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Teaching Outline

Stayin' Alive: Being A Church With A Future
Being Community Focused

To be a church with a future… we must go into our
_____ to minister

NLT Matthew 9:36 He felt great pity [had compassion] for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

The things that moved the _____ of God moved the _____ of Jesus!!

NLT John 5:19 Jesus replied, "I assure you, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does,

2 Kings 4 (selected verses)

This needs to be our model for ministry: _____ by compassion and _____ by the Holy Spirit!

Acts 9:36-43 (NLT) [36] There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.[37] About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room.[38] But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!"[39] So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.[40] But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up![41] He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.[42] The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.[43] And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides.

How many people are being touched by your _____… by your acts of _____?

I would challenge each small group today… how will you intentionally reach a _____?