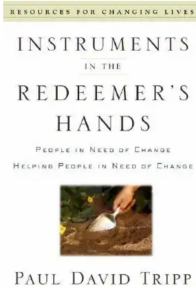


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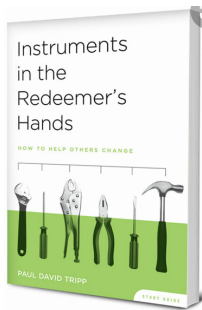
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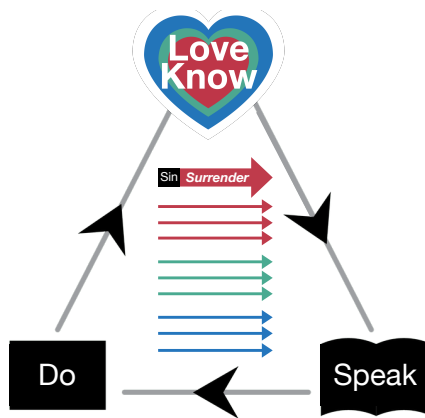
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
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Study Guide



Establish Your Personal Ministry Agenda

-  **Gospel Fluency** by Grabbing the Hooks
-  Making Progress in the **Priorities** of a Disciple
-  **Loving** as Christ has loved
-  **Conversations Flow** around the Triangle
-  Loving others by **speaking the truth** in love
-  Helping others **do** what God has called them to **do**

**Personal Ministry Development
 and CCBC Teaching Guides**

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Simple Overview Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Tripp

The gospel provides the foundation we need for personal ministry.

CCBC wants to mobilize God's people for personal ministry.

We need the words of God to make sense of life.

We also need daily personal ministry from others.

My heart is the source of my sin problem.

Lasting change must always travel through the pathway of my heart.

Our desires fight for control of our hearts.

The war is between the flesh and The Spirit.

We were created to live for God's glory.

Biblical personal ministry's central focus is The Redeemer.

Our lives belong to The King.

We represent God's purposes to the people He places in our lives.

A Model of Personal Ministry: Love Know Speak Do

I. **LOVE** Lessons 5-6 on April 10 & 17

- A. **Enter the person's world.** (Move) from a casual relationship to a life-changing one.
- B. **Incarnate the love of Christ.** We are examples (of His love) & our lives testify of His grace to transform hearts.
- C. **Identify with suffering.** We are all suffering sinners... Minister to others in pain.
- D. **Accept with agenda.** We are in need of radical change & want to help others change.

II. **KNOW** Lessons 7-8 on April 24 & May 1

- A. **Situation:** What is/was **going** on?
- B. **Responses:** What does the person **do** in response to what is going on?
- C. **Thoughts:** What does the person **think** about what is going on?
- D. **Motives:** What does the person **want** out of what is going on?

III. **SPEAK** Lessons 9-10 on May 8 & 15

- A. **Consideration:** What does God want the person to see?
Use Scripture as a mirror.
- B. **Confession:** What does God want the person to admit and confess?
- C. **Commitment:** To what new ways of living is God calling this person?
- D. **Change:** How should these new commitments be applied to daily living?

IV. **DO** Lessons 11-12 on May 22 & 29

- A. **Establish your personal ministry agenda.** A plan/map provides a clear sense of direction.
- B. **Clarify responsibility.** As people apply truth to life, the issue of who is responsible for what will always arise.
- C. **Instill identity in Christ.** Change is a hard process, and people need to be reminded of the resources that are theirs as children of God.
- D. **Provide accountability.** Change demands patience & perseverance, so we all need the encouragement, insight & warning that a system of oversight provides.

Lesson 9 Teaching Guide “The Goals of Speaking the Truth in Love”

Big Question: Is the gospel central when you speak the truth to someone?

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Speak

SPEAK “The Goals of Speaking the Truth in Love”

