

Jesus' View of Ministry
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According to Mark, this is the Gospel of God

Mark 1:14, 15

Matt.4:17

1. Time is fulfilled, or has come [time]
2. Kingdom of God is near(most people interpret near as time), or is at hand [proximity] – meaning right beside you
3. Repent
4. Believe the Gospel

First two are two elements of news

2nd two are 2 elements of response

What is the kingdom of God?

God has shown up!

Passage in Mark talks about Jesus casting demons.

Well, how can Satan cast out Satan.

If it's not the devil, then the kingdom of God is here.

The finger of God is here.

²⁰ But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.
Luke 11:20

Hebrew word is to leave and change one's mind and turn.

Repent has to do with direction rather than position.

Key metaphor: a change of direction.

1. You proclaim the kingdom (God has shown up)
2. Evidenced by exorcism and healing (why?)

Because the message is preached and Jesus has shown up to cast out demons and perform miracles.

3. On the basis of that, you repent and change your thinking and head in the direction of the kingdom

If Jesus is God and God showed up, wow!
We're going to show you that God has shown up.
Now, leave the old life and move into a new direction.

4. Sin is part of the problem, but also brokenness which needs healing.

Jon has a questionnaire that deals with the need for healing, sin, damage, misunderstanding with God, and points up the brokenness in life where God has not been allowed to work.

Then, I talk about 10 different ways in which God heals.

Key is to turn from what we've been doing in past and then God heals us.

Turn is the word from Hebrew for repentance.

People misunderstand the word sin; sin is manifested in the brokenness that we experience.

As you see God working in your life, don't you see the need for healing.

2nd half of morning after Hybel's tape on the The Pathways to God

Back to Jesus' view of Ministry and Repentance

1. Kingdom/presence
2. Signs confirm
3. Call to repent and believe

I don't just turn from sin, but also turn to God from my old way of thinking to a new world view.

Speaking of re-orientation

Recognition of not only sin, but more...getting rid of baggage.

So, healing is included.

You can be extremely remorseful, but also could be excited about re-orienting your life.

A life experience of having a different world view about life.

Some of the people's repentance in the time of Jesus was not just repentance from sin, but in response to Who He was.

Repentance can be wanting a better life—look a lot broader.

Jon sees repentance having to do with the whole spectrum of orientation of life.

I would rather talk of repentance dealing with lack of healing and brokenness, but including sin.

Neil Anderson's book, *The Bondage Breaker*, chapter 13

Steps to freedom in Christ.

Comes a whole lot closer to the issues of repentance.

Renouncing the past
Curses and blessings
Getting rid of sin

Handout by Jon Dybdahl—a questionnaire

A lot of people walk around wounded because it's too painful to deal with the things from the past.

Best way is to get the right diagnosis and have the appropriate prescription.

Helping people experience full repentance and healing.

This is healing in the deepest kind of sense.

Because it says what's wrong in the diagnosis and speaks to ways to heal.

Repentance and forgiveness offers broad and wide opportunities for healing

Proclaim Jesus as the Great Healer.

Not only preach it, but show them how it can be active in their life.

Jesus is the Healer: experience His healing in a new way.

Jon's summary to make the NT gospel meaningful in a real way.

"I love the story of Mark for the paralytic being lowered through the roof."

The first declaration was “Son of man, your sins are forgiven, arise take up your bed and go home.

EGW speaks of the connection between his sin and his suffering.

50% of sin problem is psycho-spiritual.

10 Ways Jesus Heals

1. God heals through giving the laws of nature/health (EGW confirms this wholistic need and the process of natural remedies and some medical remedies)
2. God heals through forgiveness and confession (Anderson and Seamands talk about. Asking for forgiveness demands honesty.) A lot of modern counseling offers the opportunity for people to confess. Penny Baker, written a book on openness, he’s a humanist, and experimented with college students. Asked them to just write about what happened the past summer. The other group wrote about the most recent experience that was traumatic. Which one visited the campus health office. The ones who talked to the campus health unit were ½ as burdened as the others. Just think if you were a Christian how much more forgiveness this would facilitate in the minds of people. Heavy psychological burden to hide or suppress the pain we feel.
3. God heals in community, human love, and intimacy. (this is one of the most vital reasons for the church to exist. Dean Ornish did a study on diet program, initially he had small groups. The reason he formed small groups would be to help keep up the participants dietary changes. The longer he studied it, he found that the groups themselves were healing. And more important than keeping people honest, the sharing was healing to coronary health along with the diet prescriptions.
 - a) Church attendance
 - b) Human support
 - c) smoking

Lack human kindness and love, you were as likely to die as smoking.

The same with church attendance.

People who had support, but smoked were better off than those who didn’t smoke.

You see the human support groups of folks smoking out in a group during break—there is extra help.

How valuable the human community and the church are!

They are physically, emotionally, mentally beneficial to people.

4. God heals through structure, form, focus, and parameters

There are a lot of people who have really problems in life and one of their biggest problems is they have no structure.

So, half-way houses provide that structure.

50% of succeeding in a job is showing up.

Helps them emotionally to get back on track.

Sabbath gives structure to a week.

Lack of margin comes because of lack of structure.

