: Starters vs Second String

RECAP

- “Far too many people who would gladly participate in church ministry are sidelined because no one recognizes their potential. So many others have valuable gifts they could contribute but are content to sit back and passively observe church life. I cannot imagine anything more regretful than to spend a lifetime in and around the church of Jesus Christ, only to look back and wonder, what could have been.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- The pastor is more than a preacher. In what way? Perhaps this would be a good time to invite the pastor to share with the group what a pastor’s week involves.
- The layman is more than a pew occupant and financial donor. In what way?
- Do you really need to pray about getting involved? Or where should you get involved?
- Review the examples of service opportunities in the local church on pages 59 – 61. What opportunities did the author not mention? Where could your gifts/talents be offered?