

VISION



A Place Where Needs Are Met

Jesus: Head of the Church – Part 1

Luke 13:10-17

The church is the bride of Christ. Jesus sees the church as “blameless, without spot or wrinkle” (Eph. 5:27). Since Jesus loves the church, we should too. As part of that love, our church must be a place where needs are met. Luke 13 tells of a woman who needed healing, and Jesus provided for her need. We can derive four observations from this text to model how this church can be a place where needs are met.

I. _____ not _____. (vv. 10-12)

- A. As a church, we need to _____ those who are in _____.
- B. In the church, no one should have to carry a burden _____.

II. _____ not _____. (v. 13)

- A. Jesus was _____ to show compassion.
 - 1. He expressed compassion through _____.
 - a. Compassion always involves a _____ and a _____.
 - 2. He expressed compassion through _____.

III. Bottom line _____, not Band-Aid _____. (vv. 14-16)

- A. We are called to be _____ of Christ.
- B. Caution: The church and the community must realize that the church can't meet _____ need.
- C. While we can't meet every need, we can meet _____.
- D. We must be careful not to _____ in the _____ in the church.

IV. _____ not _____. (v.17)

- A. When people's needs are met, we should _____.
- B. Celebration is part of the _____ life that Christ came to give us.
- C. Our church needs to learn to _____ when God blesses us or when needs are met.

*If this is not a place where tears are understood
where do I go to cry?*

*If this is not a place where my spirit can take wing,
where do I go to fly?*

*If this is not a place where my questions can be asked,
where do I go to seek?*

*If this is not a place where my feelings can be heard,
where do I go to speak?*

*If this is not a place where you can accept me just as I am,
where do I go to be free?*

*If this is not a place where I can try and learn and grow,
where can I go to just be me?*

~ Ken Medema ~