

*The opportunity to challenge our churches in Missions is never more vitally needed than in today's world.*

**MOTIVATING FOR MISSIONS**

We believe that in order for the local church to be all that it is supposed to be, it must have a worldwide vision for ministry. Sharing the Gospel with those who have not heard it is our mandate from the Lord. In this seminar, we will help your congregation identify the ways it can be involved in ministry around the world, and do our best to inspire you to set God-sized goals for missions.

We would love to come to your church for a renewal event, women's retreat, concert or to share about the work of missions. We make it easy for you by providing not only powerful Bible-based teaching, but also music led by talented worship leaders. We can even assist you with publicity for your event.

Please contact us to begin the process of scheduling.

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*Every church, Sunday School class, even every Christian family, longs to know how to do it better! How to serve more willingly, forgive more easily, and work together more productively. Each of these seminars addresses a different aspect of Christian Body Life, from servant leadership, to spiritual gifts, to learning to communicate with love. Small group interaction is an integral part of these workshops – and we will work!*

### **UNITY IN THE BODY – MYTH OR GIFT?**

Conjoined twins, Abigail and Brittany Hensel, serve as a poignant and powerful stepping-off place for our discussion of what Christian unity should be. Joined from birth at the torso, these little girls maintain their unique individuality, but have nonetheless learned to cooperate to accomplish basic daily functions and incredible human feats. In this series of interactive teachings, we will explore effective communication, sacrificial service, unity in diversity, and Christian covenant. A session on Christian family life is an option for this program. Come prepared to love and be loved!

### **SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

#### **THE SECRET OF FRUITFUL CHURCHES**

The Apostle Paul gave extensive teaching on the working of the Holy Spirit through individuals by the spiritual gifts (special ability to minister with grace and power) He gives each of us. We'll have lots of fun with surveys – personality and spiritual gifts surveys – as we celebrate the unique way God has made and gifted each of us. You will be relieved to know that God has a plan for you and has given you everything you need in order to fulfill that plan. We recommend this program for churches of any size who have lots of people with lots of ability, but struggle with commitment and follow-through. Knowing the gifts God has given you is a tremendous boost for those who want to find and do God's will, but just haven't known how.

*Churches, women's ministries and other organizations are unique and we often tailor a message for their specific needs. Below are recent messages that have come out of that process. In addition, a leadership program for your specific needs can also be developed.*

### **Fear Not...Living Mary's Peace**

Young, unmarried, pregnant – what a great beginning for the mother of Jesus! Throughout Mary's life, she had many reasons to fear and, though the circumstances are much different, we are often up against some of the same frightening possibilities. Like many of us, she faced the anxiety of a potentially damaged reputation, the burden of great responsibility, and intense personal tragedy. However it is in the midst of our worst crises and our greatest points of weakness, that He often reveals His great purpose for us.

### **When God Ran**

In this session, we take an intimate look at this beloved parable. Some of us can see ourselves in the rebellious younger son, some relate more to the older son yet few of us can see ourselves as the father. In this interactive program, you will begin to identify areas in your life that may be characterized in each brother. You will also begin to see how God has called us to take on the characteristics of the father and how through the power of the Holy Spirit, you can embrace what God has called you to be.

### **Find Us Faithful**

*"May all who come behind find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way..."* Some of our churches are rich in tradition and history and as beautiful and as important to us as that may be, unless we pass on the message of the gospel that heritage will have little true impact on the future. The four sessions include igniting a passion for intimacy with God, for the body of Christ, for the lost and a passion for the Kingdom of God.

### **Leadership Training**

Many Christian and secular organizations struggle with general leadership issues, conflict management, dealing with change and more. It is a privilege for us to help leaders find Biblical solutions to these leadership challenges. Let us tailor a program for your organizational staff or members.

### **POWERFUL, EFFECTIVE PRAYER**

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18) How can we make prayer a vital, fruitful part of our lives? How can prayer change things, even the church? In this seminar, we will learn how to move from “shopping list” prayers to true communion with God in which we participate with Him in the work of the Kingdom. We will practice all kinds of prayer, private and corporate, and we will discuss practical ways you can develop a more effective personal prayer life and a church-changing prayer ministry. The church that chooses this seminar should be ready to put into place the principles that are learned and should expect to begin to see a new move of the Spirit in your midst.

