

Pastoral Duties and Care

Lecture 1

The Church Service, goals, and where they should lead

Loose outline

A loose outline of a church service would be as follows: -

1. Inviting the Holy Spirit to come in the opening prayer
2. Singing
3. Worship
4. Prayer in the Holy Spirit
5. Sermon
6. Application of the sermon in response to the people through prayer for the sick, deliverance, repentance, operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit in prayer etc.
7. Conclusion. Always allow the Holy Spirit to lead the service and give the Lord time to speak or minister to the people in whatever way He wants to.

Following a theme

If one wants to achieve a certain teaching or if a book of the Bible is to be taught over several weeks, it will take more planning. It can be done by: -

1. Dividing the teaching into blocks so that each week is covered by an equal amount of teaching.
2. Finding the teaching subject of each week and matching your songs to it.
3. Using the theme of teaching to help with the structure and activity of the service, remembering to give the Lord full movement and not to restrict him in any way, but be prepared to change anything planned at any time at the prompting of the Holy Spirit so He can take over and do something more wonderful.

The structure

Get the people involved by using their talents for various jobs within the church. Allow the gifts of the Holy Spirit to grow within the members and the Holy Spirit will raise up prophets to speak and encourage growth in the church through tongues, interpretation of tongues, gifts of discernment, words of knowledge, wisdom, faith, healing and the working of miracles. You will also need - the pastor to be the leader, a worship leader and a choir. All these people working in balance with the gifts of the Holy Spirit will bring the church to a new level of the 5 fold ministries. The five fold ministries being: -

1. **The Pastor** in charge will encourage leadership, resolve problems, and pastor the people.
2. **Teachers** will be raised up to teach Sunday School, Bible School, and Evangelism courses etc.

3. Evangelists will be trained and sent out to reach the lost and bring many into the church.

4. Apostles. Some of the Evangelists will become Apostles who will go out and plant churches in cities or remote villages.

5. Prophets will also be raised up to hear God on an intimate level and speak the words of God to the peoples. They will also be prayer warriors, protecting the church from the principalities of evil. Read **Ephesians 4:7-16** and you will see that all this, working together in unity within the church, brings the church to yet another level.

The 5 fold ministries, operating with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, leads the original church to become the Mother Church of the new church plants within the community.

1. The Bible School of Evangelism will carry on training and sending out more Evangelists and Apostles to plant churches.

2. The Pastors Bible School will be training and sending out Pastors to pastor the new church plants.

3. A Church council will come into place for arranging: -

- **Conferences** to build up and encourage Pastors and Evangelists.
- **Crusades** to reach the masses and bring more to Christ.
- **A place for counselling** Pastors, Evangelists and leaders.

Questions to think about

1. How would you follow a theme?
2. How do the gifts of the Holy Spirit fit in?
3. Explain the five fold ministries.
4. Plan a structure for your church.

Lecture 2

The Sermon

1. Wait on God

Come into His presence, bring the church situation to Him, ask Him about the needs and how you can meet them in your sermon. Ask the Lord for the topic, layout and method of putting the message or messages across to the people.

2. How to prepare a sermon

What is the goal? What are you led by God to achieve? What are the needs? What material will attain it? Once you have prayed and sought the book of the Bible or scriptures needed to achieve the goal, you will need to set it out, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in such a way that the people will understand and respond favourably to the message. It is also imperative that the sermon promotes the fruit of the Holy Spirit, which needs to be developed in each member of the congregation. **Gal 5:22**

3. The structure of the message

- Name the topic. Introduce the message in a way that will get the people's attention.
- Structure the message by way of a step by step, explanation or testimony format or even a combination of all three, keeping to the time allocated.
- Use the build up of the message to bring the people to the conclusion and application of the sermon.
- Application may be for immediate response for healing, deliverance, repentance, call for conversion, call for baptism in the Holy Spirit etc. or for lifestyle changes to be practised in the coming week.

4. Follow up

• **Come to the Lord in prayer** and ask Him - How did the sermon go? Did I achieve the goal? How do I know the people understood me? What would I change if I gave the sermon again? How was my voice projection? How can I improve on the way I deliver the message?

If we do this after every sermon we ever give, the Lord will meet with you, give you better ideas, improve your methods and bring you to a level of excellence.

• **Watch and listen to top preachers.** You can also learn from them what to do and what not to do. Aim to do everything to the best of your ability and you will be surprised as to what God can do through you. He will bring you from one level to a higher level and from there yet another level.

• **Have a vision.** A preacher has a great responsibility to the people whom he or she leads. As a leader you can be a local average leader or you can become a great leader. A great preacher has the ability to enthuse the people to greater heights in changed lifestyles in righteousness, to becoming achievers in their work and lives, to bringing villages or communities out of poverty and to prosperous and happy communities.

