

EMAIL FIVE

Good Morning

It is Pastor Conrad with this week's Study Guide Number Five.

I trust that you are keeping well.

The Lord put on my heart strongly this week to share around the importance of having intimacy in our walk with the Lord. King David wrote, "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4)

Having intimacy with the Lord is the key to remaining strong and focused in our walk with the Lord and to seeing His plan and purposes for our lives and churches coming to pass

Intimacy with the Lord is also the key to us having God's heart for the lost and to laying down our lives for the cause of Christ.

This week's topic for Study Guide 5 is: The importance of Having Intimacy with the Lord and God's heart for the lost

We are living in troubled times as we see the imminent return of the Lord. How we need to see revival in our churches so that our communities will be touched by the love of Christ as believers gain a passion to share their faith with others.

Today's teaching is all about encouraging us to get back to our first love for Jesus so that God can birth things in our spirit that will help to see our communities transformed by the love of Christ and the gospel message.

The bible makes it clear that "for with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

The LORD said to Jeremiah, "Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3) God has so much more in store for our lives and churches

One God idea can be the means of seeing our communities transformed by the love of Christ. God's ways are far higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9)

My encouragement to you today is to make your relationship with the Lord your highest priority. Out of a place of intimacy with the LORD, He will birth new ideas and strategies for this year to reach the lost and to see our lives making a difference in this world for eternity, not my might nor by power but by His Spirit.

Worship is a key to maintaining a soft heart and our passion for Jesus alive. As we worship the Lord we gain a fresh perspective that our cities can be won to Christ and that with God nothing will be impossible.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us." (Ephesians 3:20)

Worship helps to keep our focus off the cares of this world and on the bigness of our God and gives us His compassion to reach out to the lost and perishing.

As we live wholeheartedly for Christ, we will see our lives and churches in this time making a great difference in this world. Jesus made it clear that a wholehearted commitment to Him was required to be a fruitful disciple of His.

Jesus Himself said,

"If anyone desires to come after Me let Him deny Himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." (John 12:24)

We have an opportunity in this time that we are living in to make a great impact in this world for eternity. The gospel is GOOD NEWS.

How important it is that we keep our passion for Jesus fully ablaze this year, so that all that we do for Him will be motivated by His love and compassion for the lost and for others

THE READING MATERIALS FOR THIS WEEK ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Study Guide Five: The importance of having intimacy with the Lord and God's heart for the lost
- 2) Teaching: God's heart for the lost
- 3) Gospel Tract - You are Special
- 4) Gospel Tract - Hell is real but Heaven is GREAT

For the last year the Lord has put on my heart a great desire to worship Him and to spend time in His presence. It has greatly affected my life and passion to preach the gospel

My prayer is that this week's teaching will encourage you in your walk with the Lord and to encourage you to refocus on the bigness of God and what He can do through your lives and churches, not by might nor by power but by His Spirit.

The gospel is good news. There is power in the gospel to transform lives and cities. (Acts 8:4-8) In one moment I myself was sent free from great depression when I came to Christ in 1991. He who the Son sets free is free indeed.

My prayer is also that the teaching on God's heart for the lost will encourage you to "...not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9)
OUR PASSION AND LOVE FOR JESUS WILL KEEP THAT EXPECTATION ALIVE IN OUR HEARTS.

I have also attached two gospel tracts that we use here in Australia.

These tracts clearly outline the gospel message and how we can present the gospel clearly to others. As you read these tracts it may help you in presenting the gospel more easily to others. They would also be great to use in helping to equip other Christians in your churches to be able to more clearly communicate the gospel. Each of these tracts have two files. One for the front and one for the back of the gospel tract.

Please also feel free to use these tracts for your own outreaches.

The Word version of these tracts can be downloaded from our Downloads page on our website www.coh.org.au

May the Lord continue to bless all that you are doing for His kingdom and every area of your life. For this week's teaching there are no questions. Well here goes. May you enjoy the readings.

God Bless
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