

SESSION #1 – Dealing with Difficult People

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I. Difficult people are _____ by something.

A. Feeling trapped causes _____.

B. Difficult people require a special approach.

II. Jesus had a unique perspective of difficult people.

A. Jesus encountered some *very* difficult people.

Mark 5 / Luke 8

B. Jesus saw people as they were and as they were _____.

C. Jesus restores people from “trapped” to free.

III. Leading difficult people requires adopting _____.

A. Seeing others as trapped versus _____ increases our _____ and _____.

B. Difficult people are ultimately freed by Jesus.

C. When responding in the present, _____ the _____.

IV. God is using us as _____ for freedom.

A. God uses _____ to help each person grow.

B. Community creates an environment where people can be _____ toward freedom.

C. Difficult people are an _____, not a problem.

V. Conclusion

“You’re not a _____ to be _____, you’re a _____ to be _____.”