

## EMAIL FOR WEEKS THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN

Good Afternoon

It is Pastor Conrad with weeks 13 and 14 of the Church of Hope Evangelism and Ministry Training Course.

I trust that you have had a good start to the week.

This week's email contains teachings for the next fortnight and is in my opinion one of the most important topics that we have covered.

The Topic for Study Guide Number 11 is: The importance of mentoring leaders and establishing multiplying small groups with an outreach focus

In many respects this fortnight's topic is an appendix to last week's Study Guide Number Ten: Attributes of a healthy church / Experiencing God's Power in our meetings

As I prepared for this week's topic, I sensed that the Lord put on my heart a real impression as to the lateness of the hour that we are now living in and for the need to encourage all Christians to share their faith. In particular I opened up to Ezekiel 33:1-11 as I prayed yesterday for God's priority for my life in this season of ministry.

The Lord has been putting a great urgency now on my heart to evangelize and to train up and mentor many other evangelists. The harvest is truly ripe but the labourers are few.

For this reason I would like to encourage you as you plan for the coming season to also seek God's will in relation to His strategies to reach the lost and for Him to open up effective doors of ministry to reach the lost. God knows best how to reach the lost. At this time we are also praying much for God to move in our city so that we will see the lost coming to Christ as God continues to unfold His plans for our church.

With the reality of a hell to shun and a heaven to gain we need to be prayerfully seeking every opportunity to help those who are lost and on the broad path leading to hell being given an opportunity of coming to Christ. Equipping and encouraging all believers to share their faith is a key to seeing this happen. Many hands make light work.

For many years I have run leadership small groups. Those who have connected to the life of our small groups at Church of Hope both in Melbourne and here in Sydney have grown strong in their walk with the Lord

So for me having Christians connected to a small group and mentoring key leaders is very important.

In Blacktown here in Sydney over the past 12 months we have seen many other religious groups and cults actively looking to draw people into their groups including some back-slidden Christians who have been drawn to these groups

This is not a time for Christians to be out of fellowship with so many ungodly influences in the world and false doctrines. It is so important now for Christians to be in fellowship with other believers

Small groups are a great vehicle for helping believers to be connected and planted in a local church. In fact the bigger a church gets the more important small connect groups are.

Jesus Himself said in relation to the times just prior to His return,

“And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” **(Matthew 24:3-13)**

In the book of Hebrews we read,

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” **(Hebrews 10:23-25)**

As part of this fortnight's reading material we are looking at a model for Multiplying Small Groups which is a model popular now in many countries. This model is called the Principle of Twelve.

**THE GREAT FEATURE OF THIS MODEL IS THAT IT IS BOTH A MEANS BY WHICH SOULS CAN BE SAVED AND ADDED TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH BY BEING CONNECTED TO A LOVING SMALL GROUP**

The second key part of this teaching is the importance of investing our lives in other Christians and mentoring future leaders. A church full of strong leaders will be a healthy church

The readings for this week's important topic are:

- 1) A four Page Study Guide Number 11: The importance of mentoring leaders and establishing multiplying small groups with an outreach focus
- 2) Attachment One: Things to consider in raising up and mentoring leaders (12 pages)
- 3) Attachment Two: The Principle of Twelve (Raising up Multiplying Small Groups) - 8 pages, and
- 4) Attachment Three: Sharing our faith with others - 9 Pages (This is a combination of parts of two teachings that I have sent earlier in the course for the evangelism component of this course. I have carefully blended these two parts together to provide a nine page teaching that is designed to help equip and empower all Christians to be able to share their faith one on one with unbelievers more effectively. This teaching could be taught in all small groups.

Multiplying small groups have the potential to help the masses to be evangelized in a way where they are also immediately connected in fellowship with other Christians in a small group.

In the early church the Lord ADDED to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

Well enough of an introduction. My prayer is that this teaching may give you some ideas in relation to further developing your small groups in your churches as you read through the teachings and that this fortnight's topic would be a great blessing for you.

Well here goes. May you enjoy the teachings.

God Bless  
Conrad

P.S. As I finished my teaching today I could not help but notice that the time on my computer was 11.59