

Nurses on Mission



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A silhouette of a person kneeling on a rocky shore, with their hands clasped in prayer. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The background features a calm ocean with gentle waves under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is partially obscured by clouds, creating a soft, golden glow. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything...
Matthew 6:25

A photograph of a wooden raft on a river. The raft is made of many wooden planks and has a silver van on it. A group of people, including several in blue shirts, are standing on the raft. The background shows a riverbank with some buildings and trees under an overcast sky.

*Why Did You
Come to this
Session?*

What is Our Job Description?

- Show love, care, and compassion as we live on mission.
- Be the hands and feet of Jesus while holistically providing *shalom* and meeting people's physical, spiritual, emotional, and psychosocial needs amid uncertainty.
- So, let's talk about practical ways to show everyone holistic respect, care, and compassion.



Learning Objectives

- Recognize ways to provide evidence-based care in a God-honoring, loving, compassionate, and caring way for those who are vulnerable.
- Identify components of health, illness, wholeness (*shalom*), and holistically caring for people's physical, spiritual, emotional, and psychosocial needs.
- Discuss servant leader qualities of integrity, honesty, humility, listening, empathy, commitment, capacity building, compassion, and excellence.



*What Does It
Mean to be
'On Mission'?*





Participating with the Lord: His Purpose

- We are to be a distinctive, holy people.
- We are to declare His glory to the world.
- We are blessed to be a blessing to all the nations.
- The whole bible is a mandate for mission.

Participation in Community

- God is relational.
- God called people into covenant relationships.
- Jesus included the marginalized: crippled, ill, tax collector, prostitutes, women, and children.
- We need to be concerned for the well-being of communities at every level, locally and globally.



Biblical Master Narrative

- God's creation
- Human sin
- God's covenant with His people
- People called to be a blessing to the nations
- Psalm 67 – the blessing
- Evil is overcome
- We are heirs of His promises



*What Do
You See
in this
Picture?*



Broken, Suffering, and Vulnerable





In the Old Testament, health was seen as part of a personal relationship with the Lord, and sickness was both a physical and spiritual problem.

Their understanding of health was connected to the holistic concept of *shalom*, which is often translated as peace.

“...peace, prosperity, rest, safety, security, justice, happiness, health, welfare, wholeness” (Shelly, Miller, & Fenstermacher, 2021, p. 187).

Other countries around the world also promote holistic care, which includes these same concepts.

What ways do nurses promote *shalom*?



Shalom



Shalom

- “*Shalom* means just relationships (living justly and experiencing justice), harmonious relationships, and enjoyable relationships.
- *Shalom* means belonging to an authentic and nurturing community where one can be one’s true self and give oneself away without becoming poor.
- Justice, harmony, and enjoyment of God, self, others, and nature; this is the *shalom* that Jesus brings, the peace that passes all understanding.”
(Wolterstorff, 1983, 69-72).



Saving and Salvation



- In the Old Testament, healing, peace, and salvation often go together (Ps. 103: 2-3).
- In the New Testament, salvation is deliverance from sickness, demons, death, the evil one, and deliverance from sin.
- When Jesus healed, the word used, *sozo* (save), means to restore health and wholeness (Matt 9:21-22; Mark 15:31; Luke 23:35-39).

*Let's Talk
About a
Cross-
Cultural
Context*



Culture, Worldview, and Health

- Culture and worldview affect all aspects of health, including a person's definition of health and illness and their choices about suffering, dying, and death.
- **Cultural humility** is important – understanding, being open, and establishing trust to find redemptive analogies and build relationships.
- Culturally determined factors affect health, such as fatalism, language, customs, traditions, dietary preferences, time orientation, individualism vs. collectivism, and status.

