

❖ Redemptive Compassion ❖

Part #1 The Biblical Call to Wholistic Help:

Common methods for addressing need

Is God pleased that while specific needs are being met, most people who receive help continue to live in a state of need?

“Open eyes that are blind, free captives from prison and release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.” Isaiah 43:7

Bill Hybels says we move people not by just casting a great vision of where we should go, but also by painting a clear picture of why we can’t stay where we are.

Change is usually a result of one of two things:

1. We desire things to be different so we seek it out
2. We no longer can stay status quo and change is forced upon us

Application Question Part #1 – The Biblical Call to Wholistic Help

How are we called to do Kingdom work on earth?

Part #2 – Understanding a Broken System

Statistics:

U.S. Census Bureau

- 13.5% people live in poverty – an estimated 43.1 million people
- An additional 31%, over 100 million people, are labeled as low income
- 1 out of every 5 children are on food stamps
- 65% of all children live in a home that receives some type of government assistance
- An average of 46 million Americans use foodbanks

History:

There is a lack of knowledge in the biblical call to wholistic help

Focus shifted from people to need

People living in chronic need, generational poverty, live compromised lives

Application Question Part #2 – Understanding a Broken System

Why is need growing when there are so many resources dedicated to helping those in need?

How do we change the false labels that get stuck on people living in difficult circumstances?

Part #3 – A Catalyst for Change – Is the Church Ready?

The Church can be a catalyst for change

The Church is not ready

We cannot continue to **try** to do Kingdom work – we must **train** to do Kingdom work!

- Redemption
- Restoration

Application Question Part #3 – A Catalyst for Change – Is the Church Ready?

Do you agree that the Church struggles to meet need effectively? Explain:

Part #4 – Training to do Kingdom Work:

We cannot continue to keep trying to do Kingdom work – it's time for the church to train to do Kingdom work.

We are called to relieve those in poverty, not just feed those in poverty

- Feeding without teaching creates dependency

We are called to help people thrive not merely survive

- To free people from the bondage of their need

We are called to wholistically help the whole person

- We should look for the potential within a person, not just meet their need

Wholistic Help:

The Wagon Principle:

Proud Flesh

Application Question Part #4 – Training to do Kingdom Work

What challenges does one face if they try to address need in all four wheels - spiritual, relational, emotional and physical?

Part #5 – Six Core Principles of Redemptive Compassion:

A philosophy based on the biblical call to wholistic help

Based on six core principles:

1. We see everyone's value
2. We invest relationally in others
3. We help everyone achieve their God-given potential
4. We require mutual contribution and participation
5. We respond with wisdom and discernment
6. We serve in ways that transform

Application Question #5 – Six Core Principles of Redemptive Compassion

How could employing the six core principles change how you help?

Part #6 – Wrestling it out With God:

Redemptive Compassion cannot be sufficiently taught, it must be caught

Become educated

- Yourself
- The leadership of your church
- The church body

Do what you learn

Count the cost and persevere

The more we reflect Christ the less we resemble the world

Service versus servant

Let the service we offer be defined, not by what we do, but the master we serve under as we focus on redeeming and restoring people to the fullness and wholeness in life that God has promised to all.

❖ Redemptive Compassion Resources ❖

Educational Materials

1. ***Redemptive Compassion® Study Guide***: This 8-week study will help you understand the biblical call to wholistic help.
2. ***The Wagon Principle***: This booklet uses the analogy of a wagon to compare the four critical components and three distinct stages of helping someone journey to a new way of living. It is sold separately or is included in the Redemptive Compassion Study Guide, second printing.
3. **Training DVD**: These DVD recordings complement the Redemptive Compassion Study Guide. The short video segments, recorded in a live classroom setting, will add further insight to each week's study.

Redemptive Compassion Toolkit: This training package contains all three of the above pieces plus a leader's guide and a pdf file for student handouts. The toolkit allows one to effectively lead a group study on wholistic help.

Affirming Potential®: *Affirming Potential* applies the biblical philosophy of wholistic help found in Redemptive Compassion. The objective is to help participants start a life-changing, life-long journey to face and accept their past, better understand the present as they lean into and embrace their future. This 12-week group class evaluates the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual areas of life. It builds on the foundation that God has created us with intrinsic worth and unique potential. Participants learn how to use the AP Dream Tool, which helps them set and achieve goals and steps to live out their God-given potential. To offer this class requires certification training.

Redemptivecompassion.org: Visit our website to learn more and to view video excerpts from the Redemptive Compassion Training DVD. If you are interested in bringing Lois to your community, email redemptivecompassion@gmail.com.

*"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then
you will be able to test and approve what God's will is –
His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

Romans 12:2