

Through the Roof Academy

Workshop III: Preparing the Heart of the Church To Welcome All (Café 3:45pm Thurs.)

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I. Joni and Friends

- a. Mission Statement
- b. Church Relations
- c. Through the Roof Academies

II. Disability Awareness Sunday-A great way to start a Disability Ministry

- a. Luke 14:21b-23
- b. Luke 14:12-14
- c. Mark 2:1-5

III. Why have a particular Sunday focused on people affected by disabilities?

- a. Changes the heart of the church
- b. We are called to be imitators of Christ
- c. Publicly acknowledging life at each stage is valuable, regardless of ability or disability.

IV. Where do I start?

- a. Pray for God's heart and guidance
- b. Goals for Disability Ministry
- c. Visit other programs
- d. Contact Joni and Friends

V. Two suggested resources

- a. Special Need Smart Pages
- b. Through the Roof Manual contents
- * Workshop #4 will go into detail on programs and resources

VI. Disabled by design

- a. Psalm 139:13-16
- b. Romans 8:28
- c. James 1:33
- d. John 9

VII. Three levels of Disability Ministry

- a. Creating awareness- A Disability Awareness Sunday will do this!
- b. Becoming responsive
- c. Outreach

VIII. Rewards of having a disability ministry

- a. Church growth and blessing from God
- b. Spiritual benefits to fellow church members- heart stretching
- c. Outreach to families and the community
- d. Our churches will look more like Jesus!

VIII. Keeping an eternal perspective

- a. Matt 25:34-40
- b. Phil 3:20-21
- c. 1Cor 15:42-44

IX. Preparing for the actual Disability Awareness Sunday

- a. Establish your vision- may be to start a Buddy Program
- b. Be faithful in prayer
- c. Talk with church leaders
- d. Plan the program
- e. Doing your home work- physical/accessible considerations
- f. Recruiting people interested in disability ministry- be part of the DAS
- g. To publicize or not ?
- h. Using the results of the church survey- make changes needed
- i. Have a photographer/videographer capture the day
- j. Sign up table

X. Walk through a Children's Disability Awareness Program: Though the Roof!

Two resources: Mission: Unstoppable and Camp Lean-On-The-Lord

- 1. Use anytime of the year
- 2. Use as part of a church wide Disability Awareness Program