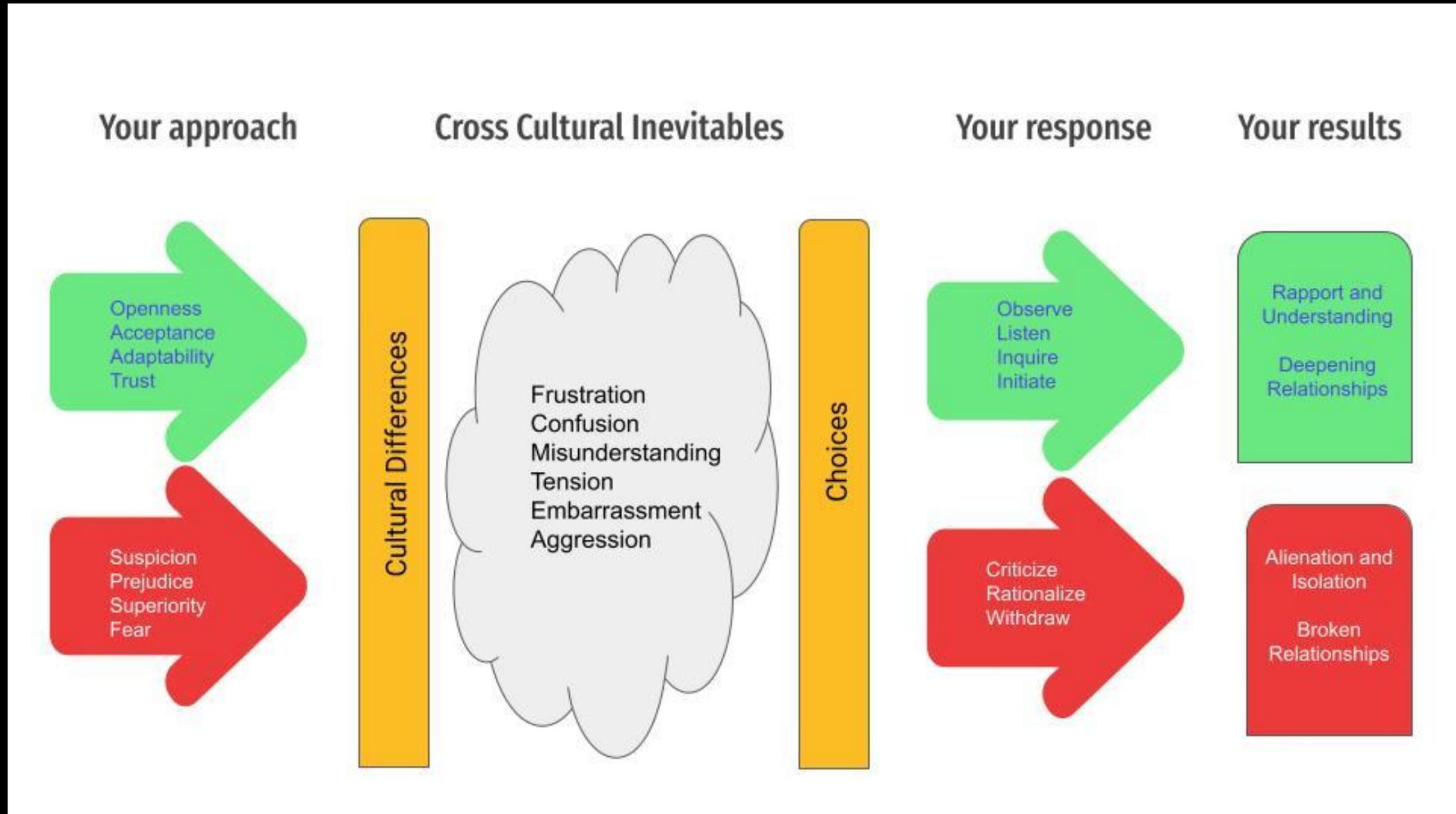


Health Belief Systems (Worldviews)

Scientific/ Bio-Medical Worldview	Magical-Religious Worldview	Holistic Worldview	Biblical Worldview
<p>Events in life have a cause and effect; the body functions like a machine, and all reality can be observed and measured. Control of life through mechanical and genetic processes is valued. This view takes away the perspective that miracles can and do happen (Andrews, Boyle, & Collins, 2020, p. 107).</p>	<p>Supernatural forces, good and evil, dominate the world. Magic involves calling out forces for and against others, and the cause of health or illness is mystical. Illness is thought to be caused by sorcery, breach of taboo, intrusion of disease object, intrusion of disease-causing spirit, and loss of soul.</p>	<p>The forces of nature must be kept in natural balance or harmony. Human life is just one aspect of nature and the order of the cosmos. Disturbing natural laws create imbalance, chaos, and disease. Explanations for health and disease are based on imbalance or disharmony among human, geophysical, and metaphysical forces of the universe.</p>	<p>God is infinite, holy, and merciful. He never changes, and He loves all people. People can know Him and have a personal relationship with Him. God is the creator of the entire universe (Is 45: 18-19). Every person is created in His image and has inherent dignity and worth. Right and wrong is based on biblical values.</p>

Entry Posture Diagram

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Cultural Humility

- Humility seeks to understand, shows honor and respect to others, looks for opportunities to serve others, and begins with knowing who you are.
- It is a **process of self-reflection** to gain a deeper understanding of cultural differences in order to improve the way vulnerable groups are treated.
- The personal reflection is followed by an appreciation of the other person's perspective.

Showing Cultural Humility

- Imitating the humility of Jesus.
- Putting the needs of others before our own.
- Engaging in self reflection.
- Valuing each person's backgrounds.
- Being willing to learn from others.





