



Providing Christian Care Participant Handout



Purpose:

Encourage both pastors and laity to join together in providing Christian care both inside and outside their church

Objectives :

- Identify the five elements of Christian care.
- Identify personal strengths in providing Christian care.
- Identify other team members' strengths in providing Christian care.
- Develop plans for improving and expanding the application of the five elements of Christian care.

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According to Dr. Eugene Peterson, Christian care is taking our _____ in God and introducing it to our friends, neighbors, and business associates.

Christian care is the working application of our faith to the present condition of life.

The Five Elements of Christian Care

Element #1: _____

The goal of Christian care is that of helping people develop their everyday relationship in such a way that they _____ God's will and His love at the center of very encounter.

Element #2: _____

Every individual to whom you give Christian care has a _____ story.

You must _____ intently to recognize the pain and places of receptivity. If you have instant answers they will disqualify you from giving care.

In identifying with suffering in others, be very _____.

The act of listening requires a certain degree of leisure and _____.

The story is always _____!

Element #3: _____

Christian care is a decision to _____ with suffering on the most personal and intimate terms.

True Christian care does not:

- Seek ways to minimize suffering or ways to _____ it.
- _____ on finding explanations for suffering.
- _____ for a cure for suffering.

True Christian care _____ suffering.

Element #4: _____

People who come under our care as “pastors” expect to receive something that they could not otherwise get on their own and to learn something they could not discover by themselves. They expect the “pastor” to give them _____ !

The book of Ecclesiastes teaches:

- What we must do:
- Cleansing:
- Cheerfulness:

Element #5 _____

All Christian care takes place in the setting of a community of faith: _____.

Part of the problem is the American tradition of _____.

Where the community of faith remains community, it _____. Where the community of faith reverts to individuality, the faithful are _____.

Notes:



Action Planning/Reporting Form



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Homework: Use the five elements of providing Christian care presented in the lecture and the information shared in the small group exercise to develop specific action items designed to improve and expand your team's action of providing Christian care.

Steps to Implement Project/Plan	Who will do this step?	When will it be done?	What were the results?	What might you do differently next time?