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Plan with God. Find out His vision and His steps, His goals, towards that vision He has given you.

In Christ you have everything you ever need, to not only become a great preacher, but to lead your peoples closer to God in every way. Go for it. You can do it.

Questions to think about

1. Why is waiting on God so-important?
2. Why is it good to have a structure to your message?
3. Why is follow up so important
4. What is your vision?

Lecture 3

Church Functions

1. Administering Holy Communion

Where to bring it in and how often - Normally one would bring it in before the sermon but sometimes, if the sermon leads toward it, it is more appropriate if it is done afterwards. Some churches have communion every week, some every second week and some once a month, whichever fits in with your community. Remember to be obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as an overrule.

Leading Holy Communion

Bring the people into prayer and confession. The Lord's Prayer is a good lead in and then the prayer of confession, for example: -

Dear Lord, thank you for the cross. Please forgive me for where I have sinned against you in thought, in word, in deed, and in things I have left undone. Please forgive me these things and all that I have done wrong in my past life. Thank you Lord. Please help me to live for you in righteousness from this day on. Amen.

Taking the communion

Use Luke 22:19-20, Mark 14:22-25, Matthew 26:26-30 etc. Use unleavened bread if possible and red wine or grape juice, serving the bread first followed by the wine. The people can come forward and kneel; they can eat from one bread or little ones given to each of them and after that, drink from one cup or from little ones given to them. Another way would be for the bread and wine to be taken to the people as they remain seated.

After the communion

Always give thanks to the Lord and pray. One can also end it with a song or a final song if there have been communion type songs sung during the communion.

2. Handling money

One can either leave a box at the back of the church or take a weekly offering by handing a plate around the congregation. People must give because they love God and not because they expect double back.

Don't push hard for money. It is far better to pray and allow God Himself to prompt the people to give. It is also of utmost importance that every penny spent is accounted for with receipts and that it is only spent on that for which it is given.

3 Dedication of babies

Once in a while it becomes necessary to have a special service for dedicating babies into the Lord's Kingdom.

The mother can bring the babies up together and the Pastor will bless the babies by the laying on of hands.

4 Baptism

Children or new believers who know what they are doing need to be baptised by full immersion into water. A river, lake, sea or even a bathtub in the church can be used.

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit by making a cross with your finger on their forehead. Then pushing them backwards with a supporter behind, immerse them fully into the water where they will die of their old life under the water and rise up in their new life in Jesus.

Some will wear a white robe for this baptism but most will use light clothing.

5. Marriage service

This celebration service to bring together a man and a woman in marriage will include lively Christian songs, a gospel message and the marriage ceremony.

The Pastor will then call the bride and groom forward and get them to speak out the marriage covenant to each other as follows: -

I receive you as my wedded wife/husband, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness or in health from this day forward until death.

They will then put the marriage ring on each other and give each other a kiss.

Joyful singing will conclude the service and the newly weds will walk out of the church with the guests following behind. Confetti will be thrown, or whatever the custom is in the culture will be carried out. The wedding party will follow to the reception.

6. The Funeral Service

The funeral service is to bid the departed person goodbye and to give him a Christian send off, to heaven hopefully, which will be the departed's final destination.

The service will normally start with a couple of chosen hymns or choruses and the coffin will be brought in.

The Pastor will then conduct the funeral, with possibly some of the family giving testimony of his/her life. Sometimes they will open the coffin so final respects can be given before the coffin is taken out for burial. Scripture is used whilst the coffin is lowered and covered.

There are books for each denomination that will further prepare the Pastor to carry out these ordinances in his or her church. Denominational background and this lecture are only to give a basic outline of church functions.

Questions to think about

1. Share some different ways of administering communion.

2. Why is confession so important?
3. List four other church functions and how to deal with them.
4. Discuss how you can bring the gospel message into the functions.

Lecture 4

Church growth

Pray and ask the Lord how He wants to do it, for His ideas are far higher than our ideas. Many of us tend to limit God's help to the level of our thinking. If we do this we will be saying to God that we can do better than the Holy Spirit. This opens the way for Satan to control our minds, and through that, can control us and prevent us from walking in the centre of God's will.

In Uganda, the Lord told me to reach every village. I thought that I would have to do this on my own in the same way everyone else had done it in the past. Seeing that it would be impossible to do this effectively I replied, "Lord, that is impossible even in two lifetimes, to complete such a task." And the Lord said, "I will show you how." Within a week He showed me 50 local Evangelists who were prepared to go but could not walk such long distances every weekend without even roads to the villages. If only they had a bicycle.