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1. **Rebuke** is the word the Bible uses for **bringing truth to where change is needed**, yet most of us don’t react positively when we hear it...When we think of rebuke, we think of harsh words, red faces, ultimatums, and threats. We don’t think of an act of **patient and committed love**. p. 200B
2. **Start with ourselves.** If we are going to speak as ambassadors, we affirm that **biblical truth-speaking always begins with dealing with our own hearts**. We need to **confess and forsake all the wrong thoughts and motives** (anger, bitterness, thoughts of vengeance, a spirit of condemnation, etc.) that would stand in the way of what the Lord wants to do through us. And we must **ask God to provide the love, courage, patience, and wisdom** that we will need to represent him well. This step of **personal preparation** is often neglected in moments of confrontation. The result is that the rebuke is not effective, not only because the receiver was unwilling but also because the representative was unprepared. If we do not start with our own hearts we will tend to: (a) Turn moments of ministry into moments of anger (b) Personalize things that are not personal (c) Be adversarial in our approach (d) Confuse our opinions with God’s will (e) Settle for quick solutions that do not address the heart. ^{93SG} Humbly embrace the fact that **the Wonderful Counselor is working on everybody** involved... No one is more ready to communicate God’s grace than someone who has faced his **own desperate need** for it. p. 211B
3. Why is our heart preparation important? Why are courage & patience needed?
4. **Understand why people need to be confronted.** **People need to be confronted because of:** (a) The **deceitfulness of sin**, which blinds our hearts (Hebrews 3:12-13) (b) Wrong and **unbiblical thinking** (Numbers 11; Psalm 73) (c) **Emotional thinking** (we are all aware that we don’t do our best thinking in times of great emotion; we will often be ministering to people who are in the midst of situations that are emotionally volatile) (d) **Our view** of life (God, self, others, the solution, etc.) tends to be strengthened by our experiences. Because we are the one interpreting our experiences our conclusions tend to be reinforced with each new situation. **What we need is an intervention of truth to confront and correct our thinking.** p. 94SG
5. How is bringing The Truth (& biblical thinking) to someone’s attention loving them?

6. **Speak with God's goals in view.** p. 94SG Our loving, honest rebuke can be equal to these challenges only if we pursue two goals. The first is to be used as one of God's **instruments of seeing** in the lives of others. I am not trying to advance my own opinion. I want to help people see themselves in the **mirror of God's Word**. I want to help them **see what God sees**. The second is to be used by God as an **agent of repentance**. The biblical definition of **repentance** is **a change of heart that leads to a change in the direction of my life...** Our goal is not to pressure people into behavioral changes, but to **encourage heart change** that impacts the life. p. 212-213B
7. My **goal** is that **through** the things I say (message), the way I say them (methods), and the attitudes I express (character), **God will change the heart** of this person... You have a **kingdom worker** identity. You have been chosen to pursue relationships with a sense of **redemptive calling**. p. 213B
8. How do we partner with God as we speak the truth of God's Word into someone?
9. A mistake we often make when we seek to lead someone to repentance is to emphasize the law over the gospel. Yet Paul says (Rom. 2:4) that it is **God's kindness (goodness) that leads us to repentance**. He also says (2 Cor. 5:14) that it is the love of **Christ that compels us** to no longer live for ourselves, but for him. **The grace of the gospel is what turns our hearts**, because the gospel is God's magnificent promise of forgiveness in Christ. This draws us out of hiding **into the light of truth, where true confession and repentance can take place**. p. 213B
10. Confronting people should not only confront them with failure and sin, it should also confront them with the gospel. We cannot forget this! We need to remind people of their **identity in Christ** (2 Peter 1:3-9; 1 John 3:1-3). We need to remind them of God's **amazing promise of forgiveness** (1 John 1:5-10), and the wonderful gift of the **indwelling Holy Spirit** (Eph. 3:20), who gives us strength to obey. These truths give believers the **courage to examine their hearts, confess their sin, and turn to Christ**. p. 213-214B

Romans 8:1-17

11. Paul begins by alerting us of **the comfort of the gospel** (vv. 1-11)... The Lord Jesus Christ has removed the sentence of condemnation... **Jesus paid the penalty for our sin**. p. 95SG ...The gospel also comforts us with the Holy Spirit... **God lives inside us... The Spirit** has come to give us life, power, and the desire and ability to obey. p. 96SG
12. Self-examination and confession flow out of a deep confidence that **Christ's work is effective for me today**. I come to Him confident that He forgives me. p. 215B
13. Paul says that the gospel is also a call. **The call of the gospel** is summarized by Paul in vv. 12-17. Paul uses the word obligation to define what the gospel calls us to. He essentially says that the ongoing work of God in the believers' lives is to **eradicate sin ("put to death the misdeeds of the body")**. p. 97SG
14. The heart that has embraced both the **hope (comfort)** and the **obligation (call)** can receive honest words of confrontation. The person can see **the gravity of his sin** and **the grandeur of God's call to obey** in light of gospel truths. p. 217
15. True biblical confrontation confronts people with much more than their sins and failures. It confronts people with Christ. **He really is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life!" Hope for change always rests on Him**. p. 218B
16. Why does rebellion & sin make us uncomfortable? How do Christ's work on the cross, Christ's power in the resurrection and The Spirit's presence give us comfort?

