**Making Disciples - Sharing Christ’s love with the Dying**

Welcome and Introduction

John 14:1-6

Some Assumptions

Personal responses to Death and Dying

Context

Our Ministry

* Who are you?
* What is your role?
* Your Questions / Concerns / Issues \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Death and Dying in Society

* Euphemisms are unhelpful, try not to use them

Roles and Expectation in Ministry to the Dying

The Roadscape

* No clear road
* The Emotional Rollercoaster
* Some types of losses
* Material
* Relational
* Systemic
* Functional
* Intra-psychic
* Role
* Grief & Bereavement – begins on diagnosis
* Ever changing road / journey

Earn the right to speak

Addressing Pastoral Needs (D. Switzer *Pastoral Care Emergencies*, Fortress Press, 2000)

“Give sorrow words,

the grief that does not speak

knits up the o’er-wrought heart and bids it break.”

William Shakespeare, Macbeth

Assessing Spiritual Needs

* Meaning & Purpose;
* Relational (Give and receive Love) : Connectedness (Community / God);
* Hope,
* Creativity,
* Forgiveness
* Ritual
* Authority & Guidance

Making Disciples – The 4 P’s

* Proclamation of the Word
* Prayer
* People
* Perseverance

What can it look like?

* Engaging the Dying person
* Evangelism of the Dying Person and their loved ones
* Establishing and Working with Christians who are dying and their families
* Equipping Believers

Conclusion