

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains



INTENTIONAL NEIGHBORING

Responding to Everyday Crisis, Every Day.

Prepare yourself to engage friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances and even strangers with the love and comfort of Christ in difficult times.

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Teaching Outline for:
Intentional Neighboring | Responding to Everyday Crisis, Every Day.

1. What is the biblical mandate for ministering to those in crisis?

- a. Jesus' model for crisis ministry. (Matthew 9:35-38)
 - i. Go to those in crisis.
 - ii. Meet their physical needs.
 - iii. Seek to meet their spiritual needs.
- b. You are commanded to minister to those in crisis. (Mark 12:30-31; Luke 6:31)

2. Why is there such a great need for crisis ministry?

- a. Everyone will face crisis in their life. (handout--life stress event chart)
- b. People seek answers during times of crisis.

3. How do we respond to those in crisis?

- a. The church response—programs.
- b. Your individual response—relationships.
- c. The key--intentionally go to those who are hurting.

4. Am I qualified to help those in crisis?

- a. Every born-again believer can rely on the Holy Spirit. (John 14:15-17)
- b. Every believer has experienced crisis and God's comforting. (2 Cor 1:3-4)
- c. Helping those in crisis is part of my job description as a Christ follower.

5. How do I prepare myself to minister to those in crisis?

- a. Helpful tips you can use today.
- b. Books on Biblical Counseling.
- c. Training available.

