

Acts 19:13,15, NIV – (13) ... (15) *One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?”*

5. Ask Them What They Need, Get Permission To Minister, And Tell Them What You Are Going To Do

Mark 10:51, NIV – “What do you want me to do for you?” *Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”*

6. Use Your Authority To Take Control Of The Situation, If Need Be

Matthew 18:18, NIV – *I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

7. Perceive What Needs There Are, Agree With God, And Speak The Kingdom To It

Matthew 18:19, NIV – *Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.*

8. Speak To The Stronghold, And Command It To Go

Matthew 17:20, NIV – “... *I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”*

9. Watch What Is Happening (Keep Your Eyes Open)

Acts 14:9-10, NIV – *He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed (10) and called out, “Stand up on your feet!” At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.*

10. Ask Questions

Mark 8:23-25, NIV – (23) ...*Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?” (24) He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.” (25) Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.*

11. If There Is Resistance, Seek God For Further Insight

12. Always Thank God For What He Did

Luke 17:17-19, NIV – (17) *Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? (18) Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” (19) Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”*

EXPERIENCING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

5 - Ministering The Kingdom To Others

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WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

1. We Are Invited To Be Fishers Of Men, Like Jesus Was

Matthew 4:19, NIV – “*Come, follow me,*” *Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”*

2. The Good News Is To Come TO Us, And THROUGH Us

John 13:17, NIV – *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

- a) Minister Truth As Invitation
- b) Minister Reconciliation
- c) Minister Freedom Through Kingdom Encounter

HOW TO MINISTER TRUTH

1. Model And Communicate The Life And Heart Of Jesus

2 Corinthians 4:2, NIV – “... *we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.”*

John 14:6, NIV – *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

2. Call The Image (The Seed) Within Each Person Back To Life

Ecclesiastes 3:11, NIV – *...He has also set eternity in the hearts of men*

2 Corinthians 3:6, NIV – *He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant -- not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

Ephesians 5:14, NIV - *This is why it is said: “Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”*

Ezekiel 37:4-5, NIV – (4) *Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! (5) *This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.**

3. Plant Your Feet Firmly In The Truth

Romans 12:2, NIV – *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

Isaiah 55:8-9, NIV – (8) *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.* (9) *“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

4. Be In Constant Communication With God

Acts 3:4, NASB – *And Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze upon him and said, “Look at us!”*

Romans 8:5, NIV – (5) *Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*

5. Be Holy Spirit-Led, So That The Truth Is Good News To Them

Romans 5:6, NIV – (6) *The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;*

- If you aren't sure what God is saying, then speak identity and destiny into them

HOW TO MINISTER RECONCILIATION

1. Respond To Your PRIMARY CALLING

2 Corinthians 5:18-20, NIV – (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 counting men'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.*

2. Use Mercy As A Powerful Weapon

Acts 9: 4-5, NIV – (4) *He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”* (5) *“Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.*

Titus 3:5, NIV – *“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.”*

2 Corinthians 5:11,14, NIV – (11) *Since, then ... we try to persuade men* (14) *For Christ's love compels us*

3. Minister Sight To The Person

2 Corinthians 4:4,6, NIV – (4) *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ...* (6) *For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*

4. Minister With The Authority Of Love

Philippians 2:5-7, NIV – (5) *Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:* ... (7) ... *made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, ...*

Matthew 9:36; Matthew 14:14; Mark 1:41; 2 Corinthians 1:3; Colossians 3:12; Matthew 13:44

HOW TO MINISTER FREEDOM

1. Be Prepared For Disturbances When God Comes Near

James 4:7-8, NIV – (7) *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* (8) *Come near to God and he will come near to you.*

Luke 4:33-34, NIV – (33) *In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice ...*

2. Recognize There Will Be Power Encounters

Matthew 10:7, NIV – *As you go, preach this message: “The kingdom of heaven is near.”*

3. Realize You Have Been Called To Minister Freedom

Luke 4:18-19, NIV – (18) *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,* (19) *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*

4. Recognize That God Has Given You Authority (And It Increases Through Intimacy With Jesus)

Luke 10:19, NIV – *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*