

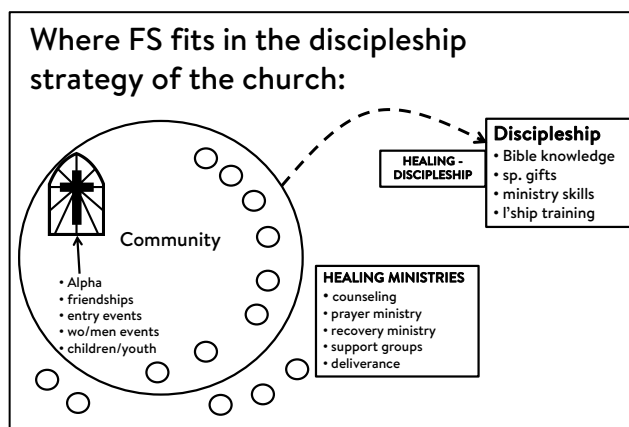
Starting an Effective

Healing-Discipleship Ministry

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

1. Decide whether you want to start a recovery or healing discipleship ministry

2. Understand where / how Healing-Discipleship fits in your over-all discipleship strategy.



3. Realize how important and how difficult it is:

Healing-discipleship is important because:

- it's the most _____ and _____ area of ministry in the church's top 7 priorities:
- it presents and demands a _____ definition of "salvation" – make whole, set free and deliver.

There are three groups of people we need to be concerned about in regards to salvation!!

- ⇒ The **OBVIOUSLY** broken (the "hamartolos" Luke 7:37)
- ⇒ The **IGNORANTLY** broken ("Simon" Luke 7:40-42)
- ⇒ The **UN**saved, **ALMOST** saved, **USED-TO-BE** saved, **DISILLUSIONALLY** saved, and the **WHO KNOWS** if they are saved...

- The church is (one of) the only place(s) that can effectively deal with the " _____ " addictions / unhealthy behaviors that destroy lives and relationships and often lead to more serious and more damaging addictions.

Healing-discipleship is difficult because:

- people are _____ to deal with deeper heart issues.
- _____ is vehemently opposed to anything that weakens his influence over God's people.

4. Select your program

- Not all programs are the same; Not all Christian programs are the same.
- It is the pastor's / leadership's role to discern the program a church will use.
- Their next job is to make healing-discipleship _____.

5. Set your ministry target sights on _____.

Start with the **BROKEN** people you already **HAVE** in your church.

- Sexual Abuse:
- Sexual Addiction:
- Food Addiction:
- Shame:
- Separation/Divorce:
- Depression:
- Distant families
- Fear / anxiety:
- Failure / low self-esteem
- Resentment
- Other:

6. LET US HELP YOU TAKE IT FROM THERE!

1. PURCHASE
2. PLAN
3. PREPARE
4. PLAY



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.