Reaching Your Community Through Felt Needs

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- Objective -
  - To provide some basic theology for compassionate ministry and
  - Outline the early planning stages for organizing your ministry to get involved in compassionate ministries.

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Compassionate ministries are essential to the witness of the church. The Church is called to emulate Christ and just as

Christ was moved with compassion, the church is called to do the same..

A Theology of Compassion

1. Compassion an essential element of Christlikeness

2. Signs of the Kingdom (Matthew 9:35-37)

3. The Church - God's Strategy for transforming the world

Signs of the Kingdom

Jesus' Example

- The Blind Man
  - Matthew 20:30-34, Mark 10:46-52
- Woman at the well
  - John 4:10
- Healing of the Crippled Man
  - John 5:1-16
- Woman with issue of blood
  - Matthew 5:25-29

The Church - God's Strategy for transforming the world

- F.S.T. Test
  - Force not Fort
  - Servant-hood not Satisfaction
  - Them not Us

Practical Steps

- Prayer
- Determine the needs of your community
  - Focus Groups
  - Public Forum
  - Secondary Data Analysis
  - Community Survey
  - Asset Mapping
- Assess Resources
  - Financial
  - Personnel
  - Supplies/Gift–In-Kind
- Partnerships
  - Community partners
  - Other organizations
- Start Small

Questions
&
Answers

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