

Incarnational Ministry

Introduction

"The incarnation and sacrifice of Christ provide the pattern for how we minister to survivors of abuse. We enter their world, identify with their suffering, and walk beside them on their journey of redemption. We seek to embody the love of God in a flesh and blood person. Our hope is that survivors will see God's face and experience His love through their relationships with us."

-The Refuge Mission and Core Values Statement

<u>Hebrews 2:14-15</u>: "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."

I. Enter Her World and Identify with Her Situation

What? Questions: general info
How? Questions: the way something was done
Why? Questions: desires and motives
How often? and Where? Questions: themes and patterns
When? Questions: the order of events

Validation

II. Embody the Love of God

Incarnate God's love into a flesh and blood person

Love the Unlovely

Personality Issues

Sin Issues

III. Sacrifice