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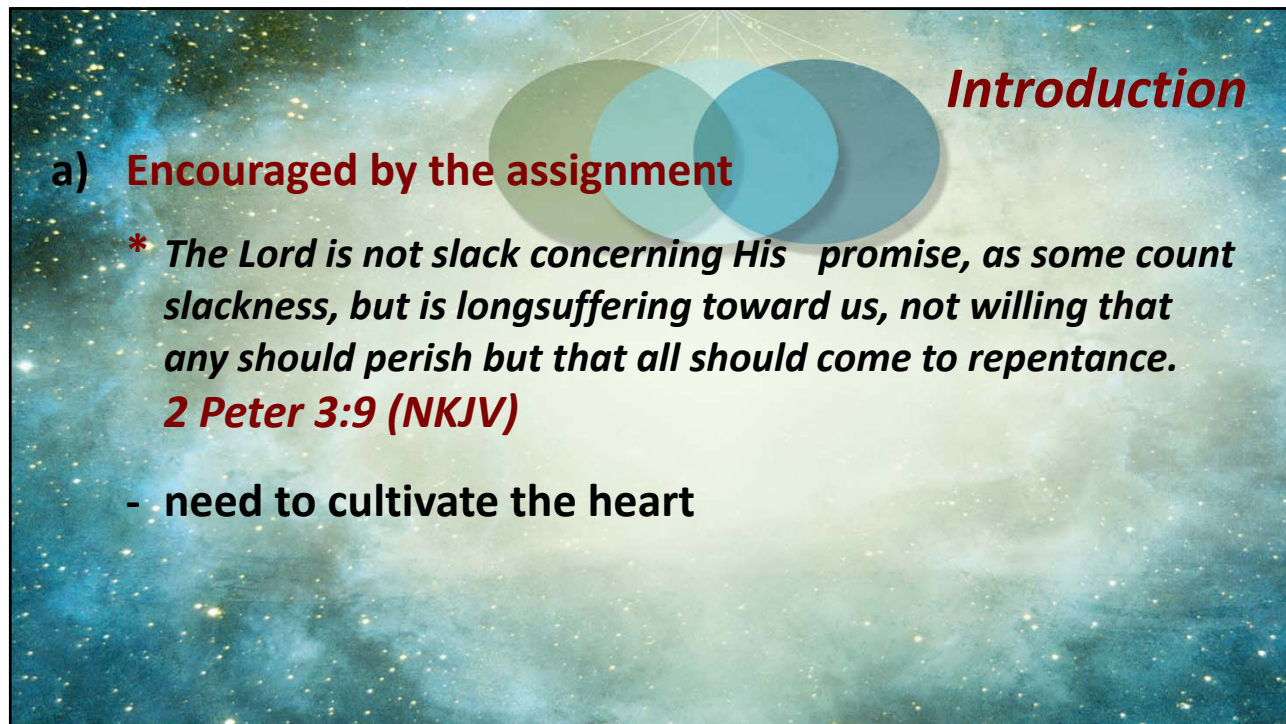
¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