Need some schedule in your spiritual life.

Sabbath gives structure to life for healing.

5. God heals by gracious touch

Prayer for the sick and anointing

Deliverance ministry

Miraculous victory over smoking

Dreams for guidance

Something God intervenes with

July 19, 2006 Pick up discussion on the methods of God's healing.

6. God heals by guidance and hope

A sense of God's will is a healing thing

You have a purpose and feel His leading.

7. God heals by prayer and meditation

Jon: for me I can feel tension and stress leave under these conditions. You sense His touch and light coming into your life and you experience relief.

The Relaxation Response by Herbert Benson

8. God heals by means of truth vs. lies

Making God truth real in a cognitive way and/or in counseling.

Adventism has been heavy into cognitive, but sensing it in experience also is important.

Lot of what Seamands says in his book about emotions is important that not only the head knows, but the heart knows.

Powerfully healing thing to be accepted.

9. God heals by serving others.

Ever had a grumpy person in church and they are always complaining that God has been so rough on them. Best solution to that is to get those folks working outside themselves.

Student missions are so good for young people to get the focus off themselves.

Service is such a catharsis for the soul seeing the needs of others.

10. God heals through worship and joy.

People get healed where God is worshiped.

Brother in worship had been in such a barren worship environment that when he went to a rich experience of worship, he bawled and cried tears of joy.

Pentecostal pastor came in and shared for contemporary religions at Walla Walla class for Jon the value of worship. You SDA's just don't worship.

There was a period in my own life (Jon) when I was suffering from intellectual gluttony.

He would go down stairs in the middle of the night and listen to praise music and experienced healing from intellectual fossilization.

Doesn't have to do with a particular kind of worship, but has to do with the heart of people.

Fuller Theological Seminary, Presbyterian Church—cranked up the organ and sang "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Standing in the balcony, Roberta Hestenes, president of Eastern College, also a Presbyterian, at the beginning of the 2nd verse, she raised both hands.

I would argue (Jon) that all of these ways contribute to healing.

Our theology of wholeness is a perfect background to teach all of these ways.

Some speculation from Jon now....

Remember that Jon is an iN

iN's like to create a system and give the big picture.

Jon has tried to think of ways to put this whole thing together in a practical sense

4 relationships, ways God heals, doing real theology, etc.

Jon has tried to work on a global outlook.

This is one of things on Jon's mind in semi-retirement.

Please think about the process he's gone through and determine for yourself.

2 Kinds of Structure that Exist in the Church

1. Modality
2. Sodality

This is labeled by Ralph Winter

Modality kind of accepts everybody, old and young.
Some standards, some beliefs, but not really all-inclusive.

Some modalities have higher standards, Catholics have fewer, SDA's have more.
This modality motif is part of the big umbrella.

Periodically, a renewal movement pops up to care for some of the problems.

In Protestantism when you have a renewal movement, you found a new denomination.

Winter says what happened in the Catholic church, instead of rejecting the modality, a parachurch movement begins.

Evangelicals call them parachurch organizations, Catholics call them orders, and SDA's call them supporting organizations.

In many Protestant churches these are missionary societies.

These parachurch movements are called "sodalities."

The fact that there are new movements doing new things is a sign of life!

Sometimes these sodalities get enveloped by the modalities.

I had this dream of starting a new sodality—called the community of healing.

It's patterned after some of the things that other religions have done that I think are extremely helpful.

And so, those who have studied Buddhism, it has 5 pillars as well as Islam.

Five pillars of Buddhism—5 basic beliefs.

5 Noble Truths of this Sodality of the Community of Healing

1. All are broken and need healing.
2. Brokenness comes from 4 broken relationships (God and man, man and man, man and nature, etc.)
3. Jesus is the Healer
4. Jesus heals by restoring relationships
5. Jesus restores relationships by:
 - a) retreat
 - b) covenant
 - c) and the 10 healing paths

Retreat—I'd like to see folks go on 1-2 retreats a year and experience healing, either at a church or retreat center.

Start by having the opportunity to experience Jesus as Healer

Covenant—these groups that Wesley had had covenants they agreed to.

So, this is the covenant on a card which I did while I was here at the seminary.

Covenant Promises

3 daily pledges

- a) 30 minutes a day in Bible study and prayer
- b) conscience act of service each day
- c) strive by God's grace to focus on one area that needs change

3 weekly

- a) meet faithfully with my small group for period of commitment
- b) ask God to show me those who need healing and pray for them and invite them to the group meeting.
- c) set aside one day a week to promote healing

1 yearly

- a) go on a retreat at least two days to re-orient my life (minimal)

So, this is the community of healing—call it a sodality

Jon would this group: Community of Healing International

Theology then is the explanation of healing and God's healing process.

Spirituality is growth in the healing relationship with God

Ethics is the way God calls us to behave so that healing may be promoted.

Evangelism and mission would be inviting others to be part of God's healing process and healing community.

The motto would be: Healers in the process of being healed.

The more God uses us to help others heal, healing would take place in us too.

Those who have felt God's healing touch, they would invite others to experience it in the same way.

This would be a missionary order.

Jon has tried to merge theology, ministry, ethics, spirituality, and evangelism that all fits.