Through this, the Bible school of Evangelism and the bicycle ministry were born, enabling thousands of Evangelists to be trained and sent out. God's way is far better than our little minds could even comprehend doing.

Doing everything God's way, led by the Holy Spirit, will keep you free from the devil's negative control, and cause you to walk, with the wisdom and power and knowledge of the Holy Spirit working right through your life in triumph and success every time. Prayer must be used for every category.

Church growth categories

• Sunday school and youth groups

The children are the church of tomorrow. They need as much pastoral care as the adults do. They need to be grounded in the word of God and built up in their faith in a positive, friendly and fun way.

Sunday school is not just to keep the children occupied while their parents are in church. If teaching is not provided, they will wander away from the church and God as they grow to be adults as understanding of the faith has not been given to them.

Teachers should be trained to work with children and taught how to share their faith in a positive and Effective way. I would recommend that every teacher go through the Evangelism course or at least the Discipleship training course, as this will prepare them in the areas of how to pray and prepare, giving them a sound foundation of the Christian faith.

Teaching children in Sunday school must be taken seriously and each teacher can bring in his or her talents to create a fun learning atmosphere. They need to

get the children enthusiastic and teach them the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as the Lord is able to use children very effectively.

What to teach

This will depend on their age and to what depth you can go in teaching scripture, what games will bring out the teaching in a practical way, and how much one can involve the children in questions, discussions or study.

Prepare the teachings in exactly the same way as for the sermons, but bring it to the children in a simpler way according to their understanding. One can also give certificates or prizes for the ones who put much into their studies or for showing Christlike qualities. Outings now and then will also stimulate the Sunday school and one can also use walks or nature to bring them closer to God.

Example walk: -

To teach the children how to hear God.

1. Pray with the children and tell them Jesus will speak to each one of them on the walk.
2. Tell them to walk in silence, look at the nature around them and to hear God speak silently through the various plants, trees water, birds, sky and leaves etc.
3. Go on the walk in silence, stopping occasionally for stragglers to catch up.
4. After 15-30 minutes, stop in pleasant surroundings and get them to sit down.
5. Get each one to share anything they have heard or learnt from the Lord.
6. You will be amazed at the wisdom and insight children will share with you.
7. Pray and walk home.

I have done this walk with children of all ages and even adults, and never once has anyone not heard God except the unbelievers, who then got so jealous of how easily Christians hear God, that in most cases they want to become Christians themselves, and do.

Youth groups

Youth groups may meet at a different time than Sunday school, as they are old enough to be in church. Friday nights are therefore a favourite time to get together, pray sing, go on outings, do different things, and of course study the Bible together. A discipleship course is suitable, and then possibly the Evangelism course with street or village evangelism included. One can have a choir section, music playing section, an intercession section, and evangelism section. Get the youth inspired and doing it and they will continue to serve the Lord.

Choirs

Welcome all who wish to sing and divide them into their different voice levels, men and /or women and practice singing your favourite hymns or choruses. If you do not have a talented singing teacher, you can buy a tape and listen to

how those singers do it and copy them. One can then have an adult choir and a children's choir, and in many communities they have choir competitions with other churches in their area at special crusades or functions.

Practice. Each choir needs to practice at least once a week as well as sing in the church services led by the choir leader.

• Bible study evenings

Most churches will have a weekly Bible study evening, which will start in prayer, and then they will undertake a course of studies over several weeks or even up to a year. This Bible school of Evangelism is designed to fit in a year's Bible study course of 3 hours a week, and this has been very effective as it is cost free and enables evangelists to be trained and certified while keeping their jobs and normal daily lives.

Bible study courses are for the more serious and dedicated members of the church who want to be involved in some way in the church life or evangelism.

• **House churches**

House churches are often small church plants who do not yet have a building, and run a programme similar to the church service.

House churches can also be weekly meetings held during the week for the newer believers and the elderly. They will be brought together to pray, sing, be taught the word and to fellowship, which will compliment the Sunday Service.

The sermon from the previous Sunday can also be discussed and explained further for clearer understanding and application.

• **Prayer meetings**

Times of prayer meetings should be one hour before each service, meetings during the week e.g. Mornings for housewives and older people, or evenings for the working men.

Categories

1. Intercessors - for the ones called to serious intercessory prayer. These men and women are vital for the growth of any church, for these are the ones who carry out spiritual warfare, intercede for the sick and/or problems and to pray for guidance and growth for each individual. These meetings should be serious and move in the power *pi* the Holy Spirit. The people should be prepared to fast and to pray in tongues, sometimes for long periods of time until a breakthrough is reached.

2 The prayer meeting

The whole church should be involved in at least one of the meetings, if not during the week then they should arrive early before the church service to pray or join a prayer chain.