¹⁹ Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

²⁰ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. ²¹ Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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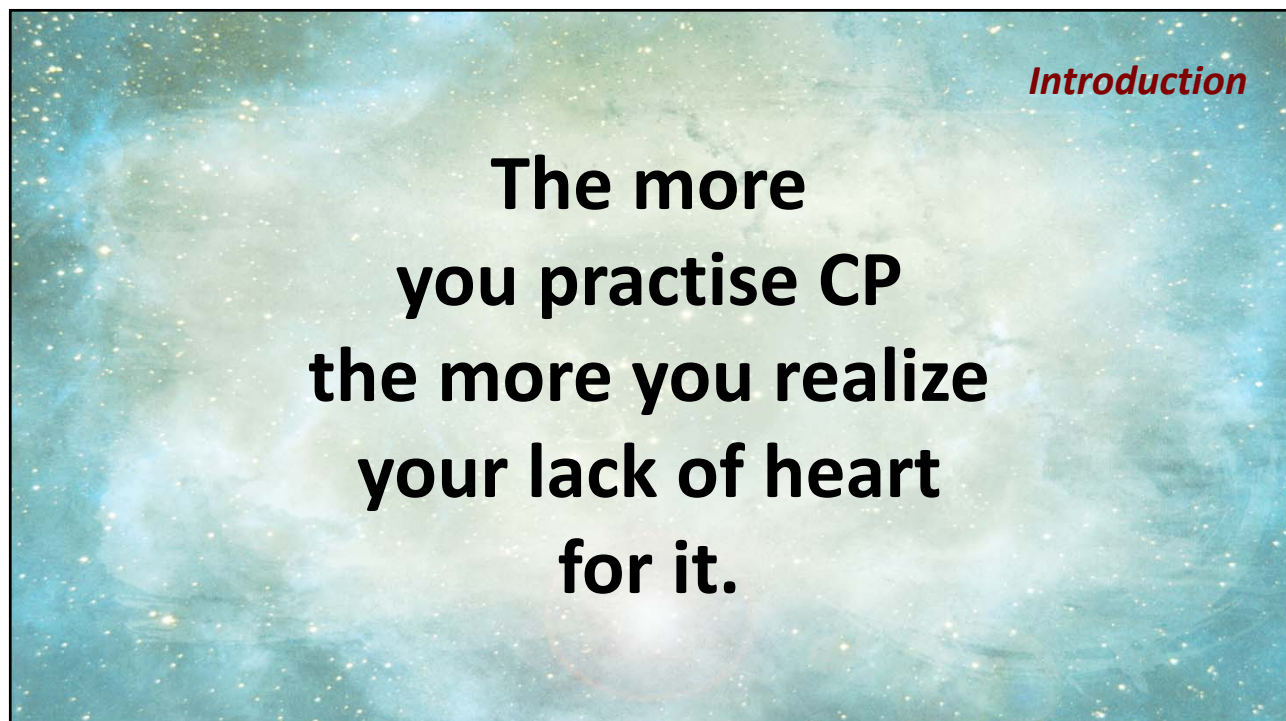
Introduction

a) **Encouraged by the assignment**

** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*


2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

- need to cultivate the heart



Introduction

**The more
you practise CP
the more you realize
your lack of heart
for it.**

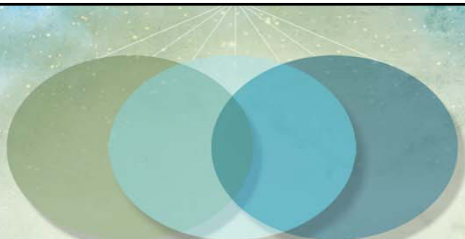


Introduction

b) **Assignment to encourage**

- my assignment is to encourage you
- people that are jaded by CP
- people that have just joined the church

* **Matthew 14 : 13-21**



Road Map

- 1) **Jaded by ministry**
- 2) **Jesus is our model**
- 3) **Just make another move**



