

52--- Are You Properly Equipped to Fulfill the Mission?

Are you equipped to fulfill your purpose? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If not, go back and review the “What Are Your Gifts” session. Have you dealt with being a safe person? If not, go back and review the “Are You a Safe Person” session. Crazy Maker or Peacemaker? If you are Crazy Maker go back and review the Rick Warren sessions and the Peacemaker session.

You have completed 51 sessions and if you are not properly equipped then go back and review the sessions you need to address. **The Holy Spirit will direct you because the Spirit knows the Creator’s design for your life. His design for your life is the master plan.**

Let’s review some of the key elements. The master plan has your mind and your heart transformed to be like **your role model – JESUS**. Jesus came to earth to save us and to reveal the character of God to each of us.

Transformation is directed by the Holy Spirit but requires your co-operation.

You must yield to His Will. You cannot have a passive mind, a wandering mind or anxious mind. You need to be equipped with the mind of Jesus:

Think positive thoughts

Be God-minded

Be “God-Loves-Me” minded

Have an exhortative mind

Develop a thankful mind

Be Word-minded

The most important transformation is the transformation of your heart.

Jesus is Love and His love has been given freely to you so that you can share it with those who need it most. Share His love with your spouse, family, strangers, enemies and everyone you have contact with. To evaluate your heart, ask yourself the following questions:

Do I minister to those who hurt me or do I react without mercy?

Do I extend grace to those who sin against me?

Do I love my enemy? (This is a tough one but God instructs us to love our enemy)

Do I keep a short list of wrongs done to me?

Do I let go of my anger each day or carry that anger and bitterness with me?

If your mind and heart have been transformed to be like Jesus, then you are equipped for the mission of sharing Jesus with your world. The world is chaotic, so when someone sees a peacemaker they will be drawn to the peacemaker. The world is not safe, so when someone sees a safe person they will be drawn to the safe person. The world doesn’t find many transparent folks, so when you give people permission to speak truth to you (“Are You Listening” session) they want to know how you can be open and transparent. The world has plenty of angry people, so when someone meets a person with self-control who extends grace and mercy instead of retaliation they want to know more about grace and mercy.

When you are properly equipped for the mission, God will create “collisions” with folks who need to see and experience the heart and mind of Jesus. Your Creator will bring folks into your “sphere of influence” that need “Vitamin J”. You will find yourself in His service fulfilling His mission for your life. Remember that His purpose will be different then the purpose you were pursuing. His purpose is to bring folks into His kingdom. Think back to those who sowed the seeds that brought you into the Kingdom. Someone planted, someone nurtured, some tended, some shepherded.

All played a role. Now it is your turn to play a role and fulfill His mission!

Verse:

Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”.

Personal Reflection:

Who has the Holy Spirit put in your path? Who can walk with you as you step into the Creator’s mission for your life?

Group Discussion:

How can we encourage each other to step out in faith and fulfill our mission?