



# INSTRUMENTS IN THE REDEEMER'S HANDS

## Lesson 4 – Following the Wonderful Counselor

### Concepts and Objectives

- Concept: Effective personal ministry seeks to be part of what the Lord is doing in the lives of others by \_\_\_\_\_ the way he has worked in us.
- Personalized: I must examine the way I seek to stimulate change in those around me. Are the things I do consistent with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wonderful Counselor?
- Related to others: I must think redemptively about my relationships. That is, I always look for the \_\_\_\_\_ he is giving me to be part of his work of change.

### Lesson Content

#### Called to Be Ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).

As an Ambassador I will represent:

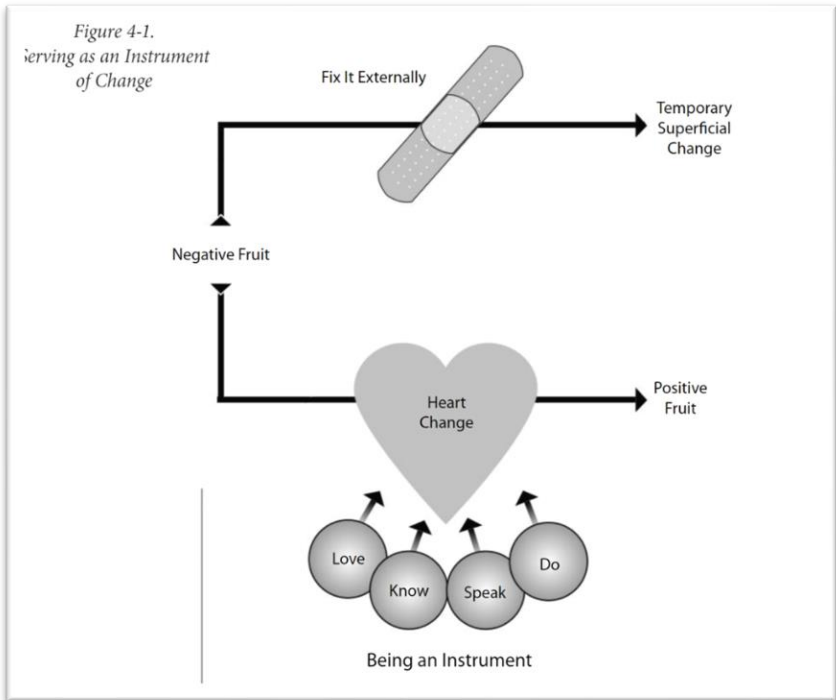
1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King. “What does my Lord want to communicate to this person in this situation?”
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King. “How does my Lord want me to help?”
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King “Why do I want to help? Does it match the attitudes and motives of my Lord?”

### Love

- Definition: *Love* points out the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ to the process of change.
- Example: God first showed us His \_\_\_\_\_ and faithful \_\_\_\_\_. It is in the context of that steadfast relationship that He seeks to grow us.
- Calling: We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ strong and godly relationships with one another.

## Know

- Definition: *Know* means really getting acquainted with the people around us – knowing their \_\_\_\_\_ – beliefs and goals, hopes and dreams, values and desires.
- Example: Christ was so committed to an accurate knowledge of our \_\_\_\_\_ that he entered our world and lived here for thirty-three years.
- Calling: We are called to seek to \_\_\_\_\_ one another at the heart level.



## Speak

- Definition: *Speak* involves bringing God's \_\_\_\_\_ to bear on this person in this situation.
- Example: Christ helped people to see the \_\_\_\_\_. Through stories and questions, he broke through their spiritual blindness and helped them to see the reality of who they were...
- Calling: We are called to speak the truth in love by helping a person to see his life clearly in the mirror of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## Do

- Definition: *Do* involves helping the person \_\_\_\_\_ based on the insights God has given to his or her daily life and relationships.
- Example: Christ calls us not just to be hearers of his Word but to be active \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
- Calling: As Christ's ambassadors, we are meant to help others \_\_\_\_\_ in practical, personal ways to this call.

## The Big Question: Right now, where has God positioned you to be one of his instruments of change?

## CPR

### Concepts

1. God calls us to be ambassadors, representing his message, methods, and character (2 Corinthians 5:14-21).
2. Ambassadors get from negative fruit to positive fruit not by fixing problems externally but by heart change.
3. The Love-Know-Speak-Do model follows Christ's example of how to do this (John 13:34).

### Personalized

1. In all of my relationships, I must remember that I am Christ's ambassador.
2. I must examine my goals for my relationships. Am I solely motivated by my own happiness? Do I respond to others with a desire to encourage God's work of change in their lives?
3. I must examine my commitment to the message, methods, and character of the King.

### Related to Others

1. I must learn to look at all of my relationships redemptively, keeping an eye out for God-given moments of ministry.

2. It is important to use the Love-Know-Speak-Do model as a way to examine the quality of the relationships God has given me.
3. In my relationships, I must always remember that I am called to be God's instrument. God alone changes people.

## Make It Real

1. What are some reasons why external change is appealing to us as human beings? Why does God seek heart change?
  
2. How has God dealt with you according to the Love-Know-Speak-Do model? How have others done Love-Know-Speak-Do with you? Pick a specific instance.
  
3. Reflect (using this model) on two or three relationships in your life. Where are they weak? Where are they strong? Have you been functioning as an ambassador? Pray that God would use these truths to shape the way you serve in these relationships.
  
4. Personal Ministry Opportunity  
(see separate handout)