

Equipped to Care 101  
**Following the Wonderful Counselor**  
*Instrument's in the Redeemer's Hands*  
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Intro

Video Prep:

Ch 1, 2, 3 - dealt with the basic struggle with sin.

Ch 4 - pinpoints the HEART as the problem.

Ch 5 - details ministering to the heart.

Ch 6 - Hands you your assignment.

**2 Cor 5:16** So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's **ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Video:

YOU are an **AMBASSADOR!**

You were Chosen by the King. You were Positioned by the King. You were Equipped by the King.

To

Present the Message of the King. Use the Methods of the King. Display the Character of the King!

An ambassador is not a job description - it is a 24/7 identity!

You must now ask, "How would Jesus view this situation?" "How would Jesus seek to make changes?" "What character traits would Jesus display in this scenario?"

Don't replace the real Trinity (Father, Son, Spirit) with a false trinity (Wants, Feelings, Needs)

There are FOUR ways of functioning in the life of someone else in order to be one of God's Instruments of Change.

**Love - Know - Speak - Do**



## Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

### LOVE

- Enter their world.
- Identify with their suffering.
- Incarnate the love of Christ.
- God's grace leads to change.

### KNOW

- Situation – What is going on?
- Responses – What does the person do in response to what is going on?
- Thoughts – What does the person think about what is going on?
- Motives – What does the person want out of, or in the midst of, what is going on?

### SPEAK

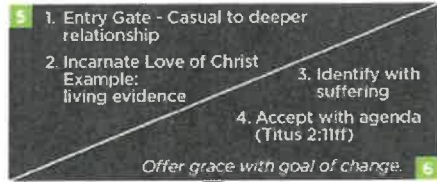
- Consideration – What does God want the person to see?
- Confession – What does God want the person to admit and confess?
- Commitment – To what new ways of living is God calling this person?
- Change – How should these new commitments be applied to daily living?

### DO

- Establish your personal ministry agenda – This provides a sense of direction.
- Clarify responsibility – As people apply truth to life, the issue of who is responsible for what will always arise.
- Instill identity in Christ – Change is a hard process, and people need to be reminded of the resources that are theirs as children of God.
- Provide accountability – Change demands patience and perseverance, so we all need the encouragement, insight, and warning that a system of oversight provides.

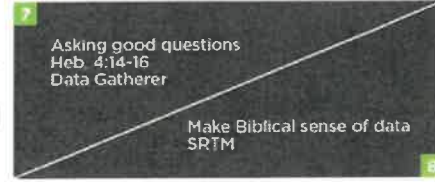
## Love (5-6)

Building relationships in which the work of God can thrive.



## Know (7-8)

Getting to know people and learning where change is needed.



## Speak (9-10)

Bringing truth to where change is needed.



## Do (11-12)

Applying change to everyday life.

