

Text: Matthew 4:23–24

Introduction

1. It is wise to clearly distinguish between natural mental illness and demonic mental illness.

2. The Goal for every person is healthy spiritual formation; which is achieved through the work of the Holy Spirit and ministering to the whole person – Galatians 4:19 *“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,”*

3. The Goal for every church is to care about the whole person, their whole family for their whole lifetime. – Galatians 6:9–10 *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”*

4. Clearly God has a role for the church in caring for people

5. There are three basic reasons we should get involved
 - a. Biblical Reason – Matthew 9:35 *“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”*

 - b. Historical Reason

 - c. Practical Reason

6. What can the church do to help with Mental Health?

Care for and support people

Help with Practical Needs

Utilize Volunteers

Remove the Stigma

Collaborate with the Community

Hope can be Offered