### **THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

What does it mean to be a child of God? To be a peculiar people? There are certain beliefs and practices that identify a child of God and in this series, we will discuss what they are. We are people of One Book – the Bible is living bread to us. We are people who Love – Jesus said they would know we are his disciples by the love we have for one another. We are people with a Mission – to go into all the world and share the Gospel, making disciples. We are people of the Cross – we find our lives by losing them, keep them by giving them away. Following teaching sessions, small group and individual response time will help us to hash out how each of these principles affects our lives individually and as a church.

### **WALKING IN THE WAY – Proverbs 30:18-19**

This four part series tracks The Way of God’s Grace. In “The Way of a Man with a Maid”, we will discuss prevenient and justifying grace – how God draws us to himself and makes us his own. “The Way of a Snake on Rock” discusses the overcoming grace that is ours as we learn to battle the Enemy through spiritual warfare. Reconciling grace is the theme of “The Way of a Ship on the High Seas,” and sanctifying, triumphant grace is the theme of “The Way of an Eagle in the Sky.” This inspiring series will help you identify God’s grace at work in your life and learn to walk in The Way.

### **LIVING IN HARMONY**

Putting together a good band or orchestra requires that each person pay attention to the details, spend time in practice, and learn to harmonize with others. In Christian life, harmony in the Body of Christ comes when each person learns to do their part. In this seminar, we will discuss how to live in harmony with your past, the people in your life, and God’s plan for your life. Small group discussions will center around application of God’s Word to general events in life. Personal reflection will take that a step further to apply these principles to specific events in your life.

### **INNER HEALING**

God has created us as triune beings, spirit, soul, and body. While our spirits relate primarily to the Spirit world, and our bodies relate primarily to the natural world, our souls have the complex job of choosing which will dominate our lives, and how. Our souls consist of mind, emotion, and will. This seminar is not about hocus-pocus spirituality or pop-psychology. It is a practical examination of the fact that we all need to allow our minds to be transformed, our emotions to be healed, and our wills to be surrendered to God. As time allows, we will explore the application of these principles to personal and relational crisis and discover how choice and the power of the Holy Spirit can bring us to victory in any and every circumstance, no matter how hopeless it seems.

### **HIDDEN TREASURES**

The most treasured materials in the natural world are developed and perfected under some of the strangest circumstances. Pearls are formed by regular irritation; gold is purified with fire; and diamonds grow under intense pressure. Christian character is formed under similar circumstances and in this seminar, we will learn to celebrate the aggravating, heart-breaking, sometimes tragic events of life that are our opportunity to experience God’s deepest love for us. If you’ve been trying to understand how God can “work all things for good to those who love him,” then this is the seminar for you!

## Personal Growth Through the Holy Spirit

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*While these programs also deal with personal growth, they are concerned primarily with the inner needs each of us has for healing of the emotions, freedom in forgiveness, and allowing the Lord to refine us through the crucible of experience. These seminars are designed specifically for the faint of heart – for Christians who have struggled long and hard to overcome and need to be released into the freedom God's Spirit brings.*

### SPRING CLEANING

Few of us truly relish the idea of spring cleaning – sifting through piles of stuff to sort treasure from trash; digging deep to purge away the hidden dirt. This delightful comparison of that annual household cleaning ritual with the necessary steps for maintaining a clean spiritual life that will have you laughing, crying, and celebrating long buried treasures. We will learn to celebrate the aggravating, heart-breaking, sometimes tragic events of life that are our opportunity to experience God's deepest love for us. You'll feel like a new person as you have fun comparing your "treasures" with others, sharing long-forgotten memories, and experiencing the freedom of God's cleansing love.

### THE FOOD THAT JESUS ATE

On one occasion, when the disciples offered Jesus some lunch, he responded, "The food I eat you know nothing about. My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." Another time, he told them, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." Many Christians believe that after He creates us, God says to us, "I gave you a brain, now I expect you to use it!" and leaves us to muddle through life on our own. This seminar makes abundantly clear the fact that God has an incredible plan for each of our lives. He reveals it to us as we come to him for guidance, obey him fully because we trust him, identify with his death and resurrection, and share his love with passion and sacrifice.

