

Bridgeway Community Church  
Series: The Church That Shares, Cares & Dares  
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Pastor David:

We don't want to be a church that JUST shares, even though we want to SHARE.

A part of being a follower of Christ is not just SHARING about what he does, but CARING with the heart that he has.

Pastor William Jin

What does it mean to become a care giver?  
Why is it important?  
How do you become one?

Luke 10:25-37: The Good Samaritan

What does it mean to become a care giver?

Answer: v. 37 - Jesus said: the one who had mercy on him

The man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was known that this was a dangerous road. It was a bad neighborhood to go through!

We live in a broken world where the suffering, pain, injustice, unfairness, racism, natural disasters - it happens! We can be knocked down, beaten by life and half-dead on the ground.

The sad thing is about all this is, for some of us, when this kind of stuff happens, there is no one there to help us, no one there to pick us up and move forward.

What is a care giving person?

- One who shares his presence with the person who is down & out
- One who raises people up
- One who has mercy on hurting and broken people

Why is this important?

- It is because mercy is not an option!
- It is the very essence of being a Christian

Why?

If God has shown his grace to us, ever experienced the mercy of God in your life, that mercy is going to naturally come out.

It shows who you are, that you are born again.

- We don't do mercy to earn salvation.

When Pastor Jin has a meeting with Bridgeway's Care Ministry, there are not many men.

- He is VERY blessed with the women who are leaders

Challenge: Where is the rest of you, Bridgeway??

- there might be cooler ministries to be involved in
- but mercy is not an option! It is being who you are!

Luke 10:25-27

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

What does Jesus' answer mean? Jesus means that this is the essence of the law

My prayer for you is:

1. That you will come to know how great, how deep, how wide, how high the love of God is. Ephesians 3:18
2. That you become a millionaire!
  - so your influence will have power
  - so you can give
  - so you can make things happen
  - so you can change the world

Pastor David

Sounds like we need more men in the Care Ministry!

If they send an email today volunteering, what can we have them do?

Pastor Jin

1. Realize that 'mercy ministry' is not just something we DO, it has to be a lifestyle.
2. Pay attention to your motives!
3. Men can email pastor Jin: [william.Jin@bridgeway.cc](mailto:william.Jin@bridgeway.cc)

Pastor Eli Hernandez

A Daring Church

Luke 4:18-19

[Jesus speaking]

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Jesus says “The Spirit of the Lord is on me.”

The one thing about DARING you need to understand that this is not YOUR mission. When you wake up everyday, you have to be DARING because you understand WHOSE you are, who you belong to.

Anointing (v.18) means to be separated, to be set apart. For what? For a mission! When you wake up every morning, there is a divine assignment over your life wherever you go!

You need to be able to Share, you need to be able to Care, you need to be able to Dare.

You have an assignment from God! The Spirit of the Lord is upon you!

- you are sealed with the Holy Spirit
- you are the temple of God

You have to a mission, an assignment to serve the Lord, whatever it is.

You have to be spiritually sensitive to what the voice of the God is saying and doing in your life.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 NKJV

You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; <sup>3</sup>clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, *that is*, of the heart.

Some of those situations God calls you into might make you uncomfortable, but our lives are NOT our own.

We DARE to serve Christ to do things we don't understand, but we do them because we understand that the Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

John 14:12

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

I DARE to do what the Spirit of God puts inside of me because I understand that my life belongs to Him. Because my life belongs to Him, my job is to do whatever He says I need to do.

Every time we testify of something that has happened, it is because someone DARED to step out.

Do you DARE? Do you DARE to do what God wants you to do? Do you DARE to be influential? Do you DARE to live on a mission and on assignment? Do you DARE to live for God more than you live for yourself?

Just DARE to live for Christ!