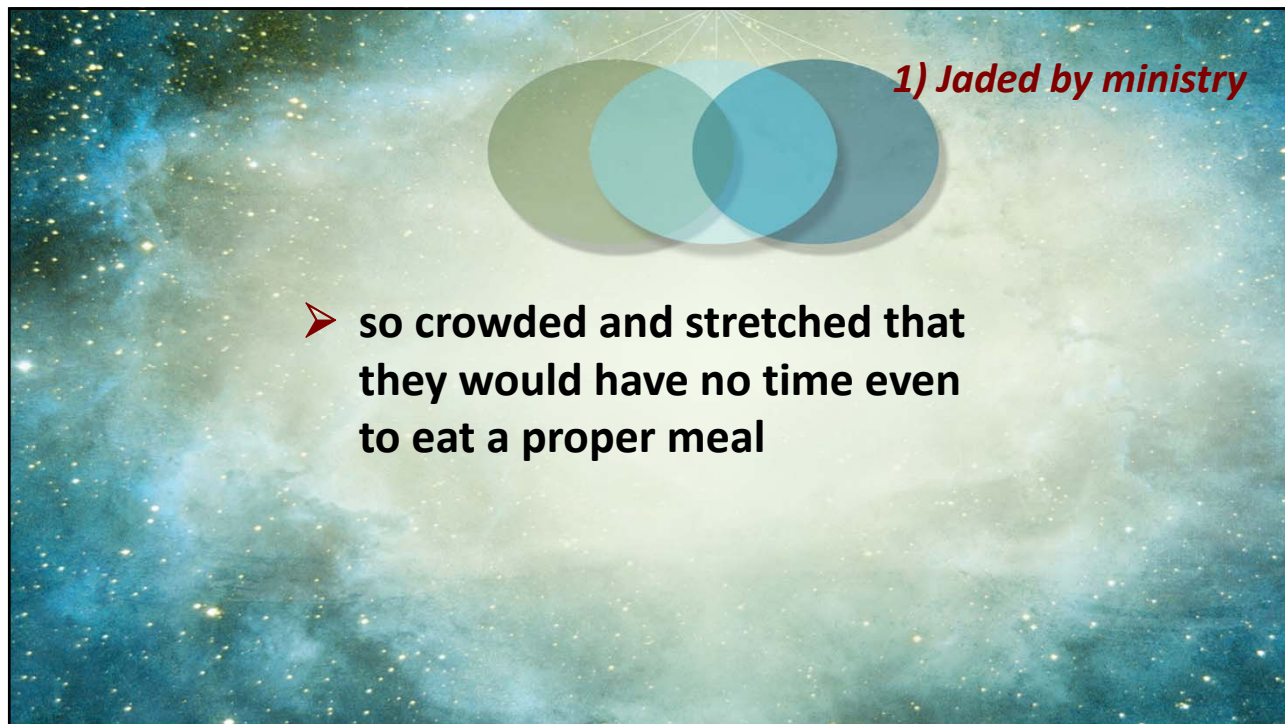
1) Jaded by ministry

- circumstantial experience
- typical seasoned CP practitioners
- over-crowded life
- overwhelmed by needs of the community
- over-stretched in their resources

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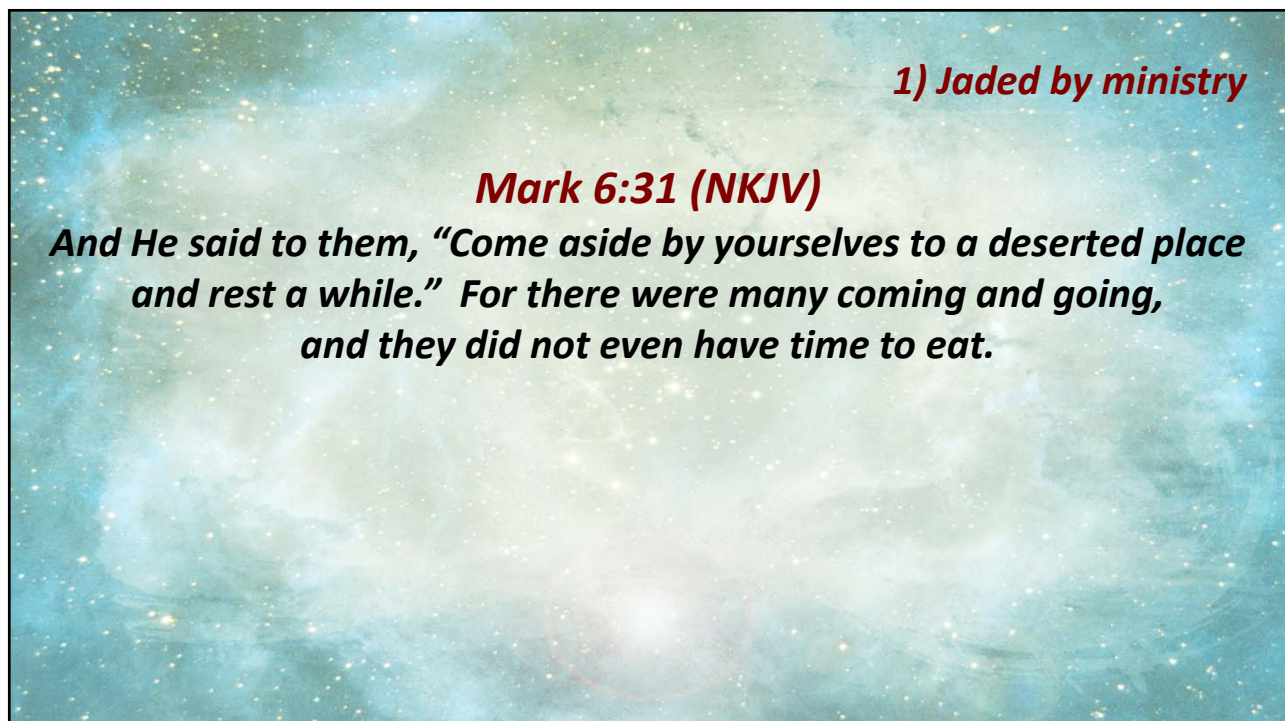
Matthew 14 : 15 & 17

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and buy themselves food.” ¹⁷ And they said to Him,
“We have here only **five loaves and two fish.**”




1) Jaded by ministry

➤ so crowded and stretched that they would have no time even to eat a proper meal



1) Jaded by ministry

Mark 6:31 (NKJV)
And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.



