

Lesson 2: People Matter

OBJECTIVE: Rediscover the importance and priority of people to strengthen their lives, with a ministry mindset.

INTRODUCTION:

First: If you grew up in church, name one person who influenced you as a child to do Ministry now? _____

Second: Name a person in your life, that influenced your life to serve, appreciate, and or help people? _____

In the previous lesson, the question was asked, **“What is your calling?”**

How is God speaking to you about further helping people within your calling?

I. Discover Opportunities to do Good

Scripture Reference: Mark 3:1-7

- A. Jesus often went into the synagogue 3:1
 - a. In Capernaum 1:21 – to teach
 - b. In Galilee 1:39 – Preaching and casting out demons
- B. He went in on a Sabbath day
 - a. Sabbath consider holy day Special sign between God and Israel – Exodus 31:13-17
 - b. Sabbath is a of no work – Exodus 20:10
- C. Jesus said He was Lord of the – 2:28
 - a. Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath – John 5:5-9
 - b. Jesus and His disciples picked grain – 2:23
- D. Jesus healed the man with the withered hand – 3:4
Notice Jesus’ question: Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath

APPLICATION: Why do we put up barriers when it comes to helping people? The Pharisees said it was the Sabbath day. What do we do in our modern-day culture to limit helping people?

QUESTION: What good acts are we missing out on when it comes to helping people?

II. Discover Opportunities to Care for People

Scripture Reference: 2:7-12

- A. Jesus took the opportunity to heal many – those that had affliction 3:10

QUESTION: What are various types of afflictions? Mark 5:29, 34

Name an affliction: _____

- B. The unclean spirits saw Him, shouted – You are the Son of God, 3:11

QUESTION: What are these unclean spirits? – Zechariah 13:2;

Name the unclean spirit:

I Kings 22:22-23: _____
 I Timothy 4:1: _____
 2 Timothy 1:7 _____
 I John 4:6 _____

QUESTION: What actions steps can we take to help facilitate divine healing:

III. Discover the People on Your Team 3:13-20

- A. Jesus prayed – Luke 6:12
 B. Jesus called the people unto Himself 3:13
 C. Jesus appointed 12:
 He gave them responsibilities:
 a. To Preach
 b. To Cast out demons

APPLICATION: Responsibilities of Disciples

1. Disciples Are Witnesses

- a. God Does It through the Spirit – Acts 2:47. Witnessing requires a spirit of boldness.
 b. God uses people to reach people – Acts 10:4-6; 26:16
 c. Requires reliance upon the spirit – John 15:4-5

2. Disciples Are Called to Serve Within (a) or (the) Ministry

- a. Disciples are called to fulfill the purpose of building the kingdom of God. Disciples form together in unity to fulfill the mission, purposes, ministries, and activities of the church, through service, Mark 10:45.

- b. To understand that body is made up many parts. I Corinthians 13:12-26 is the model of how the church is to function.
- c. To know their gifts and abilities, so we can use them best to serve the church for the glory of God, II Timothy 1:6-7.

3. Disciples Are Caring People

- a. Be willing to see a need, Luke 9:37-43
- b. Be willing to meet a need, Mark 6:36-44
- b. Be a giver, Luke 6:33-38
- c. Show and have compassion, Matthew 16:32
- d. Be willing to have fellowship with people, Acts 2:42, Luke 10:38-42

4. Disciples Are Risk Takers

- a. One who is willing to walk in Faith, Heb. 11:6
- b. Ministry has an element of challenge within its workings. Disciples must be willing to see what the end will be.

5. Action Oriented

- a. To know your mission, Ephesians 1:11-12
- b. To follow-thru on the mission, Mark 6:37

6. Disciples Are Loving P People

- a. The Commandment says love ye one another, John 13:34
- b. God is Love, I John 4:7-10
- c. Loving is feeding the people, John 21:15-17
- d. Love is the basis of doing ministry

CONCLUSION: Disciples are called by God to actively participate in fulfilling the Will of God through ones calling.