3. A prayer chain for emergencies

This is a group of prayers who will each pray for one hour and then contact the next person on the prayer chain. This continues until all in the prayer chain have prayed privately for the emergency or situation that has called the prayer chain into action.

These are a few of the basic areas that will help towards church growth. The Lord Himself will guide you and show you more exciting ways to enhance church life.

Questions to think about

1. What is the Biblical structure for church growth as in Acts?

2. Why is a good Sunday school so important?
3. Regarding youth groups, give some good ideas for motivating them to come closer to God.
4. Why are prayer meetings so important?

Lecture 5

Visiting

Church Members

The Pastor must have a genuine interest in the welfare and spiritual and physical health of each church member, but without a controlling spirit.

1 Cor 13:4-6 - Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude, love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrong, but rejoices in the right, love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Be interested in the life and family interests of the church member, and then one can bring the conversation from these to the reason for the visit or to the evangelistic questions already taught in the evangelism course.

Questions you can ask non- believers

- Do you see God as the Supreme Being who watches over you and to whom you will give an answer to one day?
- Do you ever pray?
- What do you think is the greatest need today?
 - Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know that if you were to die today you would go to heaven, or is it something you are still working on?
 - If you were to die today and God asked you why He should let you into heaven what would you say?
 - Have you heard of the commandments? Do you think you have kept them all?
 - The ninth commandment is 'Thou shall not lie'. Have you ever told a lie, a half truth, a white lie or been deceptive? What does that make you?
 - The eighth commandment is 'Thou shall not steal'. Have you ever taken anything that wasn't yours regardless of how small? What does that make you?
 - The seventh commandment is 'Thou shall not commit adultery'. Jesus said that if you look with lust, you have already sinned. Have you ever looked with lust?
 - On judgement day will you stand before God innocent or guilty?
 - Do you think you would go to heaven or hell?
 - Does this concern you? Do you realise hell is a place of everlasting torment?

Give the gospel message

- Do you understand how much God loves you and why you need Jesus?
 - If you could receive forgiveness, healing, deliverance and eternal life right now, would you like to? Are you ready to turn from sin and follow Jesus now?

Lead them to Jesus by asking them to repeat a simple prayer of repentance which may be as follows: -

Jesus forgive me where I have sinned against you in thought, word or deed, and for things that I have left undone. Please come into my life as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

- Give six tips on how to grow in Christ e.g. pray every day, read your Bible, go to church, have fellowship with other Christians, get baptised in water, and tell others the good news of what Jesus has done for you.
- Pray for them that they may experience the Lord's love, peace, joy, healing and presence.
- Get them to fill out a commitment card
- Do follow up and teach them the new faith.

Follow up with care

- Invite them to join your church, fellowship etc.
- Phone them or visit them to encourage and teach them further.
- Get them involved in teachings for growth.
 - Prepare them for the baptism of the Holy Spirit and lead them through the prayer.

Other areas of visiting

- **Door to door** - This can be the most effective way of bringing others to Christ.
 - **The elderly** - nursing and residential homes. These people have time to hear you and need to make a commitment to Christ before it's too late.
 - **Hospitals** - always a welcome area, where people are in need of healing. Praying for the sick and watching Jesus heal them is so effective in showing them that Jesus is alive. Many will then repent and receive Jesus as Lord.
 - **Prisons** - another effective area to people who know they have sinned and are looking for an answer. You can ask the following questions: -

1. Would you like to be free? The answer is always yes.
 1. Do you think these prison bars are the problem or is it the prison bars within your heart that caused you to be put in prison?
 2. How many of you have been in prison more than once? Usually over half have been in prison before because the prison bars that the devil puts on people are still there in the spirits of theft, alcohol, drugs, rape, murder etc. etc.
 3. Did you want to commit that crime? The answer is always no.
 4. Why did you commit the crime then? The answer is usually, I don't know.
 1. Would you like to be set free of that thing that caused you to commit the crime?
The answer is almost always yes.
 2. Tell them about the fall of man through Adam and Eve eating the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil.

Tell them how the devil is in revenge against God, because God threw him out of heaven for his sin, and because God made man in His own image and loves man. Tell them that the devil, in fury and revenge, can only hurt God in one way, and that is by taking as many people as he can into hell with him so that he can torment them for all eternity. That is why he goes to so much effort to tempt man to sin, to send evil spirits upon them to cause sin or sickness to hurt their bodies, or lies to lead them from the truth, hence their situation now.

Questions to think about

1. How do you bring a person to Christ through questions?
2. What follow up would you do?
3. Share other areas of visiting.
4. How would you witness to a prison or school?

