

A Church that Heals (Part 1)
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God's Mission for the church...

... to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn. Isaiah 61:1-2

How do we make this a healing place?

1. Proclaim the good news and of freedom in Christ

to proclaim good news to the poor... to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and ... to release the oppressed.

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have NOT come to call the righteous, but SINNERS. Mark 2:17

Blessed (happy) is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:1-5

...do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And 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. I Corinthians 6:9-11

2. Be "Wounded Healers"

...to bind up the broken hearted...comfort all who mourn. Isaiah 61:1-2

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16

...the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." – 2 Corinthians 1:2