*Respect,
Caring, and
Compassion*

*Each Person is
Worthy of Honor
and Respect*





How Do Nurses
Show Respect
During Chaos
and/or
Conflict?

Does It
Look Like
This?



His Example

- When Jesus came, a new ministry of care towards babies, children, widows, the sick, disabled, and the dying started.
- Early Christians responded to those sick with the plague and leprosy when others turned them away.
- People are created in the image of God and have inherent dignity and worth.



ANA's Code of Ethics for Nurses

- “The nurse, in all professional relationships, practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and uniqueness of every individual, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems” (ANA, 2001, p. 4).





What Can We Do?



MINISTERING TO THE WHOLE PERSON

- Luke 9:11
- Jesus gave the disciples “power and authority to drive out demons” and “to cure diseases”
- Jesus recognized that there are spiritual and physical causes of suffering.





Ethics, Morality, and Integrity

What do you think of when you
see these words?



Servant Leadership

What is it?

Servant Leadership Concepts

- Listening
- Empathy
- Healing Awareness
- Foresight
- Stewardship
- Commitment to the Growth of People
- Building community





The Task of Being On Mission



Home Visits





Teaching CPR

WE NEED HEAD KNOWLEDGE

- Prayer
- Read the Word
- Discipleship/Mentoring
- Academic Preparation
- Cross-Cultural Training
- Think outside the box and be creative





What is Needed – The Right Heart

- Stop being indifferent to the broken and shattered people.
- Be willing to get hot and dirty.
- Servant leadership:
 - Be out of comfort zone
 - Don't complain
 - Count the cost



What is Needed – Willing Hands

- Touch the untouchable
- Use your gifts and talents
- Serve in any way you can

- It might be different than you think.
- Be willing to be part of church planting strategies.

Living in a Manner Worthy of the Gospel

(Phil. 1:27-30)

- We need to spread the gospel.
- We are to complete the mission – to save actual lives.
- It is time sensitive – we need to get the gospel to people in time.
- Jesus faced opposition and we may as well.





Counting the Cost

- Spiritual warfare
- Hard days
- Weather
- Change in plans
- Missing family events

Isaiah 6:8

*I heard the voice of The Lord
(Adonay), saying, Whom shall
I send, and who will go for
Us?*

Then I said, Here am I.

Send me.



Missional is ⁴⁰ How We are to Live Every Day



There is something *bothersome* about Jesus. He is not content being my Savior, but also insists on being my Lord. He is not content with me knowing the right answers about faith; He wants me to live by faith. He wants me to *get caught up and involved in God's work*

- (Everts, 2012).

GOD'S GLORY IS THE REASON FOR MISSION

MISSIONS EXIST
BECAUSE WORSHIP
DOESN'T

OUR WORK IS TO
CONTINUE THE WORK
THAT HE BEGAN UNTIL
IT IS COMPLETE



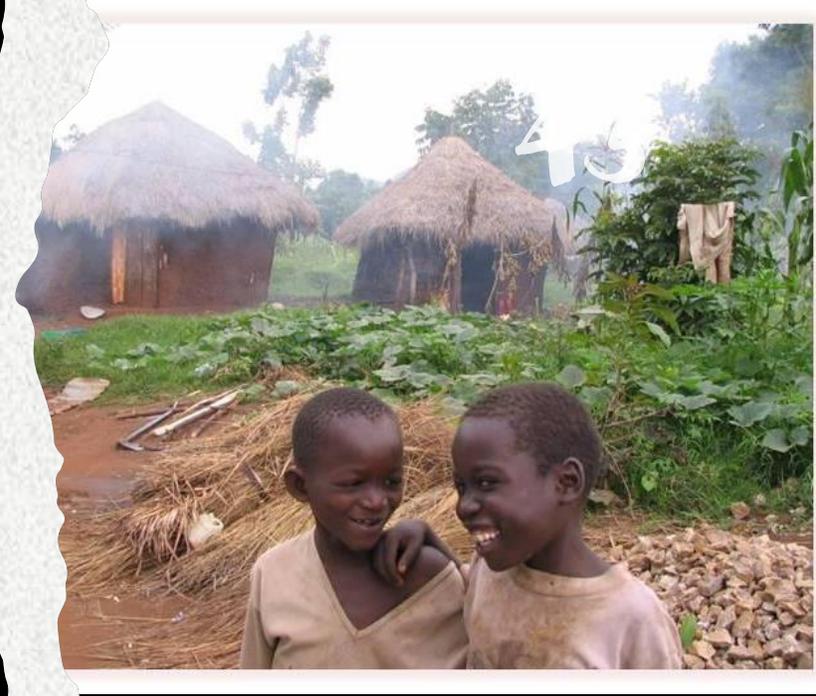
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Questions Do
You Have?

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