Lecture 6

Basic counselling and handling problems

- Pray with the person first and ask the Holy Spirit to take control.
 - Let the person speak, but listen intently whilst praying quietly. Be a good listener.

- Help guide the person to make the right decision rather than giving him the answer. You can do this by asking the person what they think is right and then agreeing, or if you do not agree, by asking further questions enabling the person to think through the problem rationally, and come to the right decision themselves.

If the decision making isn't straightforward you can give tips or methods they can use to help them come to the right decision. Below are examples of charts that can be used.

Chart 1 - list advantages and disadvantages of each choice to help decide direction.

Choice 1

Choice 2

Advantages

Disadvantages

Advantages

Disadvantages

Chart 2 - list forces for and against reaching goal and then steps to achieve it.

Present situation i forces helping i forces against i steps to vision i vision or goal

In all counselling, lead the person away from sin and redirect them to God and prayer, and balance everything to agree with scripture.

Handling problems

- Listen. By listening and praying, the Lord will show you where the stronghold is, the cause, or the nature of the problem. There are so many varieties of problems that it would take a manual to go through them all, and there are so many books one can read. Apply basic counselling skills. Do not take sides, but help lead them to the truth, forgiveness and reconciliation.
- For personal problems a person may face, the following will help you the most.
 1. Find out in the gospels where Jesus was faced with a similar problem that you are facing.
 2. Find out how Jesus reacted and dealt with the similar problem that faced Him.

1. Handle your problem in the same way as Jesus did. It may not agree with the way the world does things, but I will guarantee it will work every time with the most glorious, victorious and successful outcome. Jesus was tempted and hurt in every way that we will be tempted and hurt.

When I discovered this, after putting it into practice for a year to see if it worked, I decided it was the only way to live, and have kept to it ever since.

George testimony

My horse George was stolen by a very unreasonable person so I prayed and asked the Lord how I could get my horse back. The Lord gave me **Matthew 5:40 - And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.** " Lord," I answered, "How will this get George back?" "Wait" came the reply. I waited three months. Then the Lord said, "Put £200 into an envelope take a truck and the horse will be released to you today." I obeyed, went, found the person and gave her the £200 in the envelope and watched her count it. I said "I know that really you are a good person and will do the right thing in letting me take George back today, therefore I give you this gift." She agreed and I joyfully brought George back home.

Next day, this lady phoned and said, "I stole your horse, yet for three months you do nothing and then you give me a gift to return your horse, why?" "Because Jesus loves you", I said. "What, Jesus loves me, a rotten sinner?" "Yes, Jesus loves you so much that He sent His only son to die in your place on the cross. Confess your sin to Him and He will forgive you and give you eternal life. Would you like to do this and receive Him as Lord and saviour?" "Yes!" she cried, "Please pray for me and I will never hurt anyone again." I led her through the sinner's prayer and her life was changed forever.

Jesus has the answer to every problem. We deal with problems from the heavenly perspective and not the worldly perspective. When we learn from Jesus through reading the Bible, He will show you Himself, the greatest and most marvellous ways of dealing with problems that will make you rejoice, as He has done for me.

Questions to discuss

1. What problems have you had to deal with and how did you handle them?
2. What was the result of the way you handled your problem, and how did it differ with the way Jesus would have handled it?
3. Draw one of the charts and put your own directional decisions or goal in it, and find out how it can help you effectively.
4. Name 3 stages of counselling a person.

Healing the sick and deliverance

Jesus came to save, heal and deliver. These three make up total salvation. If you are saved and not healed this is not full salvation. Receiving healing and deliverance is for you, as this sets you free from sin and the evil holds on you in sickness and demonic oppressions.

Why does God want to heal you?

1. It is part of salvation
2. The word of God says so in many parts of the Bible, in healing scriptures.
3. It is God's covenant with us.
4. God answers our prayers.
5. God loves us.
6. God has compassion and mercy on us.
7. God is more powerful than the sickness.
8. By His stripes we are healed.
9. God is willing to heal us.
10. God has never said no.
11. It is part of Evangelism.
12. Has the authority of the name of Jesus.
13. It proves Jesus is alive.
14. It is the fulfilment of prophecy.
15. It is part of faith

1. God is sovereign.
2. To destroy the works of the devil.
3. The Kingdom of God is at hand.
4. It's part of the work of the Holy Spirit.
20. To set us free, and many more reasons.

So why is it that some people are not healed?

1. Unbelief
2. Lack of faith
3. Lack of knowledge of scripture
4. Unforgiveness
5. Fear of rejection
6. Unworthiness
7. Demonic influence
8. Hardness of heart
9. Ungodly beliefs
10. Shame or fear strongholds
11. Curses
12. Ungodly attitude
13. Demonic oppression

14. Sin

1. Trauma
2. Pride
3. Religious spirit

4. Negativity
5. Murmuring
6. Disobedience

Ways Jesus healed

1 Through the authority of the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, every knee must bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord, and this victory happened on the cross so every sickness and every demon has to obey the name of Jesus, as all of them have a name.

