

CREATIVE WAYS TO USE YOUR HOBBIES FOR MINISTRY

(Everyday Ideas to Share Your Faith)

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It's easy to think ministry has to be formal, complicated, or out of reach. But what if it could start with the things you already love? You can actually use your hobbies for ministry, whether it's fishing, coffee, reading, sports, or parenting, things you enjoy can open meaningful ways to share your faith without adding anything new to your schedule.

WHY YOUR HOBBIES MATTER

For many people, ministry means a church building, a weekly service, a microphone, a sermon, or a formal program. If that is all you know ministry to be, it is no surprise you might struggle to discover your unique ministry calling.

Ministry isn't confined to a building or a schedule. God can use every part of your life, including the things you wouldn't normally label as "ministry." That's where everyday ministry begins: when your unique calling meets the ordinary rhythms of your life, and your hobbies become natural ways to share your faith in daily, meaningful ways. It's a chance to use your hobbies for a purpose in ways that feel authentic and joyful.

HOW GOD USES SIMPLE THINGS IN POWERFUL WAYS

If using your hobbies for ministry feels strange, Scripture shows that this is exactly how God often works. He repeatedly uses small, ordinary things to accomplish extraordinary purposes, including:

- The slingshot David used to defeat Goliath
- The jawbone Samson used against the Philistines
- The staff God gave Moses to lead Israel
- A handful of flour and a little oil that sustained Elijah and a widow
- A widow's small offering
- A boy's lunch that fed five thousand

HOW PEOPLE USE THEIR HOBBIES FOR MINISTRY

These stories are simple. But they are full of creative ministry ideas you can adapt and learn from as you think about how to use your hobbies for ministry and step into everyday ministry.

IAN: LIFE ON THE FLY

Ian loves fly-fishing—and he loves sharing his faith—so he combined the two. He invites non-Christian friends on weekend trips into the Colorado Rockies, where long drives and slow hours on the river naturally lead to spiritual conversations. He calls it "Life on the Fly." Ian didn't add anything new to his schedule—he simply reimagined the trips he already loved. His river time became everyday ministry, and his fishing rod became a tool for sharing his faith in daily life.

RYAN: COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS

Ryan's passion is gourmet coffee. In his small town, he partnered with a struggling coffee shop owner—bringing in customers in exchange for hosting Bible studies there. What started as one-on-one conversations grew into a coffeehouse-style ministry among young adults, many of whom eventually followed Jesus. Ryan's love for coffee opened the door, and his table became a place for everyday ministry—one cup, one conversation at a time.

CORRINE & JASON: PARENTING AND COACHING

Corrine's love for kids led her into parenting groups, neighborhood friendships, and deep relationships with her children's friends. Jason, a lifelong soccer player, now coaches youth teams and prays over his roster like a father, knowing he may be the closest thing to a praying dad some players have. For both, family and sports became holy ground. Their schedules didn't change—their understanding of ministry did. Parenting and coaching turned into everyday ministry, rich with opportunities to share faith in daily life.

You don't need a title to have a ministry or a stage to make an impact.

**YOU SIMPLY NEED TO OFFER GOD WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE—YOUR
TIME, YOUR INTERESTS, YOUR HOBBIES, AND YOUR STORY.**