

Equipped to Care 101:
Equipping God's People for Life AND Ministry

Class 2 – In the Hands of the Redeemer

I. Ordinary = **common**

Of no exceptional ability, degree, or quality; average.

Not particularly good; not better than average.

The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition

“Embedded in the larger story of redemption is a principle we must not miss.

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the lives of others.”

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp, pg. 18

II. Toolbox

A. Name some ordinary tools found in a toolbox.

B. Read Ephesians 4:11-12

C. Index Card = What is something you have learned from your past whether a day ago or a decade ago?
Your life is the 101 for caring for another.

III. Dump Truck Caring

“What we think as ministering the Word is little more than a spiritual cut-and-paste system.”

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp, pg. 24

A. Our motivations for dump truck caring may be:

1. We may be sharing the way others have shared with us.

2. We may think that if one verse would help that surely 4 more verses would be four times even better.

3. If I share more verses that will be more convincing and powerful.

4. I want to impress the person I'm caring for that I really know the Bible – especially if I might feel a little intimidated by them.

IV. Minister the Word

A. Choose or find a verse/s

1. Unpack the verse/s

2. Have them tell you what they heard back to you and explain it

3. Apply the truth from the verse/s to their circumstance – be specific

4. In the future ask them how the verse/s connected to their circumstance to help them further the truth and their connection to their lives

B. Notes/Tips

1. Audience – Audience

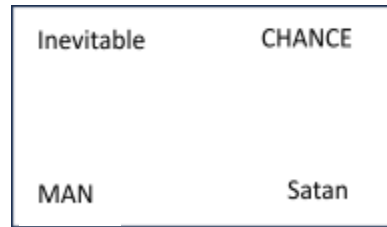
2. Don't get hijacked by multiple agendas or one that diminishes or even eliminates Christ as what their life centers on.

3. Less is More

4. **Bouncing** - One Thing

“If I handle Scripture topically, I will miss the overarching themes at the heart of everything else God wants to say to me. “ Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp, pg. 27

- V. Rebar
 - A. Sovereignty of God



<https://www.graceky.org/sermons/08-we-delight-in-exalting-the-sovereignty-of-god/>

- B. Grace
 - Gentle & Lowly* by Dane Ortlund

- C. Glory
 - “We crave glory that does not belong to us, and we step on one another to get it. Rather than glorifying God by using the things he has given us to love other people, we use people to get the glory we love....Sin has made us glory robbers.” Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands by Paul David Tripp, pg. 34-35

- VI. The Greatest Story
 - “We bring more than solutions, strategies, principles, and commands. We bring the greatest story ever told, the story of the Redeemer.” Instruments in the Redeemer’s Hands by Paul David Tripp, pg. 35

As an ordinary tool in God’s toolbox...
“I again saw under the sun
that the race is not to the swift,
though slow I am not disqualified to race,
and the battle is not to the warriors,
though weak He is my strength in battle,
and neither is bread to the wise,
though lacking in wisdom I will still receive the bread of life,
nor wealth to the discerning,
though deficit in understanding He gives me riches,
nor favor to men of ability...”
though unskillful I have received favor from Him.

Ecclesiastes 9:11