2. Through the laying on of hands. Here the anointing upon the life of the believer, who has spent much time in the presence of God and who is walking filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, will, by the laying on of hands, transfer the healing anointing received from God into the sick body to bring healing. The person being prayed for will often feel this transfer of tingling heat coming into the body to the area needing healing, and actually feel the pain or sickness leave the body. They will then be healed and set free from the sickness or pain.

3. Through mass evangelism. Here God confirms the gospel message with His signs and wonders that follow the preaching of His word. One will feel the Holy Spirit coming down upon the crowd and by telling the people to lay their own hands upon their sickness or pain they will receive their healing in Jesus' name. After a few minutes, one can ask the people to test their healing by doing something they could not do before and then to put their hands in the air if they are healed. Tell the ones who are healed to be seated or to come and testify, and then any who are not healed, to line up so you can lay hands on them. Often the lame, blind or deaf can share their testimony once they have received full healing.

4. By the anointing of oil. Sometimes in the more serious illnesses, anointing of oil helps to bring healing. I have discerned that sickness or demons hate anointing oil as much as they hate praying Christians and even prayer tunnels.

5. Casting out demons. One can deal with deliverance in the same way as for praying for the sick, but never lay hands on the people. When I pray for the people for deliverance, I like to look them straight in the eyes and take command in the name of Jesus in a firm authoritative voice without shouting.

Often you can see the hardness of the demon staring at you out of their eyes, sometimes even mocking or laughing at you. This will help you to know how to use your authority in Jesus' name, and one can often see the eyes soften to normal as the demonic spirit leaves the body. Sometimes they will leave as a scream or in coughing or vomiting. Sometimes the person will fall to the ground and shake violently, sometimes slither like a snake or look like they have severe stomach cramp. Often commanding it to leave firmly seven times will bring the demon out. It is important to take firm authority in Jesus' name at every command and it will then quickly go. If you weaken in any way, the demon or

evil spirit could keep you going at it for hours, so it is important not to give in for even a second, but to demand that it gets out immediately in Jesus' name.

In the cases of multitude of demons as in delivering witch doctors, it may take a few sessions to get all of them out. With one witch doctor it took three days of deliverance of a couple of hours each day until every demon was expelled and she was truly set free to become a strong Christian.

6. Follow up

Once a person has received their healing or deliverance, it is important to thank the Lord for what He has done, and to fill the person with His Holy Spirit so that every vacant area where the sickness, evil spirit or depression was, is filled.

Ask the person if they would like to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and if they are already a Christian, whether they would like to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will enable them to grow in Christ and to keep their healing or deliverance.

7. How to keep free

The sickness or demonic spirit may try and come back. They can only gain a foothold through the mind, through a negative thought that gives them legal right to re-enter the body.

It is important to tell the people that if a negative thought tries to enter, they are not to receive it, but tell it to go in Jesus' name, turn their eyes upon Jesus and praise Him for the healing He has done. If they do this, they will walk in their healing or deliverance for the rest of their lives.

Questions to think about

1. Why does God want to heal?
2. Why are some people not healed?
3. What ways did Jesus heal the sick?
4. How do you cast out demons?

Lecture 8

Discipling and Evangelism

Matthew 28:18-20 from the Revised Standard Version. **And Jesus came and said to them, " all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."**

This is the job of the church and this is the promise to the churches who do the job. We are to make a disciple of every member of our church, not just converts. Converts will just sit on their pews getting fat on the Word, but doing little with it, whereas disciples will go out equipped with the Word to reach the world, near and far, for Christ.

As your members become equipped to reach out to others, they too will become church planters and your church will become the mother church of the new church plants, who will also equip their new converts to go out and reach the lost, and to plant yet more churches in Jesus' name.

During 2008, in India alone, we have already planted 5, 042 churches in this way, through 2000 trained Evangelists. It works. We need to be serious. We need to plan, through prayer, how we are to do things then do it.

How to disciple your congregation

1. Plan a course of sermons to build and develop complete training on a weekly basis. Give time for discussion, repentance, testimony, and application at the end of your sermon. Do a follow up in your weekly Bible study to find out how people are getting on with their application of the Sunday sermon. Encourage and help them further in applying the teaching to their everyday lives.

Every sermon should be planned in prayer to bring the congregation step by step, closer to Christ in their application of the teachings in their everyday lives.

