

6. Mission Uncomfortable

A. Review

1. Jesus' Mission

WWJD? =

WDJD? =

WIJD? =

2. Your Mission

When considering Jesus' mission three things that are NOT your role:

- i.
- ii.
- iii.

What things ARE a part of your role?

3. How

What are 5 practices to help you join Jesus' mission?



4. Partners

Name two good reasons to have a mission partner.

- i.
- ii.

5. Debrief

What happens at a mission debrief?

What's one way that could benefit you?

B. People who make me uncomfortable are

Genesis 9:6

“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.”

What is *God’s reason* why I should not kill someone who makes me uncomfortable?

James 3:9-10

“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.”

What is God’s reason why I should not say mean things to someone who makes me uncomfortable?

“Man is the noblest creature, not created like the rest of the animals but according to God’s image. Even though man has lost this image through sin... his condition is nevertheless such that it can be restored through the Word and the Holy Spirit. God wants us to show respect for this image in one another.”¹

Martin Luther

Ways to make the mission less uncomfortable:

_____ people.

Think of a person who makes you uncomfortable. Write one way you might enjoy that person.

¹ Lectures on Genesis Chapters 6-14, American Edition, vol. 2 (Saint Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 1960), p. 141

C. People who make me uncomfortable need

_____	& _____.
Love people because they are _____.	Love Jesus' teaching because it's _____.
LOVEY people.	TRUTHY people.

Put a star under the column that comes more naturally to you.

Lovey people stand by the handout wall.

Truthy people stand by the tech wall.

- Love people find another love person. Tell them why you value compassion.
- Truth people find another truth person. Tell them why you value truth.
- Cross the room and ask someone from the other side why they value their thing.

Your heart matters more than your skill.

The most important people skill that a pastor needs is knowledge of himself as sinner and saint. Looking at himself daily in the mirror of the law will prevent pride or self-righteousness that might make him impatient with the sins and weaknesses of others. Awareness of the old nature that still lurks within will warn him to build strong walls against the sins that are always trying to barge into his life in order to ruin his ministry. When he rejoices that he himself is a saint in Christ in spite of the evil that still lurks within his heart, he will beware of judging the saints in his congregation by the all too sinful outward appearance they sometimes display.²

Prof. John Brug

Ways to make the mission less uncomfortable:

_____ & _____ the good news.

² <http://essays.wisluthsem.org:8080/handle/123456789/863>

D. Practical Application

The place to start is confession and forgiveness.

Romans 5:8

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Jesus _____ you.

The homerun is to be at the plate.

A conversation with someone who makes you uncomfortable is an honor. How does that affect your thinking about it?

Three layers of questions:

- 1) What do you mean by that?
- 2) How have you come to think this way?
(Then, EVENTUALLY, when you feel comfortable...)
- 3) I wonder if you've thought about such and such...

Resources:

LGBTQ+ Preston Sprinkle *People to Be Loved* and *Embodied*
Skeptics *Where Two or Three* podcast. *Tactics* by Greg Koukle.

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