Lesson 10 Teaching Guide “The Process of Speaking the Truth in Love”

Big Question: What does it look like to confront someone biblically?

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Speak

SPEAK “The Process of Speaking the Truth in Love”

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- Every situation, conversation, relationship, trial, or blessing belongs to Him...** **People** who approach life this way are ready to serve as God’s instruments of change. They **see beyond their own agenda and are motivated by His.** p. 222B
- Our goal is to do more than read people a list of charges from Scripture or tell them what we think of them. We want to **help people understand what is wrong** and lead them to repentance. To that end, we will consider **four steps in the confrontation process.** p. 222B **1. Consideration 2. Confession 3. Commitment 4. Change**
- CONSIDERATION:** The question to ask yourself is, **“What does this person need to see (about himself, God, others, life, truth, change) that he does not see, and how can I help him see it?”** ...Our goal is not to communicate a list of offenses, but to **help people see themselves.** Often when people tell their story, they are not in it! They focus on the difficulties of the situation and the attitudes and behavior of others. They don’t include their own thoughts, desires, choices, and actions. While we are sensitive to the realities of suffering and being sinned against, **our goal is to encourage people to look at their behavior and examine their hearts...** p. 223B
- How have you seen people focus on the difficulties of the situation, the attitudes of others, the behavior of others as opposed to focusing on their own thoughts & actions?
- Five questions** can help people see what God wants them to see. The order is important because it teaches us to **think biblically about why we do the things we do and how God changes us.** The questions are appropriate for young children and mature adults and for informal and formal **(personal) ministry.** p. 223B
- (1) What was going on?** This question focuses on the **situations** or **circumstances** that people are facing. Their responses are important for two reasons. First, you want them to see that **circumstances did not force them** to do what they did. Second, you want to **understand the details of their world in order to speak truth into it.** p. 224B
- (2) What were you thinking and feeling as it was going on?** **This question** takes people’s eyes off the situation & **asks them to examine their hearts (thoughts)...** We are never just victims, but incessant interpreters whose interpretations precede and shape our actions. We... experience powerful emotions that direct our behavior. p. 224

6. (3) What did you do in response? This question comes after the question above because **our behavior is shaped by our heart's response to the situation.** p. 224B
7. By asking this question at this time, you **help people to admit that their behavior was not forced by the situation** ("It was the only thing I could do!") or by others ("She makes me so angry!"). (Without this connection), people revert to blame-shifting. 224B
8. If we fail to **expose the connection between interpretation and response**, we give Satan a huge opportunity. He is the teller of plausible **lies**... Satan works with partial & distorted truths. His lies have power because they begin with something true. p. 224B
9. **Help people...see that their behavior reveals more about their own hearts...** 225B
10. (4) Why did you do it? What were you seeking to accomplish? (reveal motives) p. 225B
11. **Human life is one big treasure hunt. We all have things that are valuable to us** (acceptance, possessions, achievement, a certain lifestyle, God's glory, vengeance, love, independence, health). In some way, we all seek to get those things from our situations & relationships. Our behavior always expresses these motives...idols. 225B
12. **Biblical personal ministry always moves toward issues of glory & worship. The most basic question in all personal ministry is, "For whose glory are you living?"** 226
13. (5) What was the result? ...We need to help people examine the fruit in their lives & see the connection between their harvest and the thoughts & motives of their hearts.
14. We want to be used by God to give people two things. The first is a harvest mentality, where people understand that **every day they plant seeds & harvest fruit from the seeds they have planted.** The second is an investment mentality that acknowledges Christ's teaching that **our lives are shaped by the treasure in which we invest.** 226-227B
15. As long as people are willing to be part of the **process**, you can work to **refocus their attention toward the heart and its fruit.** p. 227
16. **CONFESSION:** If people have looked at themselves in the mirror of Scripture, they should have identified sins of heart and behavior that needs to be confessed. p. 228B
17. **True confession flows out of worship and results in a deeper, fuller worship of God.** As Christ's ambassadors, we seek to lead people to speak humble, specific words of confession to the Lord. We also need to **encourage them to identify people who have been affected by their sins and seek their forgiveness.** We should lead them to pray, to admit their sin, and to **seek God's forgiveness and help.** p. 229B
18. We have to deal with our own hearts as well... we too are sinners. p. 229B
19. **COMMITMENT:** Don't soften God's call for concrete commitments of heart and life. **People's commitments should be God-ward** and not simply horizontal bargains with the goal of an easier, better life. **God is worthy of their worship even if their circumstances remain the same...**If the person has lived for her own glory, **a new way of living must be rooted in a zeal for God's glory & a resolve to live for Him.** p. 230B
20. **CHANGE:** It is easy to assume that change has taken place because the person has gained insight & made new commitments. This may tempt us to stop the confrontation process prematurely. But change has not taken place until change has taken place! **Change**—not personal insight or commitment—**is the goal of confrontation.** p. 231B
21. Truth that is not spoken in love ceases to be truth because it is twisted by other agendas. Love that is not guided by truth ceases to be love because it is divorced from God's agenda. p. 232