2. Outreach outings

I find that outings just to have a good time are for having a good time **only**. Outreach outings with God's purpose in evangelism, does not just give a good time only, but an excellent and exciting time in Jesus and in what He does.

An evangelistic outing or mission brings the moving hand of God into the sermons taught, in a living and powerful way that transforms the whole church.

In Kenya, I visited a church that looked like they were glued to the pews, with half the church congregation sick. I asked the Lord what to do about it and He showed me.

The first service was to preach the gospel and heal the sick.

The second service was "Take up your pews, we are going to the market".

They looked at me as if I had gone mad. "I mean it" I replied, and they reluctantly obeyed, bringing the loud speaker system with them. At the market we found a suitable spot and set up the speakers, sang a couple of songs, and then I gave the gospel message.

After a short gospel message with the growing crowd, I called the sick forward and Jesus healed them and they gave testimony of their healing. I then made salvation call and over 30 received Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

- **Third service**

Many from the market turned up and responded to the message, to kneel on the wet floor that was flooding from a rainstorm, to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

- **Fourth service** - was to teach a transformed growing church how to go out into the community, in many different ways, to reach the masses for Jesus, and the church doubled, then trebled in size in the following weeks.

3 How did Jesus evangelise?

There were no billboards down the streets of Jerusalem saying 'come and hear Jesus at such and such a synagogue' so where did a sick person go for help? The doctor or marketplace. Jesus went to the people in the market place. He went around the villages. He preached from a boat on the Sea of Galilee to the fishermen and tradesmen. He also preached in some synagogues. What happened? People heard Him preach. They saw people getting healed and delivered, and the crowds grew. They followed Him and many, many got saved, healed and delivered. His fame grew and the message went out far and wide. He then sent out His *M.* disciples, followed by the 70, and then you and me to do the same.

Jesus did not use big buildings or tents or even a loud speaker system. He simply went and preached anywhere and that's the way we can do it too.

One day, going through a town in Kenya, we stopped to buy a coke when I spotted a lame man sitting on the ground. I went up to him to ask if he would like to receive healing. As I prayed for him, everyone stopped to look at what I was doing, so I offered to pray for any others who were sick, and one by one Jesus healed them. Soon I gave the gospel message to the growing crowd and many of them received Jesus as Lord. It all took about 30 minutes. I said goodbye, got into the car and we drove into the next village.

4 Other ways of discipline and evangelism

Some suggestions are - small group discussions and planning during the week, or teaching them a course on evangelism and then doing it within their different

giftings and sending them out in two's. There are also other varied ways to do it.

- **One to one evangelism** by using the questionnaire evangelism from lecture 6. Ask God to show you where your divine appointment is. Drive or walk to the area of the town God has told you to go, and look out for the divine appointment that the Lord has for you. As soon as you recognise the person or persons Jesus has shown you in prayer, go up to them and introduce yourself, pray for any sick among them and ask them any of the questions

Jesus leads you to ask. Share your testimony and gospel message and you will be amazed as to what Jesus will do, and the people you will lead to Jesus using this method.

- **Door to door** is also an effective way of reaching people for Christ, using the same questionnaire evangelism, though you may have one or two doors shut on you.
- **Coffee mornings**

Here you can invite people for a coffee and cake morning at your home, and use a film, DVD or your own testimony to lead them to Jesus.

- **Friendship evangelism**

Making friends with a non-Christian and showing interest in their hobbies to eventually lead them to Christ.

- **Joining sports clubs or various activities**

Joining a club of your choice in a sport or hobby will bring you into contact with people, and through friendships, can lead them to Christ as the Holy Spirit leads you.

5. Giving the gospel in 5 minutes

Sometimes one has the chance to witness on buses, trains, in the supermarket, in banks, or on the streets. Here one can give the gospel message effectively in 5 minutes. Bring the conversation round to the spiritual and ask them key questions like, do you believe in heaven? Do you know that you will actually go there? How do you know? Through these 3 questions you will know where they are in Christ and how to present the gospel of what Jesus has done for them through the cross, to then hopefully leading them through the prayer of salvation.

6. Healing on the streets

Healing on the streets is a chosen area of the market place that you go to at the same time every week with a healing banner and some chairs. You invite anyone passing by to come and get prayed for, for any pain or sickness that they might have. Jesus always turns up and heals people in these situations and many receive Jesus and join the church as a result of their miracle healings. This system works in most countries, even in England and U.S.A

Questions to think about

1. Why should you disciple your congregation?
2. How can you use outings to further your discipleship of your congregation
3. How did Jesus evangelise
4. What can you learn from Jesus?

Lecture 9

The spiritual realm is very real. When you are purposely going out to witness to the lost, you will come up against spiritual warfare in some way or another, right from the very beginning. It is therefore best to include spiritual warfare in the discipling of your congregation, to prepare them to stand up and take authority in the glorious name of Jesus.

