

DISCIPLING THE FORMER ADDICT

Beyond Recovery into the Abundant Life

"Discipling Those on Their Way Out of Egypt"

Men and women on their way out of bondage to addiction need to be disciplined and integrated into the Body of Christ.

What are their particular needs? How do we know when to help and when to stand back? What should be required of them and where can we exercise grace? This message will be based on the teaching of Jesus Christ from God's Word.

What's the Plan?

"Building a Bridge for Those in "Recovery" into Your Church"

Why not just stay with AA? Who will lead? What kind of meeting room do we need? What do we base our curriculum on? Which format shall we use? I personally have a wide and varied amount of experience in addiction recovery groups, in and outside of the church. I look forward to engaging those of you who are interested in a productive discussion to answer these questions.

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Worksheet

Understanding the Nature of Addiction/Bondage

1. Why must we view it as sin?
 - A. Sin incurs personal responsibility and defies the victim mentality
 - B. There is hope in Christ for victory
 - C. It eliminates terminal uniqueness

2. What are the effects of sin;
 - a. On the individual?
 1. Enslavement
 2. Flight from Reality
 3. Denial of sin
 4. Self Deceit
 5. Insensitivity
 6. Self centeredness
 7. Restlessness
 - b. On loved ones?
 1. Competetion(conflict)
 2. Inability to empathize
 3. Rejection of Authority
 4. Inability to love
 - c. On our relationship God?
 1. Separation
 2. Guilt
 3. Consequences
 4. Death physical, spiritual and emotional

Understanding our role in bringing them out of Egypt/Bondage

1. What is the character of a Deliverer? Courageous, self sacrificing, faithful, persevering, humble
 - a. Who was Moses?
 - b. Who was Jesus?

2. What obstacles will we face? (why is it critical that we know them?)
 - a. Personal limitations? Patience, forgiveness, knowledge
 - b. Circumstantial limitations? Time, money, resources

3. How can we overcome these obstacles?
 - a. Individually?
 - b. Corporately?

Understanding God's Heart in this holy endeavor

1. What was the heart of Moses;
 - a. In times of defeat?
 - b. In times of victory?

2. What is the heart of Jesus;
 - a. When we fall?
 - b. When we stand firm?

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