

THE CHURCH – A HOSPITAL

Lesson 12

Introduction: Years ago the Lord showed me 4 pictures to describe the type of church that He desires to be built upon this earth. Later He added 3 more pictures. He told me to make these pictures “*our values*”! We are in the process of sharing these 7 pictures/values with you...

1. PICTURE / VALUE #1: A RESTORED CHURCH ✓
2. PICTURE / VALUE #2: THE CHURCH – A HOSPITAL
3. PICTURE / VALUE #3: THE CHURCH – A SCHOOL
4. PICTURE / VALUE #4: THE CHURCH – A FAMILY
5. PICTURE / VALUE #5: THE CHURCH – WORSHIPERS
6. PICTURE / VALUE #6: THE CHURCH – SERVANTS
7. PICTURE / VALUE #7: THE CHURCH – AN ADVANCING ARMY

***IN THIS CLASS WE WILL DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING POINTS...**

- A HOSPITAL: A PLACE OF CARE
- A HOSPITAL: A BIRTHING CENTER

****MT 12:20 – “A BRUISED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT SNUFF OUT.” /// *PS 87:5 – “INDEED, OF ZION IT WILL BE SAID, ‘THIS ONE AND THAT ONE WERE BORN IN HER, AND THE MOST HIGH HIMSELF WILL ESTABLISH HER.’”***

1. A HOSPITAL → A PLACE OF CARE

1 Cor 12:25 – “...the members should have the same **care for one another.”*

Luke 10:30-37 – “ **30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ **36** ‘Which of the three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’ **37** The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”*

A. WOUNDED PEOPLE

30 “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of **robbers. They **stripped him** of his clothes, **beat him** and went away, leaving him **half dead**.”*

B. RELIGION PASSES BY / DOESN’T CARE

v31 A **priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he **passed by on the other side**. **32** So too, a **Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, **passed by on the other side**.”*

C. SAMARITAN – DESPISED, DIFFERENT

**33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.*

D. TIME / INCONVENIENCE

**33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.*

E. CARE / HOLY SPIRIT

** 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.*

F. INN – CHURCH / CELL

** 34 Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.*

G. CONTINUING SUPPORT UNTIL HEALED

** 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'*

2. A HOSPITAL – A BIRTHING CENTER

A. MUST BE BORN INTO THIS KINGDOM

**John 3:3 – “Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’”*

B. THIS IS THE HEART OF THE ENTIRE GODHEAD (LUKE 15)

1. JESUS: SHEPHERD – LOST SHEEP (v.3-7)

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

2. HOLY SPIRIT: LIGHT – LOST COIN (v.8-10)

8"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

3. FATHER: FATHER – LOST SON (v.11-32)

11Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

- **REBELLIOUS**

13"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in **wild living**.

- **RECKLESS LIVING**

*14*After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. *15*So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. *16*He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. *17*"When he **came to his senses**,

- **REALIZE**

he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

- **REMORSE**

*18*I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, **I have sinned** against heaven and against you. *19***I am no longer worthy** to be called your son; **make me like** one of your hired men.'

- **REPENTANCE**

*20*So he **got up and went** to his father.

- **RETURN**

"But while he was still a long way off, his father **saw him and was filled with compassion** for him; he **ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him**. *21*"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

- **RAN**

- **RESTORED**

22"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best **robe** and put it on him. Put a **ring** on his finger and **sandals** on his feet. *23*Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and **celebrate**.

- **ROBE**

- **RING**

- **REEBOKS**

- **REJOICE**

*24*For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. *25*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. *26*So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. *27*'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has

him back safe and sound.' 28" *The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29*But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

▪ **RESENTMENT**

31" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

▪ **REMIND**

C. IT IS OUR CALLING

**Romans 10:13* "Everyone who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

*14*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

**2 Cor 5:19* – "...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."

i. THE WORD CALLS US...

- SALT (MT 5:13)
- LIGHT (MT5:14-16)
- WITNESSES (ACTS 1:8)
- AMBASSADORS (2 COR 5:20)

ii. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR US GOING & TELLING...

- NOT SENDING BIBLES (ACTS 8)
- NOT VISIONS OR GOD HIMSELF (ACTS 9)
- NOT ANGELS (ACTS 10)

iii. PAUL SAID IN ROMANS 1:14-16...

- I AM OBLIGATED (14)
- I AM EAGER (15)
- I AM NOT ASHAMED (16)

iv. THE ONLY THING YOU CAN TAKE WITH YOU TO ETERNITY

1 Thess 2:19 – "For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he come? Is it not **you**?"

D. EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

**Prov 11:30* – "...he who wins souls is wise."

i. RELATIONSHIPS...

- WALK-INS, 3-4%
- PROGRAMS, 3-4%

- PASTOR, 3-5%
 - SPECIAL NEED, 2-3%
 - VISITATION, 1-2%
 - SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3-5%
 - RELATIVE OR FRIEND, 77-85%
- ii. IN THE WORD – POWER EVANGELISM
- iii. KNOWING HOW TO START & FINISH *(See Appended Helps)

Conclusion: If the church doesn't look and act like a hospital then it has lost its way. It's as simple as that! Pray that God will continue to use Valleyview as a hospital to the lost and hurting, and pray for your part in that.