

EMAIL FOR WEEKS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN

Good Morning

It is Pastor Conrad with the last two weeks of our Church of Hope Evangelism and Ministry Training Course.

Sorry about the delay in sending you this week's teachings but I have put much time and prayerful thought into this final part of our course being the last teachings for this course.

The topics for weeks sixteen and seventeen are: "Launching out into the deep/Living in the miraculous AND the importance of commitment"

As I prayed this morning I sensed that the Lord put on my heart that there are two important things that we need to focus on in this season:

i) The urgency to reach out to the lost with the gospel message. The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few, (Matthew 9:37) AND

ii) To be faithful in caring for those entrusted to our care as pastors and leaders. (Acts 20:28) It is so important that we help to encourage ALL believers in our fellowship to become STRONG DISCIPLES of Jesus Christ. (Hence, the importance of all believers being connected to small group fellowships and us as pastors feeding those in our church the Word of God)

In the book of Hebrews we read, "Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather healed." (Hebrews 12:12-13) How important it is given the challenging times that we are now living in, that we as pastors and leaders encourage all Christians to remain strong in their faith.

Fellowship with other believers is crucial in the times that we are living in. (Hebrews 10:23-25)

This course has really been designed to help achieve the above and to be a tool for pastors to use to help encourage and strengthen all believers and pastors to grow in their walk with the Lord and to fulfill all that God has planned for their lives, churches and ministries. GOD HAS SO MUCH IN STORE FOR OUR LIVES AND CHURCHES

The Apostle Paul wrote,

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

This fortnight's teachings cover two very important areas:

i) Launching out into the deep / Living in the Miraculous (That both as an individual and as a church, we are prepared to step out by faith to do all that God is calling us to do in this season to see our communities won to Christ) - As we launch out into the harvest field both through church outreach teams and by helping to empower all Christians to become soul winners, we will see many coming to Christ. As we step out and follow God's directions and preach the gospel, God will always move in a mighty way. (Acts 8:4-8) (Mark 16:20) and

ii) The importance of COMMITMENT in our walk with the Lord (both in maintaining our spiritual disciplines and to NEVER GIVING UP ON WHAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO DO IN LIFE) - If we finish our Christian walk strongly many others will be impacted for eternity.

The primary reading for this fortnight's study is the ten page study guide for weeks 16 and 17 that I have put together this week.

I have also attached two other readings that relate to this fortnight's study:

Attachment One: The Gifts of the Spirit, (8 pages) and

Attachment Two: An overview of what is important for all church leaders (12 pages)

I trust that this fortnight's teachings will be a great blessing for your lives and churches.

It has been a great blessing being able to serve your churches this year.

WHAT NEXT:

Next Wednesday the 10th of June, I will be sending some possible open book style exam questions (which could be used if desired by course coordinators to run open book exams) to consolidate what has been learned this year. I will also send suggested answers from our study notes for these questions.

On Tuesday the 30th of June I will be sending a certificate of completion (soft copy to print out) to all Pastors and Christians who have done this course this year.

ONE POSSIBLE SUGGESTION AS TO WHERE TO FROM HERE?: This course could be done again by those who have completed this course for other pastors, Christians and church members the second half of the year.

The entire course is on our Church of Hope Website Downloads page which includes all of my emails this year and could even be run straight from our website. (All study guides, emails and teachings can be read and downloaded from our Church of Hope Website www.coh.org.au)

I will be putting this course on a separate page on our website later today to make it easier for people to run the course from our website.

Please note: You do not have to have completed this year's course to run the course for others. This free course is open to all pastors and Christians to study, run and complete. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT WE ALL GROW IN OUR WALK WITH THE LORD.

From the middle of July I will be available to preach messages by Skype

DUE TO THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE AND EQUIP ALL CHRISTIANS I WILL BE RESENDING THIS ENTIRE COURSE WEEK BY WEEK AGAIN FOR ALL THE NEW PASTORS AND CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE CONTACTED US OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS

If you would like to be ALSO included in the rerunning of this course from August DO NOTHING.

BUT IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS RERUNNING OF THE COURSE please simply email me back with the words "DO NOT RERUN" and I will take you off the email list for the rerunning of this course in August. If you do receive the emails for the rerunning of the course you could FORWARD THEM ON TO OTHER PASTORS IN YOUR NETWORK FOR THEM TO RUN THE COURSE

From July I will continue to send monthly emails to those who have done this course to help stay connected. In these emails I will simply be seeking the Lord for a word in season from the Word of God to encourage pastors and all Christians. I will also at times attach a related teaching from our website teachings.

Finally, if you have any feedback or suggestions please let me know. I WOULD LOVE TO GET ANY FEEDBACK

Again, it has been a blessing doing the course with you this year. May I encourage you to fully embrace all that God has planned for your life and churches. We have one gift of life to store up treasures in heaven. It is worth giving our best for the One who gave His all for us. There is a world that needs to know the hope that we have in Christ

May you enjoy this fortnight's teachings

I will email you the possible open book exam questions for those who may wish to use them next Wednesday.

God Bless
Conrad