

Spiritual Formation
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Background of the two weeks coming.

Been thinking about overarching theology...

How do you do mission to 21st century Western culture.

Been looking for an overarching viewpoint.

Healing

For theology, life, and practice.

Genesis 1 and 2 – perfect world – God says, It's very good!

Animals and human beings get along.

Core of all that is relationships.

All of that perfection and goodness are based upon relationships.

4 Relationships in Gen 1 and 2.

1. Humans related to God (divine)
2. Human to human
3. Human to nature (animals, trees, plants)
4. Human to self

When sin enters all those relationships get damaged.

Fear

Shame

Thorns and thistles

The rest of the Bible is God's plan to restore all of these relationships.

Revelation reveals the restoration of these relationships.

The Bible is God's plan of healing.

Summarized in Hebrew word, Shalom, peace.

Exodus 15:26 I am Yahweh, Your Healer

Matt 1:21 He will save His people from their sin—it also means heal.

sozo the Greek word, means Healer, Saviour

People can understand what Healer means more than understand Saviour

Jesus was involved in healing more than anything else.

Particularly, we need to understand the word in the broad sense of relationally, etc.

Jon: I believe that all ministry is copying the ministry of Jesus Who was the Great Healer.

I believe that Jesus heals people emotionally and mentally.

Experiencing forgiveness is the most healing thing you can find.

Restoring our relationship with nature and with family (husbands and wives, parents and children) we are experiencing the Healer.

Nothing more disease-producing than sin.

Nothing more healing than sin.

I rejoice to be SDA because of its wholistic view:

1910 Worldwide mission churches: A.G. Daniells was suppose to go in 1910, but sent the secretary.

Last week I was at Edinburgh with this ecumenical/evangelical group.

One of the new things thinking about was wholistic mission.

That is what SDA have as a core part of their theology.

Now, all of these 4 relationships inter-relate: concentric circles overlap.

For instance, we take care of our health which in turn impacts on each other relationship like family or God or self.

Ministry is to bring healing into the broadest sense of the term.

God has called us to be healers being healed.

God has called us to healers, but we're not totally healed.

As we are used by God to help heal other people, it's the part of our own healing at the same time.

This is the basic concept of the Gospel which puts practice very close to theology.

Sin then is a disrupter of all these relationships.

So, during our time together we want to understand more and more of what healing is.

And we are God's emissaries to bring healing to others in relationships.

We are used by the Saviour to bring healing to others.

Now, you can examine this by looking at the various phases of this.

We're going to look at 10 different ways to assess what part of our own lives can experience healing.

1. Assessment of the situational factor

Six subplots – McNeal talks about 6 factors that form the basis of who we are.

2. Time and resource management factor

This based upon Swenson, *Margin*, how we use our time

3. Oswald and Kroeger's book deals with personality and temperament factor

4. Damage factor – Seamands book and experiences in the past have been buried, unconscious or conscious—we need to let God heal these past experiences

5. The worldview factor—at the deepest level how you see God working in life. Large numbers of people who claim to be Christian, but in their actual practice, they are secularists and deists

6. Spiritual life factor a) devotional life

7. (last 4 from Miller and Taylor)

This will be the framework during the course of this time.

Divided the class into two main sections: first week is basically looking at the personal life, next week at the theological ministry life.

This week is being and next week doing.