

WEEK THREE EMAIL

Good Morning

It is Pastor Conrad with the study guide and teachings for week three of our Church of Hope Evangelism and Ministry Training Course

Sorry about the delay in sending you this week's email. I spent much time yesterday fine tuning my preaching notes from the weekend which form part of this week's teachings.

Over the weekend I preached twice on this week's topic: The greatest is love

A church of loving Christians has the potential to transform their community for Christ.

All that we do must be under-girded by love. The key is that Jesus is always our first love and passion. When we touch His heart we have His compassion for people which causes us to reach to others with the good news of the gospel AND to lay down our lives for others.

In the times that we are living in (2 Timothy 3:1-5) and the great need for so many to hear the gospel, how we need to encourage all Christians to keep their love for Jesus Christ and for others alive and strong and to be prepared to give of themselves to help others.

Jesus Himself warned us that because of lawlessness the love of many would grow cold just prior to His return. (Matthew 24:12)

It is so important that we are close to the Lord in these days and that our love for Jesus is burning brightly. If our church is full of believers who love to worship the Father in spirit and truth, all of the ministries that flow out of our churches will be under girded by Christ's love and make a great difference in our communities. We must not become like the church at Ephesus that had left their first love, even though they were full of good works. (Revelation 2:1-5)

How we need to pray and to seek God for more of His presence in all of our meetings

This week's teachings are comprised of:

- i) Topic Three (Two Page) Study Guide: The Greatest is Love
- ii) My sermon notes from the past weekend: The Greatest is love, and for extra reading
- iii) Our Christian Growth Key No. 26 - The Greatest is Love (Two Pages)

I have attached these teachings both in PDF format (first three attachments) and Word Format (Attachments four to six)

JUST A FEW QUESTIONS FOR SELF EVALUATION **ONLY** FOR THIS WEEK

- i) How welcoming is your church to newcomers? Does your church have a focus also on creating healthy loving community?
- ii) Does your church actively reach out into and engage with your community?
- iii) Does your church have any care ministries that help to meet the practical needs of the poor and underprivileged in your neighborhood?

iii) Does your church have Spirit led discipleship groups that enable all Christians to grow into mature loving Disciples

iv) Is my love for Jesus the same as when I first came to Christ. Do I still get excited about spending time with the Lord?

v) Are there any things in my life that could be impacting my walk with the Lord and my ability to love others unconditionally?, and

vi) Do I make time each week to spend with the Lord where I can be still and gain revelation from Him? Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. We must position ourselves to hear from the Lord and to get to know Him more intimately

WELL HERE GOES. May you enjoy this week's study topic.

God Bless

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