



## Lesson Six

# “Ministering Healing - Three”

**Objective:** *To train and equip students to minister comfort and healing to those experiencing a hospital stay.*

## I. The Ministry of Compassion

Hospital stays can be stressful, frustrating and exhausting for the patient and family. We must allow compassion to be the driving force behind our efforts to minister to those experiencing a stay in the hospital. It becomes an opportunity to show the genuine love of God, encouragement, comfort and faith for healing by the church to the patient and the family. Compassion is the driving force that keeps us caring for the hurts of others.

**Compassion:** *Inward affection; tender mercy; **sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.***

### 1. Allow compassion to \_\_\_\_\_ to action.

The ministry of Jesus was a ministry of compassion. Often in Scripture, we see that compassion precedes the supernatural move of God. **Matt: 9:36; 14:14-21**

**Matthew 9:36-38** MSG *Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. **When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke.** So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”*

He have to allow our hearts to break for the hurting.

### 2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to the distresses of others is the deciding factor of our true \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt 25:31-46** NKJV *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; **I was sick and you***

**visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'** 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or **when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'** 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'** 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, **sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'** 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked **or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'** 45 Then He will answer them, saying, '**Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'** 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**3. We must take care that our \_\_\_\_\_ is in our serving of others.**

**Col 3:23-24** NKJV And whatever you do, **do it heartily**, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

**AMP** Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), **as [something done] for the Lord and not for men,** <sup>24</sup> Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward. [The One Whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah).

If we aren't careful, we will lose our desire to care for others. Recognize that not wanting to be bothered is the carnal (flesh) way of thinking. The carnal mind is the enemy of God. That is why it is important that we **set our minds** on the things of the Spirit and offer ourselves to God in serving others.

**Rom 8:5-9** NKJV For those who live according to the flesh **set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.** 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 **But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit,** if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.

We should have the same mindset that Isaiah had when the Lord asked... 'Whom should I send?'

**Isaiah 6:8** AMP Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us? Then said I, **Here am I; send me.**

To answer this call to ministry, it's simple. Finish Ministry Development and at graduation you will be commissioned through the laying on of hands and witnessed by the church. Then, be ready for the call to go.

**2 Tim 4:2** NIV *Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season*

In the previous two lessons we have addressed how to heal the sick. Be prepared at a moment's notice by referring to your notes and keeping the word stirred in your heart. Now we will address the practical aspects of making hospital calls.

## **II. Practical Guidelines for Making Hospital Calls**

**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ if at all possible when you receive the call or text to go.**

The hospital ministry coordinator will go through our list of ministers and choose someone to go based on certain criteria. We prefer to send a female to minister to a female or a male to minister to a male or couples. We also will consider your age, personality and geographical location in making our selection. Please take into careful consideration that you have been specifically selected for this opportunity and make every effort to make the visit. We realize that there will be times when you will be unavailable. Please make sure to get back with the coordinator as soon as possible.

**2. Be sure to carefully take down all available \_\_\_\_\_ on the patient, hospital, directions, room number and family so that you are ready to minister effectively.**

While the ministry coordinator will give you as much information as is available, you may not know everything. Be prepared to the best of your ability and leave the rest up to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

**3. Stop at the visitor station and sign in as a member of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Once you join the hospital ministry team, you will be given an Xceleration Church clergy identification card to show at hospitals when you visit, should they require it. Many times they will have a name tag for you to fill out. Write "**Minister**" before your name on the name tag and place it on your chest near your shoulder. Often times, the hospital will forego the normal visiting hours rule for clergy when you alert them that you are there to pray for them.

In some cases, there are specific instructions that must be observed before entering a room, like washing hands or wearing a mask or gloves. It's not a bad idea to stop and ask at the nurses' station if there are any specific instructions before you enter the room.

**4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to family visiting times in extreme cases.**

This is especially important for ICU patients since family will want to be in with the patient as often as possible during visiting hours. Often they will only allow two people in

the room for short periods of time. In these cases do the visiting, praying with and comfort of the family out in the waiting area and quickly pray for the patient in the room.

**5. Always \_\_\_\_\_ and wait for a response BEFORE entering the room.**

After hearing a response, push the door open a little and announce who you are. Wait for them to invite you in. If there is no response, the patient may be sleeping or gone for tests. It's best to be sure to schedule your visit by letting the family or patient know what time you will be visiting, but still, with hospitals, things change constantly. Patience, of course is important. It's always ok to come back later if they are not in the room and your schedule will not allow you to wait. Let the Xceleration Hospital Ministry Coordinator know how your visit went or if you have to reschedule or if there are any other needs the family is experiencing.

**6. Don't show any \_\_\_\_\_ of hospital apparatuses or the patient's condition.**

Sometimes the healing process includes apparatuses that can be scary, nauseating or just strange. Don't show any fear or aversion to it. Ask God to help you. If the patient is in extreme discomfort, pray right away and leave. Some patients will feel like they need to stay awake and entertain you or be conversational. Don't extend your visit unless the patient seems lonely or asks you to stay.

**7. Read \_\_\_\_\_ Scriptures over the patient and family, then pray.**

Remember faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God... The patient and family are doing their best to hang on to faith in the midst of a challenging time. Scriptures spoken in faith will be a great comfort to them.

Present the patient or family member staying with them with the Healing Box. You can anoint them with oil, have them place the prayer cloth on their body, lead them in communion, show them the healing scriptures book and lay hands on them. Show them how to play worship music from the app continually because it changes the atmosphere to one of victory instead of the dreariness of the hospital and the situation. Praise and worship brings the presence of God on the scene!

Pray the prayer of faith and expect God to raise them up from their bed of affliction! Be positive! (never say my cousin died from this)

**8. Be sensitive to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the situation.**

The person or family may really feel comfort from the visit or they may not and instead prefer privacy. At times, a member of the family who is not saved may take the leadership role of care over the person and may not care much for the visit but may in fact see it as an intrusion. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and the situation and don't take it personally! Remember that it is an opportunity for you to BE the Light of God.

If the patient is not saved but the family member is saved that called you to come pray, it may be a great opportunity to pray with them to receive Christ.

Trust that you have done the will of God and you will see a miracle!

God is faithful!