Biblical Examples of Interactive Confrontation: **2 Sam. 12:1-14; Lk. 7:36-50; 14:1-14**

22. Why is God worthy of worship even if our circumstances remain the same?

23. How has God used you in others, & them in you, to see and pursue a life of faith?

Lesson 11 Teaching Guide “Establishing Agenda & Clarifying Responsibilities”

Big Question: Do you minister to others with a clear sense of biblical purpose & help them clarify their responsibilities before God?

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Do

DO “Establishing Agenda & Clarifying Responsibility”

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1. **Change** always demands a deeper understanding of the things of God and a more **careful application** of those truths to our lives. Since **change is a lifelong process**, it won’t be over until we are in the presence of the Lord. So, as we encourage people to change, dealing with the needs of the moment is not our highest priority; rather, it is answering **God’s call** to “**Be holy, because I am holy**” (Lev. 11:44). **As we call people to do what God has called them to do, we must keep this ultimate destination in view.** p. 239B
2. We tend to be shortsighted and self-absorbed. We forget that **God’s primary goal is not changing our situation and relationships so that we can be happy, but changing us through our situations and relationships so that we will be holy. We need people who love God and us enough to come alongside and help us deal with our spiritual myopia.** p. 241B
3. We do want people to see, know and understand, but we also want them to **apply** that insight to their **daily life**. God opens our eyes so that, in seeing Him, we would **follow Him more closely**... personal ministry should not end too soon. p. 243B
4. **We all need people to stand alongside us as we apply God’s Word to our lives.** 243
5. The final aspect of our model, **Do**, teaches us how to apply truths we have learned, personal insights we have gained, and commitments we have made, to our daily lives. Here we teach people to be dissatisfied with the gap between their confessional and functional theology. **We lead them to live out their identity as children of God, claiming the rights and privileges of the gospel. Do** trains people in the decisions, actions, relationships, and skills of Christ-centered, biblically informed living. **We have a wonderful opportunity not only to teach people how to solve their problems biblically, but to turn their lives around for the long run.** p. 243-244B
6. Why do you agree or disagree that “change is a lifelong process?”
7. What role do action steps have in “applying truths we have learned?”
8. Why would it be exciting for you to help others do what God has called them to do?
9. **1. Establishing Your Personal Ministry Agenda:** A plan or map provides a clear sense of direction. **2. Clarifying Responsibility:** As people apply truth to life, the issue of who is responsible for what will always arise. **3. Instill Identity in Christ** **4. Provide Accountability**

10. **Establishing Your Personal Ministry Agenda** An **agenda** is simply a **plan** for accomplishing a goal, a **map** that shows us our destination (**the changes that need to take place**) and **how to get there** (How? Where? When? With whom?). p. 245B
11. We need to apply the principles, perspectives, commands, and themes of God's great redemptive story to the concrete realities of a person's life. **We cannot leave people to themselves or advise them from a distance.** Yet all too often, our ministry is weakest here. We fail to recognize that, **on their own, people often have a hard time applying biblical truths to their lives. We need to establish a biblical sense of direction (agenda) for our ministry** at this stage. p. 245-246B
12. God has chosen us to be his ambassadors in this person's life! The Holy Spirit is enlivening the person's heart and empowering our words. The Savior is loving and changing others through us. **Nothing we can do is more important** or will have more lasting results. In view of the holiness of our calling, we should not speak without **preparation. We should ask questions that help us think clearly about how to accomplish God's goals for change in this person.** 246B
13. **What are God's goals for change for this person (in general) in this situation?** This question applies God's call to "**put off**" and "**put on**" (Eph. 4:22-24) to the specifics of a person's thoughts, motives, and behavior. What does God want her to think, desire, do? Answering this question marks out our destination... I must only lead people where God is calling them. p. 247B
14. This question **takes the general** commands, **themes**, perspectives, and principles of **Scripture and fashions them into specific steps of change.** p. 247B
15. The Bible presents a **lifestyle** that is **radically** different... The Bible not only lays out a surprising **picture** of what is wrong with us, but a surprising agenda for correction. 248
16. **When we actually apply biblical perspectives to people's daily lives, they rearrange them from the inside out.** p. 249B
17. **Clarifying Responsibility** ...The Christian life can really be boiled down to two words: **trust and obey.** I must **always entrust the things that are out of my control to God** (Circle of Concern), and I must **always be faithful to obey his clear and specific commands** (Circle of responsibility). p. 255B (Figure 13:1 p. 250B & p. 354B)

