



THE COMMUNITY SOLUTION | RENEE DALLAS

Cultivating a CULTURE OF REDEMPTION AND HEALING

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you might declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” (I Peter 2:9)

We are ALL priests: we sympathize and represent:

WE’RE ALSO A FAMILY

“A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows.

Is God in His holy dwelling.

God sets the lonely in families,

He leads forth the prisoners with singing; (“those which are bound with chains” in KJV)

But the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.” (Psalm 68:11)

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

I Corinthians 6:11 says “such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

A More WORLDLY CHURCH AND A MORE CONFUSED CHURCH.

***Accurately:* Knowing truth as a Berean (ACTS 17:11)**

***Personally:* Personally engaging with God through the Holy Spirit**

(JOHN 4:24)

Worship God in SPIRIT AND TRUTH

We OFTEN “Don’t Know” What To Do

WE WERE UNPREPARED

“THE FEAR OF MAN INSTEAD OF “THE FEAR OF GOD”

**“The fear of man will prove to be a snare, but
whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.” Proverbs 29.25**

WE’RE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH STRUGGLES WE CAN’T RELATE TO

HOW DO WE CULTIVATE A CHURCH WHICH HEALS AND REDEEMS?

- Addressing Heart issues Before Creating Ministry Models**
- People Not A Project**

The ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL and the ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY

INDIVIDUAL: Jesus Goes After the One

COMMUNITY: Jesus Always Restores Back Into Community

WHO ARE THE “ONES”?

A. Individuals First, Not An Abstract Conceptualization of LGBTQ

SILENT SHEEP

LOST SHEEP

SEARCHING/OUTSIDER

WOLVES IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING

HOW TO ENGAGE THE INDIVIDUAL “ONE” Phillip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40)

HOW TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY WITH THE “ONE”

- Public Proclamation Promotes Private Conversation & Discipleship**

*“The conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment, the
manufacture of a saint is the task of a lifetime.”*

Alan Redpath, The Making of A Man Of God

Cultivate a culture of goodness

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- RECOGNIZE Jesus work of redemption, reconciliation and transformation in LGBTQ people is also our own story and our own journey!

- Be willing to WALK alongside in the desert

- ENCOURAGE the Overcoming Person to take their rightful place in the Church Community

- MINDFUL of the Messy and Embrace the Dissonance