

Mission, Method, Men
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I. Introduction. Text: Luke 6-7.

II. Medicine is important, but sinners need repentance.

III. We must be willing to make peace with change.

IV. Jesus sought people who were not intimidated by the system.

A. We ought to be associated with people that challenge the system for our own benefit and the benefit of the ministry.

B. Religious leaders in Jesus' day favored the system over the healing of a man.

V. The cost of the ministry.

A. There is emotional, verbal, physical and financial abuse.

B. God must be the standard of the ministry no matter the cost.

VI. Fruit is not the product of programs but of character.

VII. As John was concerned for Jesus' ministry, we ought to be concerned with and care for other ministries. (Philippians 2:3-4)

Application questions:

1. What are some areas that Christians have found it difficult to accept change that are consistent with biblical teaching?

2. Why is it good to find men and women who are willing to challenge the system? Explain.

3. What are some positive ways we can be encouraging to believers in other ministries? Explain.
