

In Search of a “Gospel” that includes healing

[Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and preach *the gospel* to all creation. - Mark 16.15 NIV

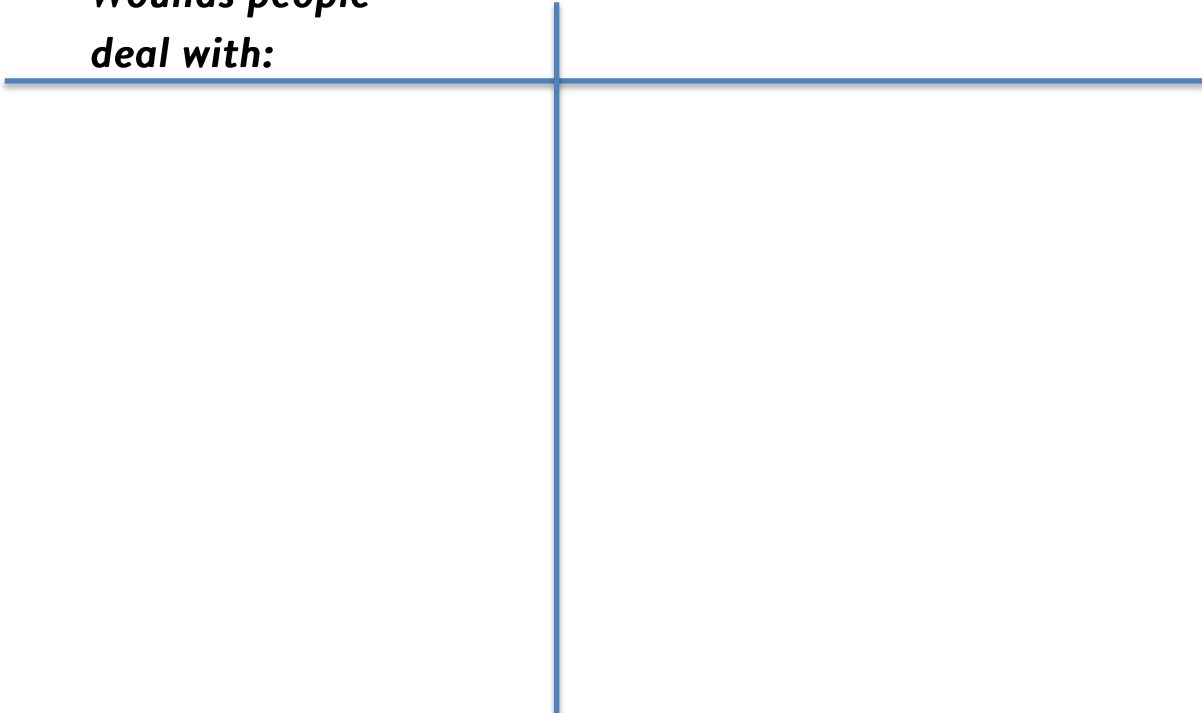
After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching *the gospel* in many Samaritan villages. - Acts 8.25 NIV

After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of *the gospel* and believe. - Acts 15.7 NIV

For I am not ashamed of *the gospel*, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. - Rom. 1.16 NIV

What is *the gospel* for the people in my church and those we are seeking to reach?

***Wounds people
deal with:***



Emotional health and spiritual maturity are _____.

- Peter Scazzaro: *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, pp. 10-12.

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"It is no longer acceptable for you [the church] to lead people to Christ through the church and then refer them to outside counseling or secular [recovery] programs for healing, after which you disciple them. If you were ministering in [a third world country], your gospel would have to include food, water and the basics of hygiene but you are not. You are ministering in North America where one of the greatest needs of My people is for emotional healing."

Discipleship MUST include healing b/c _____ includes healing!

First of all, I urge you that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.... this is good and pleases God our Savior who wants all men/women to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.

1 Tim 2:1-4

"Salvation" means to be _____, made _____ and _____.

OT: "Fear not, stand firm and you will see the salvation of the LORD..." EXODUS 14:13

Acts 16:31 Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be _____. (NIV)

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been _____, through faith... (NIV)

Luke 8:50 Do not be afraid; just believe and she [12 yr. old girl] will be _____. (NIV)

Acts 14:9 Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be _____,
and called out to him, "Stand up on your feet!" (NIV)

According to God's definition of salvation, **how SAVED are the people I lead?**



My life, attitudes, habits and relationships are a wreck. I'm living a nightmare and just hanging on until I die.

Life can't get much better than this. I'm at peace with God, myself and others and I feel deeply satisfied. Bring it on!

Moment of Truth:

The behavior or attitude in my life I would like to be *set free* from is...

The wound or painful situation in my life I would like to experience *wholeness* in is...

The fear (or threatening situation) I would like to be *delivered from* is...

For more info on how to start a Freedom Session ministry in your church, please watch the seminar titled: "[Starting an Effective Healing-discipleship Ministry.](#)"

Follow up EXERCISE A: **Matching My Gospel to the Need**

This is a good exercise to do with staff and ministry teams but it is always wise to 1st prayerfully test the exercise in our own heart. Honesty is critical. Even when having to guess at the answers, make it an honest guess. 😊

1. The types of issues [pain, hurts and wounds] the people in my congregation/arena of ministry face and deal with are:

The issues, pain and tensions facing the people we are hoping to reach with the gospel are:

The issues, pain and tensions facing my team, staff and/or leaders are:

The issues, pain or tensions I am personally facing are:

2. What are my/our current ministries strategies to deal with these issues?

3. What do I sense God saying as I/we complete this exercise?

Follow up EXERCISE B: **Updating my “Testimony”**

When most of us refer to our “testimony” we typically refer to our “conversion.” Part of becoming an authentic leader is having an authentic testimony...like what is the reason for the hope that is within me TODAY?

1. Answer: According to the definition of “salvation” offered in this session (“set free, made whole & delivered”), how has God recently saved me?

What has He recently healed in me?

Where is He currently healing me?

Note: This is my current “salvation” story.

2. If you are unable to answer question #1, and if you have the courage, what is the current area of emotional pain or hurt in your life in which you need to experience “salvation?”

Please pair up with someone (of the same gender) and share your updated “testimony” with him or her.

3. If you are unable to answer question 1 and unable or unwilling to answer question 2, ask yourself why? If you can’t come up with an answer, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the reason. This is important information for you to have.