1) Jaded by ministry

- look at the needs
- get overwhelmed
- great in quantity, variety and complexity




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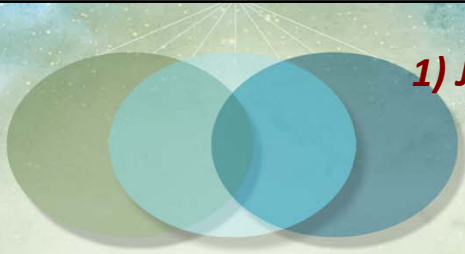
- we have over-stretched resources
- * **Matthew 14:17**
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1) Jaded by ministry

**Must first
acknowledge the
overwhelming needs
and the
human limitations**

1) Jaded by ministry

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- **too much of this debilitating circumstantial experience for too long**
 - **common escape**
 - **slip away, stay away or send away**



1) Jaded by ministry

- send needy people away to find solutions elsewhere

*** *Matthew 14:15***
“Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.”



1) Jaded by ministry

- combined effect
- we lose the heart for community outreach
- might end up behaving like the Levite and the priest in the parable of the Good Samaritan

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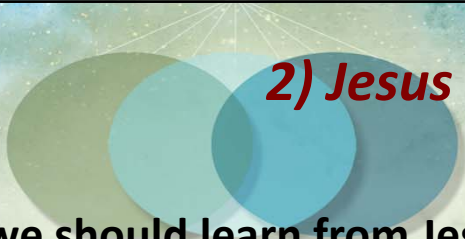
Luke 10 : 31-32 (NKJV)

*Now by chance a certain priest came down that road.
And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

*³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked,
and passed by on the other side.*

1) Jaded by ministry

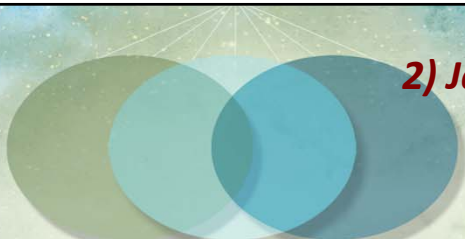
- priest saw it all and just ignored
- Levite took a look and overlooked
- did not show compassion
- need to cultivate the heart of community outreach all over again



2) Jesus is our model

➤ things that we should learn from Jesus in managing jaded-ness :

- **Rest and relationship**
Matthew 14:13
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2) Jesus is our model

➤ bonding time with the Father and for rejuvenation of His spiritual strength

2) Jesus is our model**Mark 1 : 32-39 (NKJV)**

*At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. ³⁵ Now in the morning, **having risen a long while before daylight, He went***

2) Jesus is our model

***out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.** ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. ³⁷ When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." ³⁸ But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." ³⁹ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.*


Mark 1 : 32-39 (NKJV)

2) Jesus is our model

Luke 5 : 15-16 (NKJV)

However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. ¹⁶ So **He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.**

2) Jesus is our model

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- sufficient rest is important
 - keep spiritually healthy
 - place of rest and reflection
 - place of renewal of the inner man
 - a place to slip away to should not become a place for us to stay away from

2) Jesus is our model

Solitude must lead to service

**Pattern of busyness
leading to solitude
and solitude resulting
in more ministries**

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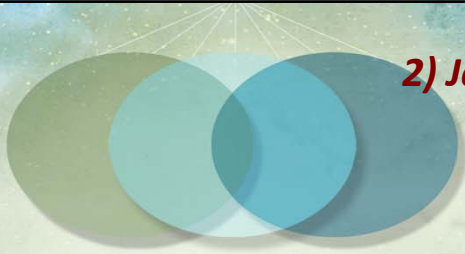
- **Rise up and reach out**
- **balanced by a willingness to allow intrusion and encroachment**

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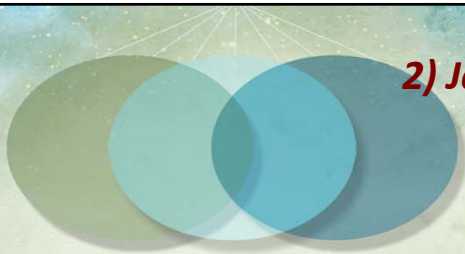


