

LEADERSHIP *JESUS* WAY

THE WAY OF THE KINGDOM

Training and Leading Disciples

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SESSION 1

JOURNEY BEGINS

VISION OF LEADERSHIP JESUS WAY

Vision: Rugby team preparing for a game



⁴Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; ⁵guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25: 4-5

Critical issue is *Leadership*.

'Everything rises and falls on Leadership.'



¹⁸And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

¹⁹Then He said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fisherman of men.' ²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 4: 18-20

God's call is to **journey** with Him. 'Follow me, and I will make you ...' It is a call to a journey not to a series of events.

It is a call to be made into something. It is a call to be transformed.

The success of this transformation is not about how much we know, but how much have we changed to become like the one who calls us.

Illustration: Piano/Pilot

Formula for life: REVELATION + APPLICATION = TRANSFORMATION

THE WISE UNDERSTAND HOW GOD BUILDS



²⁴Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. ²⁶But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash.'

²⁸After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught as one who had real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

Matthew 7:24-29

Lessons from this Scripture

- 1** We are all building.
- 2** We will all be tempted to build the easy way. The hard way is to build slower and deeper.
- 3** We build, not for the sake of the house, but we build with our eye on the storm.
- 4** **Storms will come.**
- 5** Storms will show you how you have been building.

FOR REFLECTION

- Are you living with a sense of reality, in the fact that you are of value and it matters that you are alive? How much do you walk in this?
(Understand, if you question your value, how are you going to impart value into others?)
- Do you see that you can make a difference if you apply your life to the battle?
(If you don't believe this, then you will not be able to impart this to others.)
- Do you see yourself as being unique? That God has carefully and clearly conceived you to serve Him? That you are unique to God?
- Do you walk in a real sense that this is your time in history? God has planned for you, for this moment in history. Do you have a clear grasp that God has put you here for this time and He has a unique role for you?
(If you don't walk in this—how can you impart this to someone else?)
- Do you believe God longs to see you do what He knows and says you can do? Are you walking in a level of success, doing what God has created you to do?
- Do you know why you are here?
(How can we lead if we don't know why we are here? How can we lead if we don't know some of the answers to these questions?)
- Do you walk in the reality of saying, 'I can withstand trials and difficulties because of the sense of destiny I have in my life'?

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

SESSION 2

KINGDOM OF GOD EXPLAINED

THE WAY OF TRANSFORMATION

ARTICULATION + DEMONSTRATION = REPLICATION

‘Heaven on earth is our business’—William Booth.



‘But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.’

Matthew 6:33

‘Seek’ means to intensely pursue. ‘First’ means highest priority.

Your ability to pursue the Kingdom is determined by how clearly you can see it.

KINGDOM OF GOD DEFINED:

‘the re-establishment of God’s rule in the lives of individuals and society.’

BIBLICAL STORY

Creation

- Mankind was created in His likeness: Genesis 1: 26
- Mankind was created for Earth: Psalm 115: 16
- Created in right relationship (Son): Genesis 3: 8
- Created to Rule: Genesis 1: 26–27

- **Position** of mankind—belongs to a ‘royal family’ as sons and daughters
- They are given **power**, which is the ability to carry out task
- They are given **authority**, which is the right to exercise power.

So the picture is: His royal family on earth in right relationship with the Father, with all power and authority to rule.

The Fall

Fall of Man—Genesis 3

Result: The picture above was distorted, tainted and lost at the ‘fall’.
That is: We are now no longer in Right relationship. We have lost Power and Authority and are no longer in Possession of what God had given.



... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ...

Romans 3:23

Jesus comes to earth for two key reasons:

- proclaim and demonstrate the Kingdom of God on earth
- restore what was lost and distorted at the fall.

The result:

- our position has been restored—through adoption
- our relationship has been restored which speaks of intimacy with Father God
- mandate of having power and authority to rule or lead.

The place of satan



And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority, but abandoned their own home—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

Jude 6

Satan only has power and authority in my life to the level I give it to him.

The Great Commission



¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’

Matthew 28: 18–19

Jesus’ ascension



After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. (NIV)

Mark 16: 19

¹The Lord says to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet. ²The Lord will extend your mighty sceptre from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.’

Psalms 110: 1–2

Jesus posture is sitting at the right hand of the Father. Jesus has done all He needs to do. His work on Calvary was perfect and complete.



⁹And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfilment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Ephesians 1: 9–10

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

SESSION 3

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLAINED



'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.'

Matthew 6:33

In the New Testament we see that a disciple is one who learns to live the life his teacher lives. Then with his life, he teaches others to live the life he lives.

The word 'disciple' means, 'a follower of' or 'a learner'. The original word has the idea of apprenticeship. It is a fact that we learn more by what we see than by what we hear.

