

June 23, 2019

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From Steeple to Street at the Greens Apt.
Gary and Connie Gibson visited on Sunday
Shoe Dept preparing for our Shoe Distribution
James Clifton truly felt the love of the Lord through his prayer blanket.

Faithweavers Presents...



June 18 - From Steeple to Street at the Greens Apts.

June 19 - Splash Pad

July 3 - Fireworks

July 10 - Pickle Ball at Pirkle Pavilion

July 17 - Simmons Center Pool or Kiddieland

July 24 - Water Balloon Volleyball

July



- 1 - Sandy Howard
- 19 - James Benkley
- 22 - Trish Lister
- 23 - Lisa Berscheidt
- 24 - Dorrie Pipkin
- 26 - Kathy Henson
- 30 - Winnie Pipkin
- 31 - Ron Gibson

For the Love of Lutie



July 21st at Noon



Pastor David Gardner

5 Ways to Engage People the Way Jesus Did

By Joe Daniels And Christie Latona On May 1, 2019 (Both Methodists writing for the Lewis Center for Church Leadership)

“Jesus put energy into connecting people and pulling individuals together for the common good. He did so persistently, intently, and sometimes effortlessly even when he was in the presence of those he didn’t know very well or who didn’t like him very much. Jesus organized people so simply and succinctly around five basic practices to deepen commitment.

1. Jesus spoke to people’s hearts.

Jesus observed and listened to people so intimately that it did not take long for him to discern what really mattered to someone. From discerning Simon Peter’s deep frustration from the empty nets of a failed night’s fishing expedition to a foreign woman’s embarrassment and shame at a well because she somehow couldn’t shake the problems or pain of her past, Jesus could connect with the heart of anyone and then heal that heart with a simple word or command.

We must rekindle this gift in the church today because connecting with people’s hearts is critical to organizing people. Jesus shows us that when we get to know someone’s heart, we can invite that person to organize around great purposes.

1. Jesus called and equipped people, then modeled for them what he wanted to see in the world.

Once he spoke to their hearts, he often called them to something profound. The fishermen at the Sea of Galilee discovered this one day. After a miraculous catch on the lake following an empty fishing expedition, Jesus called them to a greater vision, which was to catch people with the message that broken lives can become whole again. Then he spent three years in an intimate relationship with them, encouraging them to follow him everywhere he went and modeling for them how to heal people, cure people, save people, lead people, and connect people for a change. (He even modeled the importance of spiritual disciplines as a critical part of organizing.) The church needs to get back to the basics of calling, equipping, and modeling.

1. Jesus organized people through caring for people’s individual needs.

A tax collector named Zacchaeus who was shamed because of his career found Jesus removing his shame, liberating his home, and compelling his heart to go out into the community and restore fortunes to people he’d previously taken advantage of. A demoniac with mental and emotional issues found himself clothed and in his right mind because of an encounter with the Master. Soon thereafter, Jesus told him not to travel with him but to stay in his community to organize the people around the good news — the message of healing and wholeness. When we focus attention on caring for people’s individual needs, we can mobilize and connect people for change.

1. Jesus communicated to people something greater than themselves.

Sometimes he did that one-on-one, and sometimes in crowds, as in the Sermon on the Mount. He began by laying out a way of living that leads to a blessed life. Then he exhorted the crowd to understand their divine role in the world — why we are here. Then he talked about why he was there and centered the crowd in the foundation of the

good news: love that finds us in our brokenness and leads us to wholeness. After soaking them in this rich communication, he began teaching how wholeness can play out in their everyday lives, using real-life scenarios about character building, forgiveness, adultery, divorce, and loving one's enemies — life experiences that many people face. Finally, he organized people by communicating a better and greater way of life that exceeded what they assumed they could ever attain. As Eugene Peterson translates it, 'In a word, what I'm saying is, *Grow Up*. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you' (MSG, Matt. 5:48).

1. **Jesus coordinated systems to have full organizing impact.**

One of the best examples of this is found in Luke 10 as he organized the seventy-two. He sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals and do not greet anyone on the road.'

He then went on to lay out a specific strategy for what they were going to do and how they were to behave in ways that allowed them to discover that they, too, had the power to heal, the power to cast out demons, and the ability to withstand all types of trial. He transformed those with low self-esteem to experience divine confidence, and he positioned them to evangelize cities with the gospel and to expose neighborhoods to his good news through some of the most unlikely vessels.

We often see these five practices play out simultaneously. For example, Jesus's Feeding of the Five Thousand is an expression of implementing systems that met people's needs, even in the most impossible of situations. He took the complacency of the disciples ('Master, send these people away to buy their own food, it's getting dark') and moved it to commitment ('You give them something to eat'), which inspired courage in them to take what they had and what they could find and organize people for the common good. Jesus was so good at this type of organizing that in the Feeding of the Five Thousand people had leftovers!

The church today can learn a great deal from Jesus about deepening commitment to organize people for the holistic common good. When we commit to speaking to people's hearts, calling and equipping them to model the holistic life that the world yearns for, caring for people's needs, communicating to people something greater than themselves within systems that can transform, the church will truly be the catalyst that makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

What a great article about reaching people. Jesus did reach people under all circumstances. Psalm 69 is a lamentation, asking for God's intervention with persecution. It is also prophetic as it applies to Jesus. Here is verse 4:

"My enemies despise me without any cause;
they outnumber the hairs on my head.
They torment me with their power;
they have absolutely no reason to hate me.
Now I am set to pay for crimes
I have never committed!"

Jesus took the death penalty on a treasonable offense He did not commit. Even from the cross, he reached for people (Luke 23:34 [Voice]:

"**Jesus:** Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

Lord, from Your heart, to our hearts, to their hearts, let us reach people for Your kingdom. Amen

MINISTRIES

Book Study – Sundays 6 pm
Bible Study – Mondays 6 pm
Men's Breakfast – 1st Sundays 8:00 am
Ladies Night – Mondays 7 pm
Keno Group – 2nd Tuesdays 5:30 pm



From Steeple to Street ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Children's & Youth Celebration



Prayer List

Ray and Sandy Howard – Ill
Gardner's neighbor recovering from hip surgery
Trish Listers mom Ann and her son John
Bill Gossett – Cancer Scare
Family of Robby Fithen
Family of Beth Horn
Reames Family
Mason Teakell and Family
Sara Riggs – Love, Joy, Peace and Serenity and going through her Divorce
James Clifton – Kidney Cancer
Lakyn Anderson – Newborn with Breathing Issues
Keith Crain – Surgery
Parker Bowles – Renewed Faith
Lisa Berscheidt's Friend's Son in a serious motorcycle accident
Lisa Berscheidt's Cousin had a premature baby
Addie McMurrin
Tarah Frye – Travel Mercies as she goes to Italy to study for a Month
Ann Starrett – Dementia and broken Hip. In Memory Care.
James Crow – Cancer
Kay Martin – Dementia and Fell and Broke a Bone
Marcia Haskins – On going foot sores
Drew Cole - Cancer
Connie Green – Cancer
Stacy Mettler – Cancer
Jason Poorman – Cancer
Karen Gibson – Cancer
Gary Gibson – Cancer
Kathy Bridges – Cancer
Margaret Averre – Throat cancer
Daniel Whittney – Cancer
Jennifer Allred – Spinal pain and fibromyalgia
Melinda Douglas – Lung Cancer