2) Jesus is our model

- **Residents and respondents**

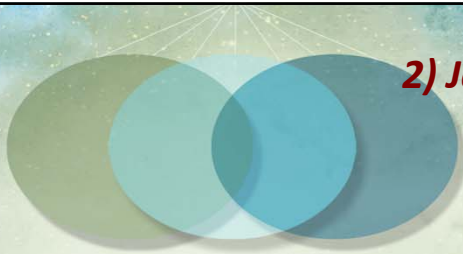
*** Mark 1 : 35-38**

But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns; that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."



2) Jesus is our model

- include the expansion of witness
- keep going out to the residents
- attracting the crowd to us



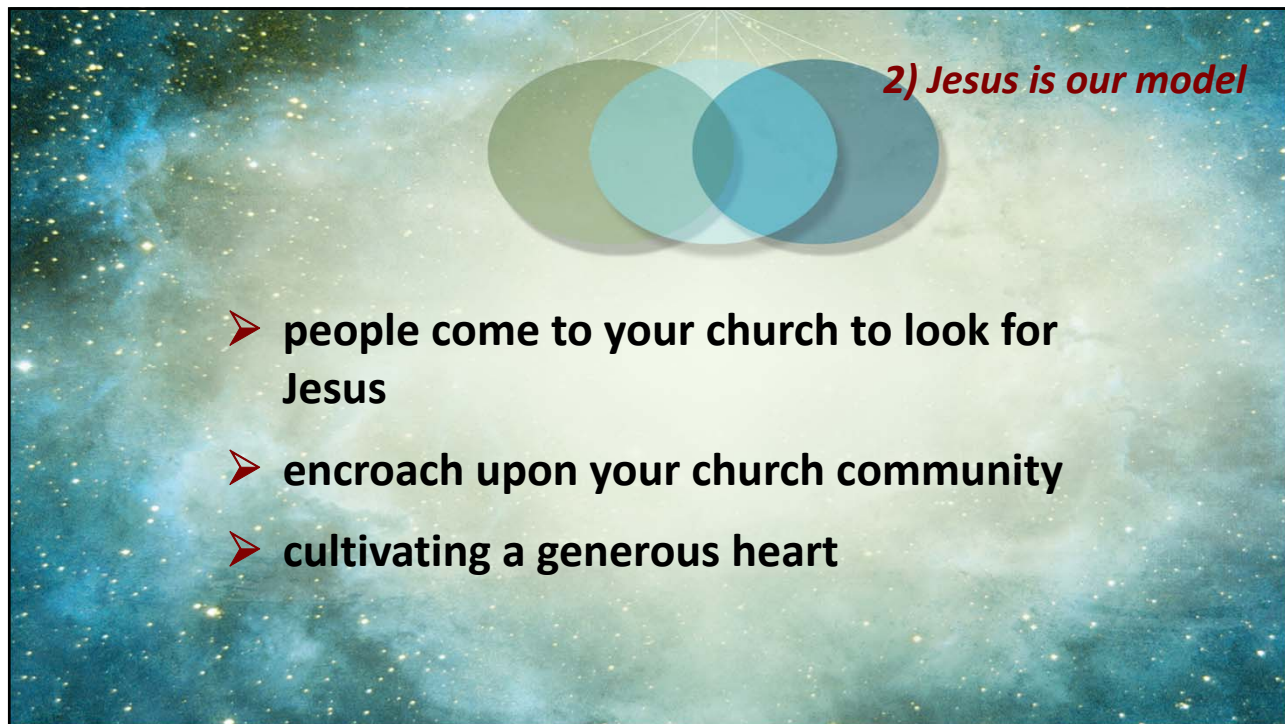
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- Jesus and His ministry were attractive
- our life and church ministries
- have attractive “in-reach”