1. **1. Preparation** is very important in mass evangelism, village evangelism and right down to one to one evangelism. Over every nation, town, village or areas, there are the strongmen, and under the strongmen, the various evil spirits operate. The strongmen over one nation or city maybe the spirit of unbelief. In Africa, they are witchcraft, voodoo, ancestral spirits, and marine spirits etc. We first need to pray these spirits down this can be done by prayer mapping. Here you have a map of your area, city or village. Lay your hands on this map and pray down the strongholds. It may be drug abuse, drunkenness and gangs in the poorer areas.
2. **2. Prayer walking**

Once you have prayed, the Lord may lead you to walk round the area once, three times, or even seven times. Obey this as seven times especially has the power to cause the strongmen to come crumbling down. This is very important for your church or just before a crusade. For a whole city it may take a group of intercessors up to a year on a weekly basis of two to three hours. This will eventually clear the atmosphere of these oppressions and an open heaven to come over the place. The area, city or village will then be ripe to hear and respond to the gospel message.

Sometimes the Lord will move in a supernatural way. Once, while in Cameroon, the crusade never happened, so I asked the Pastor from the previous crusade to arrange for us to speak just anywhere, so the Pastor made a few phone calls, one of them to a coastal village. Here the Pastor got very excited as he had a dream of white people coming to help deliver his village of witchcraft and marine spirits, and had told the whole village.

Within 30 minutes we were there, and gave Pastor Emmanuel the battery-operated loudspeaker. He then rode his bicycle round the village calling the people to come to the church as the people he had told were coming, had arrived. We bound every witchcraft and marine spirit down for the 3 days, preached the gospel and prayed for the sick. The Lord moved powerfully.

After this, a lady complained about a lady next door who kept putting curses on her. We told her to go and forgive her, and to give her the gospel. Suddenly Henry stood up and prophesied that there was a lady who kept cursing God's people, and if she did not stop and repent, she would be dead within three days.

The following day there were many healings and salvations, and the lady did go and forgive this lady and give her the gospel. On the third day, Pastor Emmanuel came running to us to say that the lady who put curses on God's people, instead of repenting, went back to the witchdoctor to put more curses on this lady. The witchdoctor was unable to make any more curses due to the spiritual forces having been bound down for 3 days, but this lady was not going to wait. She went to another village and got that witchdoctor to put curses on her, and when she turned to walk back to the village with the curses, she dropped dead.

The death of this unrepentant lady caused a godly fear to come upon the whole village as they saw that, to those who repented, Jesus saved, healed and delivered, but those who chose to walk in their sin, died in their sin. As a result, the entire village accepted Jesus as Lord and saviour.

It was the prayer preparation in conducting spiritual warfare, led by the Holy Spirit that connected us with our supernatural God who did the rest.

In Uganda I spent a full day praying for a crusade for the refugees, and the Lord showed me an open heaven above the town. This turned out to be such a glorious move of God, in such powerful demonstrations of healing of the lame. The deaf and dumb were healed instantly and blind eyes were opened and I marvelled at what I had seen God do. Hundreds became Christians and soon after, were able to return to their villages.

2. Spiritual warfare during the crusade

With disunity among the churches, unbelief, no response, and a heavy rainstorm blowing our way, supernatural faith suddenly rose within me and I said, "If God wants us to have this crusade, just command the rain storm to turn around and leave us in Jesus' name." To all of our utmost surprise, the rainstorm turned around and left, leaving the people in such awe as to the power of God, that suddenly they all believed that Jesus Christ was Lord. The churches united to evangelise, there was repentance and all turned to Jesus. The next day rain was coming in again and they said, "Please don't turn the rain away as we need the rain," so all stood in pouring rain rejoicing in Jesus and not one went home because of the rain, for they had all met Jesus.

The power and authority of Jesus is much, much stronger than any spiritual warfare that comes against us. All we need to do is call on the name of Jesus and take authority against it in Jesus' name, and Jesus himself will fight the battles for you in victory, just as He has done for me every time.

In Nigeria, I was actually attacked by an evil spirit and became unconscious for 5 minutes, but the spirit could not enter me because of Jesus. When I came round, Jesus enabled me to speak with such authority that the church stood up to take authority over those demons, who had kept the whole town back from any progress for many years. The church has grown in the Lord in every way since.

Yes, rise up in Jesus; know the power and authority you have in the powerful name of Jesus, for your victory is in Him,

Questions to think about

1. Why is preparation so important?
2. What does prayer walking around an area accomplish?
3. How do you deal with spiritual warfare?
4. Explain what an open heaven is.