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*If you were to have an open forum in your church, how many people could articulate their faith in such a way that a non-believer could understand? How many of your folks find the Bible too difficult to read? And how many struggle to have a meaningful prayer life? What about worship – is it just an hour long meeting on Sunday mornings, or is it the strength of your church's life? All of these things are fundamental to an effective, victorious Christian walk, but we all too often fail to make sure that every member of the church knows the basics. This series of seminars will remind mature Christians of the basics and help new believers be sure they are building on a solid foundation.*

### LOST, LOVED, LOCATED

Jesus' series of parables on the prodigals – the lost sheep, coin, and sons – are some of the most beloved in all the New Testament. They are also a clear blueprint of how we get lost and how God seeks to find us. Some people get lost like sheep – they just wander away, following their own natural desires. Some people get lost like a coin – due to someone else's carelessness. Some people get lost like a younger brother – defiantly insisting on going their own rebellious way. And some people get lost like an older brother – always doing their prideful duty, but never understanding the father's heart.. The way of salvation is the same for each of us – God seeks, we are found – and with that comes fullness of life. You will have a marvelous new understanding and appreciation of your salvation – and you'll be eager to help locate those other lost ones and bring them home, too!

### MY FRIEND, THE BIBLE

Begets, thou-shalts, prophets and priests, and all that talk about sacrifice – the Bible can be an awesome book to encounter! The truth is that it is God's revelation of Himself and His love to His children. In this seminar, we will learn how to make the Bible a dearly loved friend – how to begin the acquaintance, build the relationship, and deepen the understanding. We will discover how it becomes a light to our path, a weapon of our warfare, and an encouragement in our struggles. We'll have fun learning to dig out its incredibly relevant truths and apply them to our lives. We'll weep together as we share passages that have been dear to us since childhood and a source of strength to us as adults. When we have completed our time together, this ancient book will be a dear friend.

**GO THE DISTANCE – CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP**

Every pastor longs to have leaders in position who are passionate about the Lord, committed to their work in the church, and effective in leading others. Many times, however, leaders in church programs get their positions by default – no one else wants to do the job! This seminar deals with the basics of developing Godly leaders – foundational principles, servant leadership, spiritual disciplines, and the heart of the leader. Every member of your church will benefit by participating in this interactive seminar, in which we will actually role-play some of the common situations churches face. We'll have fun discovering how God can radically change the heart of a church by changing the hearts of her leaders.

**NEHEMIAH – MAKING VISION A REALITY**

We don't know much about the personal life of Nehemiah, but a study of his professional life reveals a treasure trove for those of us who have an exciting vision from God and want to see it become a reality. Few people in the Bible faced more daunting odds than Nehemiah. Nehemiah's steadfast prayer, stellar character, and stunning boldness will provide great inspiration to us as we learn how to follow God's plan for our lives and churches. In this seminar, we will take time to hear from God about His plan for us, and then talk together about the steps we can begin to take to see that plan become reality.

**THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE**

For the last 30 years, a revival has been sweeping the face of the earth and it has been born through a new passion to worship God. Many churches have longed to enter the mainstream of this movement of God but have struggled with issues of style and volume, personal preference and public proclamation. This series addresses the theology of praise, the corporate practice of worship, and heart of the worshipper. Practical suggestions are made to help churches move into new experiences without abandoning the old. Great attention will be given to the value and necessity of both tradition and change.

**CATHEDRAL BUILDERS**

No one can say who built the great cathedrals – they worked in virtual anonymity, and these builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished – they exhibited faith in the unseen, a goal that stretched beyond themselves. Their reward was in pleasing God and that was enough. Are you willing to change your life and truly live to please God? Let's do it together.

**MIRACLES**

“A miracle is a supernatural act of God – ordinary divinity – interrupting the natural activity of man.” With this statement as our theme, we will explore the many ways God attempts to perform miracles in our lives every day. We will learn to recognize the supernatural intervention of God and expect it as the ordinary, natural way of things for a Christian. There will be opportunity for personal testimonies and assignments that will enhance your perception of God's intervention. Finally, we will learn the victory that comes from gazing upon the Lord, even when there is no “apparent miracle” in our midst. You will learn to experience God in every moment of life, ordinary or extraordinary.