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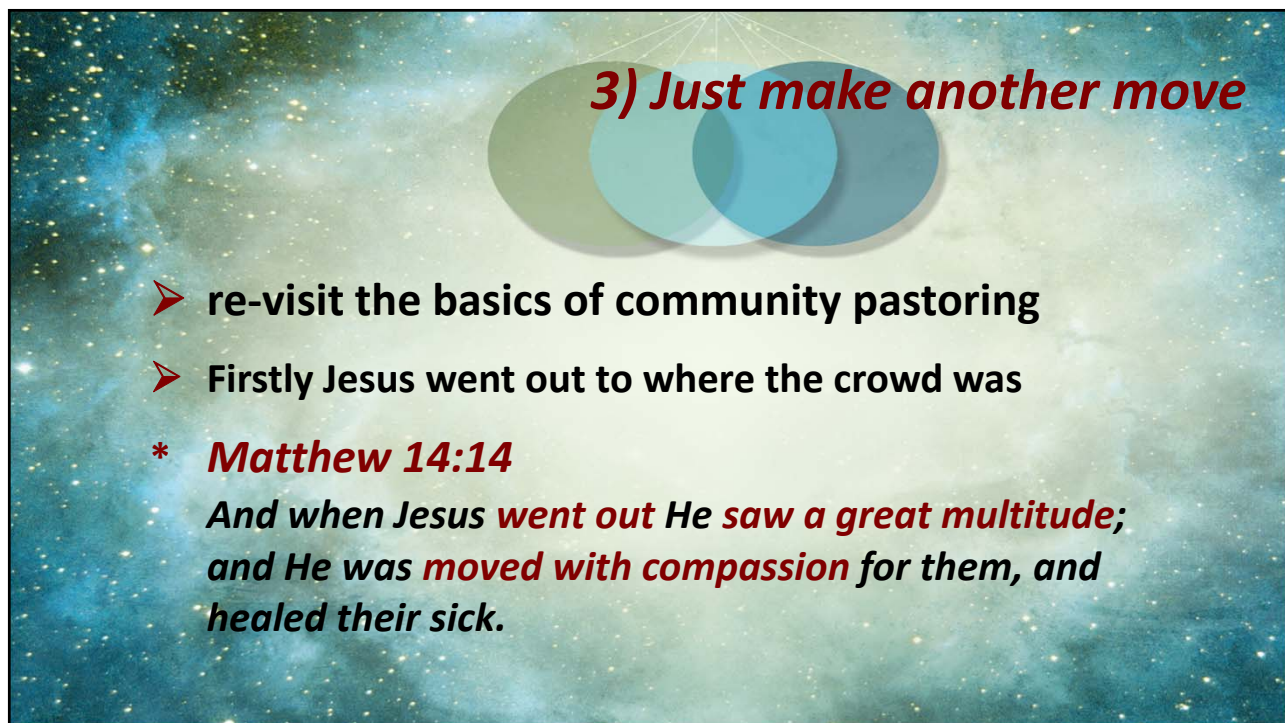
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2) *Jesus is our model*

- people come to your church to look for Jesus
- encroach upon your church community
- cultivating a generous heart



3) *Just make another move*

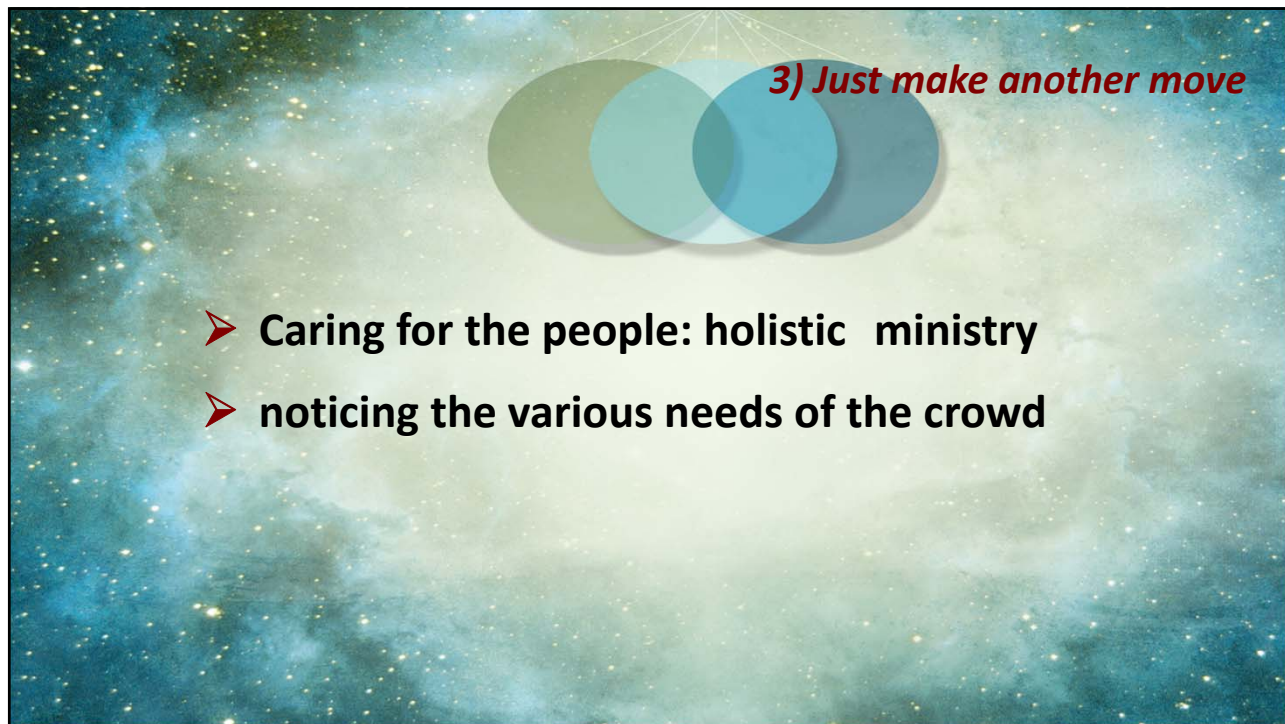
- re-visit the basics of community pastoring
- Firstly Jesus went out to where the crowd was
- * ***Matthew 14:14***
And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