Romans 12:14-21 is a wonderful passage to explain this "**trust and obey.**"

18. What is powerful about this passage is that it lays out the "**trust and obey**" lifestyle in the context of mistreatment. **God clearly explains our duties in the face of wrong treatment:** a. Bless those who persecute you (v. 14). b. Be tender and compassionate (v. 15). c. Commit to living in harmony (v. 16). d. Do not be proud (v. 16). e. As far as you can, live at peace with everyone (v. 19). f. Meet your enemy's need (v. 20). g. Overcome evil with good (v. 21). In making my responsibilities under mistreatment clear, Paul also makes it clear that there are things that I must not take as my responsibility. p. 256
19. At the same time, it is wrong to be passive in the face of mistreatment, waiting around for God to do something. **God calls us to be obediently active**, looking for ways to do good, make peace, and meet needs. In the process, we continue to entrust the person who has wronged us to God's just and merciful hands. In short, **we must do what God has called us to do** in a spirit of joyful submission, and, in a spirit of humble trust, **let God do what he alone can do.** p. 256
20. Do you have a plan to help others do what God has called them to do? How can CCBC help you with a plan for this? Why does the word "agenda" sound intentional?

Lesson 12 Teaching Guide “Instilling Identity with Christ & Providing Accountability”

Big Question: Do you **help others** bear the burden of **change** by providing biblical **accountability** & **affirming** their identity in Christ?

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Do

DO “Instilling Identity w/ Christ & Providing Accountability”

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1. This chapter examines the fact that **encouragement and accountability are important parts of the truth application process...** God designed us to live in community, first with Him and then with one another... It is in the process of change that we really begin to see our **need for one another... God created us to be (inter)dependent on each other to live life righteously**, just as he created us to be dependent on his revelation to interpret life accurately. p. 259
2. How have you benefited from the encouragement and/or accountability of others?
3. **1. Establishing Your Personal Ministry Agenda 2. Clarifying Responsibility 3. Instill Identity in Christ: Change is a hard process, and people need to be reminded of the resources that are theirs as children of God. 4. Provide Accountability: Change demands patience and perseverance, so we all need the encouragement, insight, and warning that a system of oversight provides.**
4. **3. Instill Identity in Christ** People need encouragement as they pursue the hard work of change. They need truths that will motivate and strengthen them. p. 259
5. **Scripture lays out this new identity for us.** We learn that we are not only forgiven, but have in fact been adopted into the family of God. **We are children of the King of Kings.** The God of the universe is our Father! p. 260
6. **“In Christ”** means that we have been fully united to Him and received all He has promised us... **We have life because we are “in” the Vine.** p. 260
7. As people pursue the process of lifelong change, they need to **live out of a gospel identity.** They, like us, need to be reminded of who they are again and again. p. 260
8. There is a radical difference between saying, “I am a depressed person,” and saying, **“I am a child of God ‘in Christ’ and I tend to struggle with depression.”** p. 260 ... “Yes, I wrestle with depression every day, but I am not alone. I do not rest on my own strength and wisdom.” p. 261
9. It is never a waste of time to **remind people of who they are in Christ.** Doing so stimulates hope, courage, and faith. p. 261
10. Why do we forget who we are in Christ?
11. Why do we need to remind people of who they are in Christ?

