

**Equipped to Care 101**  
***Do We Really Need Help?***  
Class Three/January 28, 2024

**1. Video**

**2. Summary**

- a. Scripture looks at human beings from three angles: Creation, Fall, and Redemption. This sweeping perspective provides the foundation we need for personal ministry. When we start with the Bible's big picture and learn to see with biblical eyes, we will be equipped to be part of God's ongoing work of transformation.<sup>1</sup>
- b. God wants us to have a sanctification agenda in all of our relationships. To have a church culture where we all are growing in helping other grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- c. We need help outside ourselves. The Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and one another is what God has given us to help one another.
- d. God tells us we are:
  - i. Revelation Receivers
    - We need hear from God concerning who we are and what is our purpose.
  - ii. Worshippers
    - We are always worshipping. Our hearts are active worshipping.
    - What we worship will impact how we interpret.
  - iii. Interpreters
    - We are meaning makers. We are constantly looking to make meaning of our circumstances and life.

**3. Discussion Questions**

**4. Speak**

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<sup>1</sup>Tripp, Paul David. *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change* (p. 39). P&R Publishing. Kindle Edition. S

## Elements of Personal Ministry

Love, Know, ***Speak***, Do

***Hebrews 3:13***

*But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Love for God is the only reliable foundation for a ministry of truth speaking. Any other motivation distorts the process. We cannot come in anger, frustration, or a spirit of vengeance. We come because we love God and speak on his behalf to someone who may [need encouragement, comfort,] or be wandering away.<sup>2</sup>

- **The Ministry of speaking the Word of God in truth & in love to one another.**
  - **Speak Hope that gives life.**
    - Sharing hope gives believers encouragement and reason to continue to trust the Lord.
      - Romans 15:13-14
      - Psalm 130:5
      - I Peter 1:13
      - Romans 5:5
  - **Speak Truth in Love**
    - Truth and love or truth and grace are seen together in the Word of God.
      - Deuteronomy 6:4-9
      - Romans 13:10
      - Galatians 5:14
      - Ephesians 4:15
      - Ephesians 6:4
  - **Speak Blessings that Honor God**
    - Blessing God is enhancing God’s reputation in the eyes of others by talking about who He is and what He’s done.
      - Psalm 34:1-3
      - Psalm 103:1-2
      - Psalm 145:1-2, 21
      - Psalm 78:4-7

## 5. Case Study

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