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Terms for Ministry

As a general rule, we request that the church or organization in which we are ministering be responsible to provide our room and board. The Scripture says the laborer is worthy of his hire. (1 Corinthians 9:4-11; 1 Timothy 5:18) When Jesus sent out His followers, He told them to go without money and seek a place where they would be cared for and housed. (Luke 10:4-8) In the book of Matthew He told them that if they were unable to find such a place, they should leave and take their peace with them.

We do not charge for teachings, seminars, or for personal ministry. We believe this ministry has been given to us and it is appropriate for us to give it freely. However, there are many monetary requirements associated with extensive travel and living expenses. Because of this, we do request free-will offerings when we minister in churches and when we provide seminars, and personal ministry for individuals.

We remember Paul's words to the Philippians, that he sought their gifts so their account could be credited. (Philippians 4:14-19) When we receive gifts making it possible for us to travel and minister, we believe those giving the gifts are planting their seed in this ministry field and will receive a crop as determined by the Lord. (2 Corinthians 9:5-12)

Time Needed for Ministry

In the past, we have required a minimum of one week after a seminar in order to provide personal ministry for people in particularly great need. However, we have found that we can include the necessary teaching and prayers that will approximate an individual ministry session. As a result of these improvements we believe that, while desirable, it is not essential to provide personal ministry for most people. (See Group Sessions below)

It is still best to have a few days after a seminar for essential ministry to individuals. We also want to provide ministry and/or training to pastors and ministry leadership. While personal ministry with individuals is very important, we believe it is even more valuable to provide training for ministers and leaders. This will, ultimately, make it possible for many more people to receive restoration.

Qualifications for Ministry

We will not offer personal ministry to anyone unless they have attended a complete Taking the Land seminar and prayed all the prayers, with some level of enthusiasm. We have found that this greatly increases the probability for successful ministry and good fruit. There are a number of good reasons for this policy. We have found that people who are willing to invest the time and energy into a seminar are more likely to be a good investment of our time and energy.

We view the seminar as a means of destroying enemy strongholds within the heart and soul of the individual, while individual ministry is the process of cleaning out enemy encampments. Unless people have been through the seminar, they are often unable to proceed in personal ministry sessions.

Not only are the prayers essential, but the teaching concerning root issues and the soul, give the individual an understanding and make it possible to employ their conscious will and authority for deep heart ministry.

The ministry recipient, the minister, and intercessors all receive some protection from manifestations and spiritual attacks during personal sessions after having gone through the seminar.

Priorities for Ministry

Our first priority is to our host organization and its leadership. In every way possible we try to accommodate the needs of this group. However, as a result of our experience in this area, we prioritize the ministry in order of the greatest effectiveness for the body.

Category A includes pastors, ministers and leadership of a church, home group, or ministry organization. These people

are the greatest target for enemy attacks because they have the most influence on the greatest number of people.

Category B includes family members and people involved in ministry areas with less impact on other people. These people are, logically, less a primary focus of enemy attacks.

Category C includes people that appear to represent a great deal of potential for ministry. These people are enthusiastic and may only need a greater measure of freedom to step into the ministries available to them.

Category D includes the people who seem content with inactivity. They attend the church but don't seek opportunities to serve in any way. They could be the "problem" people that pastors want us to help so they won't be so much of a challenge. From the pastor's perspective, they might be high priority; but from our perspective, they represent the least likely prospect for successful ministry and good fruit. Quite often they don't even attend the seminar.

Included in this category might also be people who are not a part of the host church, but were invited to attend the seminar from another church.

Individual Ministry Sessions

For personal ministry sessions, we will need a safe and secure location where people will have the freedom to discuss heart issues without fear of being overheard or interrupted. We do encourage the pastor or other members of the ministerial staff to witness the ministry sessions. This could provide security for those receiving ministry and a greater measure of understanding for those witnessing the ministry.

Of course, if a person did not want anyone else present during a ministry session, we would honor that request. In some cases, having others present might prevent someone from addressing shame issues, thus defeating the purpose of the ministry.

Each individual session is scheduled for two hours. When possible, we prefer to do only one person of a married couple per session. That gives each one, the full two-hour time.

A typical day's schedule begins at 10:00 a.m. and looks something like this:

Session one, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

Lunch, 12:00 to 1:30

Session two, 1:30 to 3:30

Session three, 3:30 to 5:30

Dinner, 5:30 to 7:00

Session four, 7:00 to 9:00

Depending upon many variables, the schedule can be changed. At the same time, we do limit the number of sessions to four per day. Normally, we make the schedule for individual sessions after the seminar because of the requirement that the person attend and participate in the full seminar before a personal ministry session will be granted.

Group Sessions

When we minister with a large group and are not able to provide personal sessions for everyone, we have an alternate method to help. We can schedule one evening session for a group. In this session we discuss issues that are common to most people. These relate to the adult life, the teenage years, the childhood, and infancy. We also deal with tormenting familiar spirits.

In this way we can take a group of any size beyond the scope of the seminar. Although this is not as specific as a personal session would be, the additional prayers give this group a greater depth of ministry than they receive in the seminar alone. We have received testimonies that people experienced beneficial, life changing results from the group prayers. The changes usually did not occur all at once, but took place over a longer period of time, like a time-release capsule.

Summary

We have been asked if it is beneficial to go through the seminar and individual or group sessions more than once. We believe it can be very beneficial. Many have testified that during subsequent sessions they received new revelation of truth concerning issues in their lives and were able to deal with them. As a result they received a greater measure of freedom.