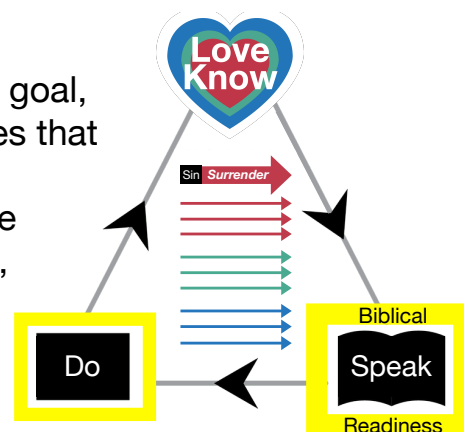
2 Peter 1:3-9 a. There will be people who know the Lord, but whose lives are ineffective and unproductive. (v. 8) p. 261... b. These people do not produce the expected fruit because they are missing essential character qualities (faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love). But Christ lived, died, and rose so that they would possess these qualities. (v. 5-8) c. These people have lost sight of their identity in Christ, so they do not realize the resources that are theirs. (v. 9) d. Another significant aspect of our identity is that in Christ we have been given “everything we need for life and godliness.” (v. 3) p. 262... God’s purpose is not that we would be personally happy (nice job, marriage, family, church, neighborhood, vacation, retirement), but that we would become participants in His divine nature. (v. 4) p. 264... e. When we start living out of our identity in Christ, it will change the way we live. We will not settle for a little bit of Christian character. We will not see our relationships and situations as dangers to be avoided, but as opportunities to experience what already belongs to us in Christ. (v. 5-8) p. 265

12. Each day we will want to experience more of the resources that are ours as children of God. This expectant, **progressive model of change** is critical for people **applying new insights and commitments to their lives**. p. 266... Peter ties our ability to persevere through difficulties to our grasp of our identity in Christ and the resources that come with it... He has promised to **progressively conform our sinful hearts to the likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ**. As we **apply new insights and make new commitments**, this is the identity we need... We need to be continually reminded of our status as children of God and our spiritual resources in Christ. p. 267
13. **Provide Accountability** The biblical picture (of **accountability**) is very loving in at least two ways. a. As we help restore people to where God wants them to be, we are called to “**carry each others burdens**” (Gal. 6:2). b. We are told to fight the deceitfulness of sin by “**encouraging one another daily**.” (Heb. 3:13). p. 268
14. Like all personal ministry, **accountability** is incarnational. By standing alongside people, we incarnate the presence of the Holy Spirit who is not only *with* them but *in* them. We preach the gospel of an ever-present Redeemer who doesn’t just command, but enables. He doesn’t just convict, he forgives and restores. **Biblical accountability** is not fearful, abusive, or intrusive. It is **loving, sacrificial**, ambassadorial, incarnational and holy. p. 269
15. **Accountability** provides loving a. structure, b. guidance, c. assistance d. encouragement, and e. warning to someone who is fully committed to the **change** God is working in his life. **The person who makes accountability work is always the person being held accountable**. p. 269
16. **Accountability** brings ongoing help to the person who is fully committed to the “**put off/put on**” process. Ask yourself three questions as you seek to provide such accountability: a. What kinds of ongoing help will this person need? b. How often will I need to be in contact with him or her for change to continue? c. Are there other resources in the body of Christ that would be helpful during this period? How can I connect this person to these resources? P. 271
17. How crucial is it that someone wants to change? Where does surrender fit into change?
18. This book is first of all a call to live a daily ministry lifestyle rooted in God’s Word... Second, this book is rooted in the belief that God has called and positioned all of His children to live as His ambassadors. p. 271...God’s kingdom work involves every member the body of Christ. p. 272

Establish a Personal Ministry Agenda

- “An agenda is a simple plan for accomplishing a goal, a map that shows us our destination (the changes that need to take place) and how to get there.”
- “We cannot leave people to themselves or advise them from a distance... We fail to recognize that, on their own, people often have a hard time applying biblical truths to their lives.”

Helping people do what God has called them to do



Surrendering: I submit myself fully in loving service to The King

Speak

Lk. 9:23-24 Col. 3:3 2 Jn. 1:6 Dt. 6:5

Living in Obedience to God's Will

- I make tough decisions to put Christ first in how I use time, talents and money.
- I am beginning to ask, “What would Jesus want me to do in this situation?”
- I express how I am putting God's interest first.
- I practice two or three practical disciplines for strengthening my walk with God.
- I have a basic understanding of my spiritual gifts.

Abiding: I apply the **word** to life until it becomes a lifestyle

Speak

Jn. 8:31-32 Rom. 12:1-2 Jas. 1:22 Ps. 119:11

Transformed by the Word of God

- I love and live the Scriptures. I have a daily appointment with God, including prayer.
- I participate in regular personal Bible study and read to be more intimate with God.
- I make regular application of the Bible to my life.
- I choose to solve life problems with the Bible.
- I describe how I am choosing obedience over self-interest.