3) Just make another move

Compassion for people :
hearts moved
by
compassion

3) Just make another move

- Secondly Jesus went back, after rest and solitude, to minister to the many needs of people
- * ***Matthew 14:14***
*And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and **healed their sick.***



3) Just make another move

- Caring for the people: holistic ministry
- noticing the various needs of the crowd

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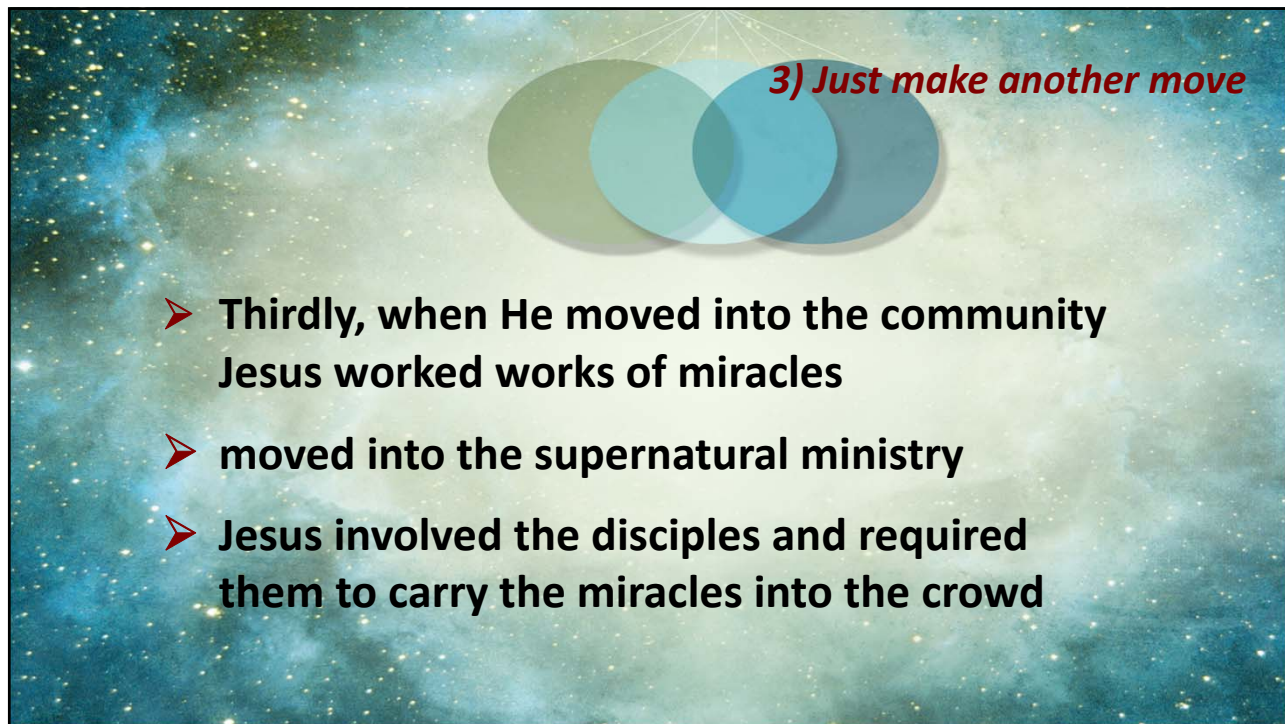
- exercise a more holistic ministry
- not just preaching the gospel