**A NEW THING – Isaiah 43**

The children of Israel had blown it, and because of His great love for them, the Lord allowed them to be taken captive and placed in exile. There, He promised to “allure her and speak tenderly to her, to make the Valley of Trouble a door of hope.” (Hosea 2:14-15) All of us have needed or will need a second chance, a new beginning, a fresh start. Whether our own sin has led us astray, or tragedy has threatened to overwhelm us, we need to know God can help us start all over. Whether our relationship with Christ has grown stale or we've lived with negative labels all our lives, we need to know God can make a difference. This study of the promise of redemption for Israel will be a blueprint for a fresh start in our lives. Small group discussions will play a major role in taking the first steps in that direction.

**EXTREME FOCUS**

In a time when American Church-goers seem to be content with tickle-your-ears messages and tickle-your-fancy lifestyles, “Extreme Focus” renews the call to “offer your body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Him.” The four sessions examine The Presence and Peace of God, Personal Holiness, Trusting God Completely, and Loving Others Continually. This series is not for those content with the minimum daily requirement, but for those who are earnest in the pursuit of the best that God has for us.



### **AT HOME WITH JESUS**

In John 14, Jesus told his disciples: "Don't be troubled...there are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you." Imagine! Being totally at home with Jesus! But we don't have to wait until heaven — through learning to die to self and allowing Him to "clean out" all the hidden rooms of our heart, we can make a dwelling place for Him in our hearts and be totally at home with Him today. The four sessions of this seminar are: He Is Our Dwelling Place, Roof Rules, Healing the Inner Rooms, and Dying to Self.

### **BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." John 15:1-2 We'll take a view of lives from a gardener's perspective and discover how we can be more fruitful for the Kingdom of God. The sessions in Bloom Where You're Planted include being Rooted and Established in Love, Good Soil, Being Pruned, Uprooted, Transplanted and Contented and Dying to Bloom. So put on your gardening gloves and let's get going.

### **OUTSTANDING DEBT**

IT'S NOT ABOUT MONEY!

In Romans 13:8, Paul says, "Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another." Why do we "owe" one another love? Because God loved us first, last, and always. We will discover how to be Free to Love, Free to Worship, Free to Serve and to Free to Choose. In this program, we will plunge into the depths of God's love and mercy, and you will go home overflowing with the desire to love others!

*Each of these programs deals with various aspects of daily life, from overcoming temptation to daring to take a leap of faith; from developing a daily quiet time to sharing your faith with those who have not heard. Challenging small group sessions call participants to respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction with bold, faith-filled action.*

### **THE EAGLE CHRISTIAN**

Perhaps the most popular program we have ever offered is this inspiring comparison of the eagle to the Christian who learns to depend on the Holy Spirit in every part of life. We discuss how eagles mate (for life), how they learn to fly (with a leap into the unknown), how their sight develops, what their diet includes, and how they face storms, sickness, and death. If you're looking for a way to inspire your folks to step out of their comfort zone and dare to expect exceedingly, abundantly above all they've ever imagined, this is the seminar for you!

### **INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD**

Even the most mature Christian in your church will discover new insights into the intimacy Christ desires to have with us through this workshop. Through a study of the life of Moses, tracing the phrase "the fear of the Lord," and a fresh understanding of "the land of milk and honey," you will be challenged to examine your own walk with Christ. Is it deeper, higher, broader than it was last year? Are you coming to know the Lord better every day? This is an interactive seminar with plenty of opportunity for hands-on acquaintance with the Bible.

### **THE DWELLING PLACE – Living a Life of Praise**

Deuteronomy 33:27 tells us, "The Eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are His everlasting arms." 1 Corinthians 6:19 says "Your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit!" Imagine that – we live in God and He lives in us! How do we learn to truly dwell there, instead of just paying an occasional visit to this awesome Place of rest and restoration? David taught us that we enter His gates with *thanksgiving*, and we enter His courts with *praise*. In this four-part seminar, we will learn how to come through the front door with thanksgiving and make it all the way to the inner sanctuary with full surrender. We are made to be a people who praise Him every moment of every day, for all eternity. In this series, you'll learn how to put that into practice.