Worshiping: I **do everything** for the glory of God

Speak

Jn. 4:23-24 1 Cor. 10:31 Rev. 4:11 Ps. 100:1-3

Exalting God in my Daily Life

- I love and honor God in every area of my life & in everyday life situations.
- I have established one or two reasons why I love God and want to honor Him.
- I see things in my daily routine as an opportunity to worship God.
- I practice a regular pattern of prayer, for example, adoration, confession, thanksgiving & supplication (ACTS).
- I express how I am trusting God through prayer & praise King Jesus regularly.

Gathering: I give myself to others in relationship as Christ's body

Speak

Heb. 10:24-25 John 17:22-23 Col. 3:16 Ps. 133:1

United




- I intentionally am a fellow worker in the local church & the broader kingdom of God.
- I intentionally work to have fellowship, unity and community by being present and engaged in life with my brothers and sisters in Christ in order to do my part as a member of Christ's body.
- I see the local church in the scriptures therefore I intentionally give myself to others in congregational worship/teaching, community/affinity groups & biblical leadership.
- I intentionally value accountability to one another & to the vision/mission of His body.

Equipping: I make disciples with the life God has given me



Speak

Mt. 28:19-20 Acts 14:21-22 Eph. 4:12-13 Ezra 7:10 Faithful to Spiritually Parent

- I intentionally build deep relationships with other believers in order to... “EmBody the Priorities of a Disciple and Pass them Along in Relationship.” 
- I intentionally slow down to learn others backstories in order to know who they are, where they have been and help them discern where God wants them to go by discovery and discussion around the Bible. 
- I intentionally ask good questions and tell personal stories from my experience.
- I intentionally help others love and live the Scriptures. I intentionally help others discover actions steps as the Holy Spirit leads. I provide accountability & affirmation. 

Loving: I serve, care for and encourage my **brothers and sisters in Christ**

Speak

Jn. 13:34-35 Rom. 12:10 1 Jn. 3:14-16 Zech. 7:9 Sacrificial Love

- I intentionally love and serve my brothers and sisters in Christ because I have experienced Christ’s love and sacrifice.
- I intentionally work to be at peace with & honoring to my brothers & sisters in Christ.
- I am intentionally sensitive to the needs of my brothers & sisters in Christ in order to care for them and bear their burdens as a means to encourage them.
- I intentionally forgive my brothers and sisters in Christ and clothe myself with humility when my personal preferences are different from theirs.

Living Sent: I see lostness daily and among unreached people groups

Speak

Jn. 20:21 Rom. 1:4-6 Acts 1:8 Ps. 67:1-3 Spiritually Burdened to Move to People in Love

- I share God’s heart for any lost person, pockets of lostness & Unreached People Groups.
- I pray for lostness and prepare to be ready, willing and able to go or simply be strategic as I go.
- I regularly identify myself as a follower of Christ in conversations and relationships.
- I am intentionally placing myself in places which foster opportunities to engage in people’s lives.

Inviting Along: I initiate intentional relationships and conversations

Speak

Jn. 4:7 Mk. 2:14-15 Lk. 19:5 Lk. 2:46 Honest/Open/Transparent

- I am learning how to initiate spiritual conversations and how to transition from secular to spiritual conversations.
- I can ask good diagnostic questions which help assess spiritual health and the direction the conversation needs to go.
- I see the value of on-going conversations and will continue to build off of each conversation.

Proclaiming Christ: I prepare myself as a **witness** to all people

Speak

1 Pet. 2:9 Lk. 4:43 1 Tim. 3:16 Is. 52:7 Frequent Natural Conversations about Christ

- I have a clear understanding of the gospel.
- I seize as many opportunities as possible to “praise King Jesus” and “glorify God.”
- I am able to share my personal testimony in a friendly, relevant and brief manner.
- I am able to share the gospel with a simple illustration.

DEMONSTRATED LIFE CHANGE/**DESIRED PROGRESS**

Walking in
The Light

Establish a Personal Ministry Agenda

People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change

Change is His agenda. **Change is a Lifelong Process.**

Take general themes of Scripture and fashion them into specific steps of change... God changing us... Genuine life change.

