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Teaching, Preaching, and Healing  
Like Jesus as a Healthcare Professional

# What Will We Discuss?

- Purpose of Jesus' coming
- Pattern of Jesus' ministry
- Product of Jesus' ministry
- Proliferation of Jesus' followers
- Practicing medicine as Jesus followers

# Jesus' Purpose

- For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but **to do the will of him who sent me.** (Jn 6:38)
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**What would it look like  
to teach, preach and heal  
like Jesus?**

# Jesus the Wholistic Healer

“Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the **blind** receive sight, the **lame** walk, the **lepers** are cleansed, and the **deaf** hear, the **dead** are raised up, the poor have **the gospel preached** to them.” (Luke 7:22)

# Shalom (שָׁלוֹם)

- **Completeness**
- Soundness (in body)
- Welfare, **health**, prosperity
- Peace, quiet, tranquility, contentment

# The Servant Teacher

- Seeing the people, **He felt compassion** for them . . . (Mt 9:35-36)
- Now that **I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet**, you also should wash one another's feet. (Jn 13:13-14)



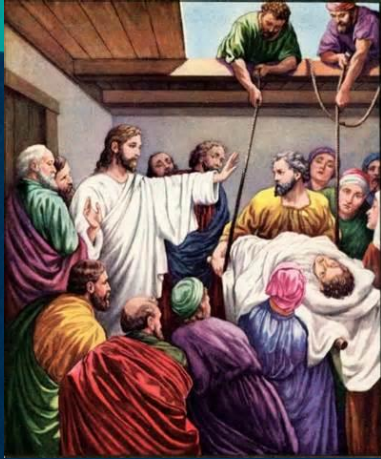
# Pattern of Teaching

- The Father → the Son → the disciples/  
the Holy Spirit → the people
- The disciples → the people, **believers**
- Those who believed (us) → **others who  
believe/the  
people**

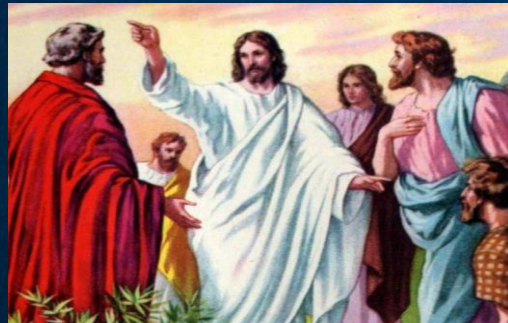
# Jesus sent out his disciples saying:

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. (Mt 10:8)

# Product of Jesus' Ministry



- Jesus reveals Himself as a Healer of physical, mental, and spiritual needs
- Jesus' followers brought physical and spiritual healing to many
- Jesus commanded us to continue his work – preaching, teaching and healing



# The Great Commission

- “All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. (Mt 28:17)

# Why did Jesus Teach His Disciples and They Other Believers?

- 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 (Jn 12:12)
- His goal was multiplication and expansion of the Kingdom of God through them

# Jesus' Model for Proliferation

- Teach, preach and heal
- Mentoring a few
- Compassionate service
- Train people who can train others

**Practicing Medicine as**  
**Jesus Followers:**  
**What might this look like?**

# What might this look like in healthcare?

- Healthcare professionals **sharing** their knowledge with colleagues
- Safe, **encouraging**, collegial atmosphere
- **Modeling**
  - Christ – the Great Healer\*
  - Whole person medicine
  - Effective teaching and mentoring
- **Partnering** trans-culturally
- Being transformed by **serving**



# Categories of Best Practices for Global Health Initiatives

1. Patient safety
2. Healthcare System Integration and Collaboration
3. Facilitation of Health Development
4. **Community Empowerment**

When Healthcare Hurts: An Evidence Based Guide for Best Practices in Global Health Initiatives, Greg Seager, Bloomington, Indiana: AuthorHouse, 2012,

# What might be achieved by teaching healthcare professionals?

Seeing them:

- Following God's calling on their lives
- Being spiritually and professionally **competent**
- Practicing **wholistic Christ-like care** for people as individuals created in God's image
- Exhibiting a **servant attitude**
- Conveying the **compassion** of Christ to patients
- Used by God to bring **shalom/healing**



# Teaching Missions



- Goals:
  - Wholistic service/care
  - Long term change
  - Multiplication/discipling
- Requires long-term commitment
- Facilitates building relationships with professional colleagues
- Earn right to be heard, open new doors

# Sharing Christ

- Our role
  - Preparing the soil
  - Planting
  - Watering
- God gives the growth



**What types of  
opportunities are there  
to teach short-term?**

# Teaching Healthcare Professionals Short Term

- International exchange programs
- Government-sponsored international teaching programs
- International conferences on healthcare topics/specialties
- Short term secular teaching trips
- Healthcare planning, administration and consulting
- Healthcare education-focused, short-term mission teams

# Types of Short Term Teaching Teams

- Conferences
- Clinical teaching
- Consultations
- Special courses
- Medical ethics
- Whole person care
- Palliative care and hospice
- Faculty development



# MONIKI/Agape International Family Medicine Conference Moscow, Russian Federation

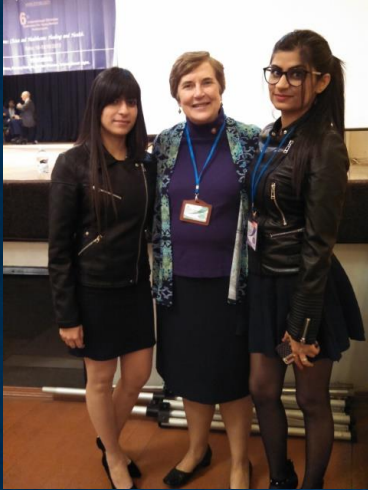
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# 6<sup>th</sup> International Christian Conference for Young Professionals Poltava, Ukraine

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4OHLzXdOzAo&feature=youtu.be>

# Kenya Advanced Life Support Training

- Training of doctors and trainers (TOT)
- Daily devotions with trainees
- 5 participants/year x 5 yrs
- Approximate total costs \$75,000
- Within 2 years >1500 medical personnel in 3 cities trained by local doctors
- Course now standard of care in emergency rooms in capital city
- Local Christian Medical Fellowship
  - Requested the partnership, received the credit for program, and held in higher esteem in medical community
  - Vision to train others in adjacent nations



## Pediatric Neurodevelopment Team

## Funding Opportunities for Educational Tentmaking in Healthcare

- Sabbatical from academic teaching position
- Government programs such as Fulbright
- Faculty positions in teaching hospitals
  - China
  - Kazakhstan
  - Others?

**What types of  
opportunities are there  
to teach long-term?**

# Teaching

## Healthcare Professionals

- Faculty positions at **medical universities**
- Positions at **teaching hospitals**
  - Government
  - Private
  - Mission Hospitals
- Community development and **public health**

# Starting and Shepherding Specialty Programs

- Medical/dental residency training
- Nurse anesthetist
- Nurse midwife



<https://vimeo.com/142163635>



**What other opportunities do you know  
of for teaching healthcare  
internationally?**

# Questions? Comments?

## Resources:

<https://www.medicalmissions.com>

<https://www.medicalmissions.com/network/education>

Global Missions Health Conference,  
Louisville, KY, November 10-12, 2016

# The Bottom Line

**“There’s nothing in this world  
better than serving Jesus!”**

- Dr. Bob Schindler

**Solo deo gloria!**