

Equip—What Can I Do? I'm Just A Bagger

Matthew 28:16-20

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—Matthew 28:18-19a, 20

The story of Johnny the Bagger Story as told by Barbara Glanz
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1. Equip is to **empower**, train, and release

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The Greatest Empowerment comes directly from Jesus!

2. Equip begins with **Desire**.

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."
—Philippians 2:13

3. Equip includes **self-assessment**.

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." —Romans 12:3

Johnny—What can I do? I am just a bagger.

Rewrite: What can I do? I am the bagger.

SHAPE'd for Serving God.

S-spiritual gifts

H-heart

A-abilities

P-personal style

E-experiences.

The Network course—Servant Profile

Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style, Ministry Passion

4. Creative Ideas come from Holy Spirit into our hearts.

I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me. —Philippians 4:13

5. Enlist Help.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness. —Genesis 1:26

We need a team. Enlist help of others.

In the Beginning God said, "Let us make man in our image." —The Holy Trinity
Jesus called 12 disciples
Jesus sent them out 2 by 2
120 believers gathered in the upper room
Peter and John went to the temple to pray
Early church elected 7 deacons
Paul and Barnabas sent out

Jesus and Me make a majority. ~Paraphrase of John Knox.

6. Miracles happen.

Lives touched
God glorified
Believers edified
Institution mobilized
World evangelized

- **Will you be a Johnny?**
- **What do you want to do?**
- **What can you do?**

Facts—All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus.
Jesus said, "Go!"

Team and Equipment—Jesus said, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Memory Verse:

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