Desired Progress

Darkness

Advancing the **Kingdom of Light**
(God's preferred future for me)

FOLLOWING Christ

Surrendering: I submit myself fully in loving service to The King

Being My Own Boss Back and Forth Living in Obedience to God's Will

Abiding: I apply the **word** to life until it becomes a lifestyle

Conformed to the Pattern of this World Transformed by the Word of God

Worshipping: I do everything for the glory of God

Doing What Is Right In My Own Eyes Exalting God in my Daily Life

MATURING as Members in the BODY of Christ

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Isolated Present but Not Engaged United

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Speak

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MULTIPLYING Generations of disciples of Christ

Living Sent: I see lostness daily & among unreached people groups

Unaware of People Around You Spiritually Burdened to Move to People in Love

Inviting Along: I initiate intentional relationships & conversations

Ignore/Uncaring Surface Asking Questions Honest/Open/Transparent

Proclaiming Christ: I prepare myself as a **witness** to all people

Fearful/Unprepared to Witness Awkward/Forced Frequent Natural Conversations about Christ

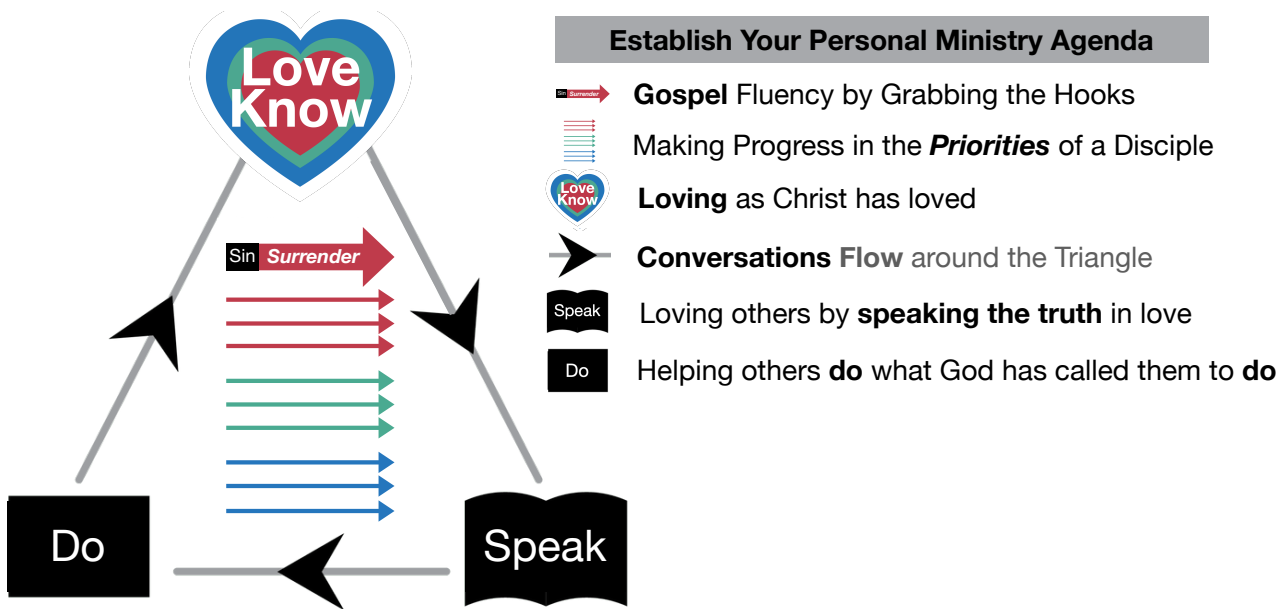
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Desired Progress

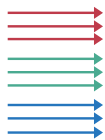
Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

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PEOPLE IN NEED OF CHANGE HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED OF CHANGE

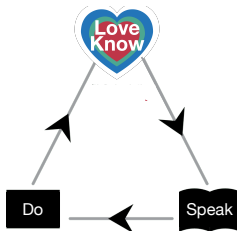
- “God’s plan is that through the faithful ministry of every part, the whole body will grow to full maturity in Christ.”
- “When God calls you to himself, he also calls you to be a servant, an instrument in his redeeming hands. **All of his children are called into ministry...**”
- “The ‘passive body that pays the professionals’ culture of the modern evangelical church must be forsaken for the ministry model God has so wisely ordained.”
- “...mobilize **God’s people for personal ministry.**”



Sin Surrender → “The only proper **response** to the comfort of the **gospel** is to accept its **call** and **follow Christ** in obedience.”



“**Take general** commands, **themes**, perspectives, and principles of **Scripture** and fashion them **into specific steps of change.**”



“We use the word *counseling*... but by no means do we limit its definition to the more formal, professional meaning... **counseling/ personal ministry... is... getting alongside people to serve them—to assist them in making the changes God wants them to make.** This kind of counseling is not only a formal ministry of the church; it’s meant to be **the lifestyle of every believer.**”



“An **agenda** is simply a **plan** for accomplishing a goal, a **map** that shows us our destination (**the changes that need to take place**) and **how to get there** (How? Where? When? With whom?).”