3) Just make another move

Be involved in
compassion ministries
as described in
Matthew 25 : 34-36

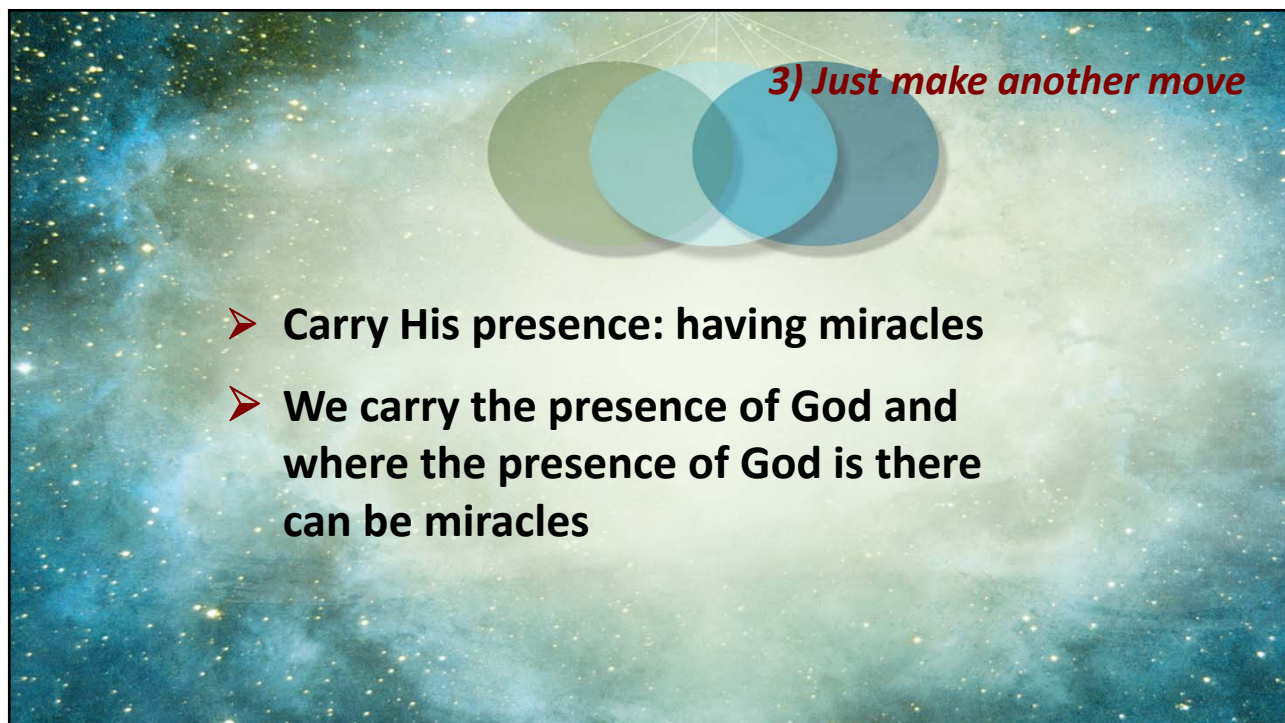
* ***Matthew 25 : 34-36 (NKJV)***

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'



3) Just make another move

- **Thirdly, when He moved into the community Jesus worked works of miracles**
- **moved into the supernatural ministry**
- **Jesus involved the disciples and required them to carry the miracles into the crowd**



3) Just make another move

- **Carry His presence: having miracles**
- **We carry the presence of God and where the presence of God is there can be miracles**

3) Just make another move

Take risks
Do the ridiculous and
the impossible
Exercise faith!

* ***Matthew 14:17***

And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

* ***Mark 6:37 (NLT)***

*But Jesus said, "You **feed them.**"*

*"**With what?**" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"*

