

Ministry: Jesus and You

When we understand what Jesus' baptism, temptation, suffering, death, and resurrection mean to us; we must understand what we are here for.

What does God want me to do with my life here on earth? **Ministry!!**

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

What "good things" did God plan for us to do? **the same good things Jesus did**

John 14:12 NLT

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

What are the exact things or works Jesus did in his ministry? **Five things**

Luke 4:18-19 (KJV)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to (#1) preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me (#2) *to heal the brokenhearted*, (#3) to preach deliverance to the captives, and (#4) recovering of sight to the blind, (#5) to set at liberty them that are bruised, (#6) to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Isaiah 61:1-2 (KJV)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD

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Ministry becomes **a way of life**

Jesus came to preach (the Gospel) **Good News** to the poor.

Material Poverty

Moral Poverty

Spiritual Poverty

Share the Good News!!

Are you going to leave a spiritual legacy?

Jesus came to heal (help and comfort) the **brokenhearted**.

Rejection

Resentment

Loneliness

There are hurting people are all around you, everybody has a hidden wound.

Jesus came to (preach deliverance) **proclaim freedom** for the (captives) prisoners.

Trapped

Job

Relationship

Health

Habit

Compulsion

Guilt

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Past

Circumstances

Problems

The #1 Trap is **Fear**

Psalm 118:6 (NLT)

The LORD is for me, so I will have no fear.

Romans 8:31 (NLT)

If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

1 John 4:18 (NIV)

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

God is love, there is no fear in love.

Move against fear in faith!!

Jesus came to proclaim **recovering** of sight to the blind.

People who can't see their way ahead or are lost in a fog and blinded by their problems are blind.

We all have blind spots.

John 8:31-32 (NIV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Tell them **the truth**!!

Jesus came to set at liberty them that are bruised (to set the **oppressed free**).

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Speak up and **stand up** for those who cannot do so for themselves.

Isaiah 1:17 (NIV)

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV) verses 35 &36

I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Verse 40

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Christians are the body of Christ.

Jesus came to proclaim the **acceptable year** of the Lord.

Seek Christ, and enjoy the year of his grace-enjoy his mercies and rest in the assurance of his promise. That which you could not do for yourself (being brought into the favor of the Lord) has been done by Christ for us!

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (NIV)

For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not

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counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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