

REIMAGINING CARE

Caring on Purpose

Lesson #1

Jesus & the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42)

- Ways that Jesus demonstrated care

- The woman's quest to satisfy a physical need provided the opportunity for Jesus to:
 - Engage in a _____ conversation about spiritual matters
 - _____ God's truth
 - Address _____ concerns

CORE PRINCIPLE = _____ (James 2:14-17)

- Christian care encompasses: (Iceberg illustration)
 - _____
 - _____

- When we only see what is apparent and others freely disclose, seldom does the concern and compassion we convey:
 - Take into account _____ concerns
 - _____ the love of _____

- Acts of kindness are a supplement, not a substitute to:
 - _____ one another
 - Connecting on a _____ level
 - Caring about/for _____ & _____

CARE CONSIDERATIONS

- Misinterpretation
 - Care FOR or ABOUT one another?
 - Caring **FOR** focuses on helping people and is _____ oriented.
 - Caring **ABOUT** one another fosters _____ relationships.
 - We take an _____ interest
 - ✓ In _____ vs. circumstances
 - ✓ In the _____ of their lives
 - ✓ In their _____ health and well-being
 - Circumstances are the _____.
 - _____ & _____ are the basis of the caring relationship.
 - Requires us to step out of our comfort zone and:
 - ✓ Be _____
 - ✓ Be _____
 - ✓ Be _____ with God & people

- The natural response is to go the extra mile & care ___ people.
 - Caring **about** people reflects an ongoing commitment to ____, ____, and ____ disciples of Jesus.
- Caring is _____.
 - Primary way Jesus cares is by _____.
 - Primary way a Christian cares is by _____.
 - Discipling is “helping others to follow Jesus.” ~ Mark Denner
 - When people allow the LORD to be their Shepherd: (Psalm 23)
 - They lack _____.

KEY POINTS

- Make a _____ difference. (John 4:28, 39-42)
- There is a clear purpose: Loving & caring _____ people.
- Caring is not _____—caring is about _____, not doing.
- There is a clear distinction between secular care and Christian care.
- Christian care focuses on _____.

If we love, we _____.
If we care, we _____