In the New Testament the word 'disciple' is mentioned 269 times and the word 'Christian' is mentioned three times.

DEFINITION OF DISCIPLE

'A disciple is a whole-hearted follower and student of Jesus Christ, one in training daily to obey Him and live by the power of His Spirit.'

- Disciples understand and practice the daily use of 'use it or lose it'.
- Disciples understand that growth comes from risk and pressure; no pain—no gain.
- Disciples understand that responsibility produces ownership.
- Disciples understand that the fastest way to learn is to teach. Disciples are investors in people.
- Like Jesus, they are believers under authority (Luke 7: 8–10).
- They live wanting to be used by God (Matthew 20: 1–15).
- They understand that you impart and receive what someone is, not what they say they are (measles vs mumps).

DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

- 1 Attend the meetings
- 2 Pay tithes and offerings
- 3 Obey the rules
- 4 Become a member

These are important but are the 'fruit, not the main tree'.

Discipleship is communication, not of knowledge, but life. Jesus taught us a way of life.

A Disciple's relationship is: 'I don't teach the other person to know what I know, but rather I teach him to become what I am.'

Discipleship is not a communication of knowledge but communication of life and spirit.

Through a relationship with Jesus, His disciples were shepherded, adjusted, corrected, fed, challenged, rebuked, exhorted, encouraged and built up.



¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

¹⁶Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

1 Corinthians 4: 15–16

And you should follow my example, just as I follow Christ's.

1 Corinthians 11: 1

SESSION 4

HOW GOD BUILDS



⁵Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. ⁶His preaching will turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the hearts of children to their parents. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.

Malachi 4: 5-6

God is in the family business. He is not building an organisation but a family. He calls us to join His family business. God doesn't call us to build a corporation. He is not the chairman of a Board. Not a director of a company. He is the father of a family.



This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'

Matthew 6: 9

¹Afterward the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.'

²But Abram replied, 'O Sovereign Lord, what good are all your blessings when I don't even have a son? Since I don't have a son, Eliezer of Damascus, a servant in my household, will inherit all my wealth. ³You have given me no children, so one of my servants will have to be my heir.'

⁴Then the Lord said to him, 'No, your servant will not be your heir, for you will have a son of your own to inherit everything I am giving you.' ⁵Then the Lord brought Abram outside beneath the night sky and told him, 'Look up into the heavens and count the stars if you can. Your descendants will be like that—too many to count!' ⁶And Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord declared him righteous because of his faith.

Genesis 15: 1-6

God's way is to produce sons who will inherit the land. Think about Jesus. He was trained by His Father to receive an inheritance.

Abraham says here he doesn't have a son. Abraham says he has everything he could ask for, except a son.

He doesn't ask for an organisation. He doesn't ask for a group. He sees that the only way to inheritance is through his children. He says, 'I have a slave, not a son'. God says my way is to give you sons to pass my Kingdom on to.

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

SESSION 5

COACHING

Jesus taught that ministry, leadership, **what we do**, results from the relationship of **who we are in Christ**. The issue for us in developing leaders is not what we need to know, the issue is **what do we need to become**. The question is not, 'What information do I need to master?' it is, '**What identity do I need to embrace and become?**'

HOW DID JESUS TEACH AND TRAIN DISCIPLES?

MODEL: 'Watch it done'

Show: Jesus lived His priorities as the disciples watched.



Not long afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby cities and villages to announce the Good News concerning the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him ...

Luke 8:1

Observation: The disciples (leaders in training) watched as Jesus taught in parables, calmed the sea, cast out demons, healed the sick, raised the dead.

TEAM: 'Do it together'

Share: Jesus involved His disciples in His life and ministry.



⁵¹When they arrived at the house, Jesus wouldn't let anyone go in with him except Peter, James, John, and the little girl's father and mother ... ²⁸About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John to a mountain to pray.

Luke 8: 51; 9: 28

Participation: The disciples (leaders in training) began to minister with Jesus as he fed the multitudes and they also shared in the glory of His transfiguration.

SOLO: 'You do it'

Send: Jesus passed on His message and authority to His leaders in training.



¹One day Jesus called together his twelve apostles and gave them power and authority to cast out demons and to heal all diseases. ²Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the coming of the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick ... ¹The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them on ahead in pairs to all the towns and villages he planned to visit.

Luke 9: 1-2; 10: 1

Activation: The leaders in training were entrusted with His mission and they were obedient in sharing it.

JESUS: TRAINING DISCIPLES—WHAT DID HE DO?

Jesus' goal for disciples was that people would look like Him at completion.

How did he go about training disciples?

His choice of disciples

- 1 He got to know them. He spent time with them in their surroundings (Luke 4: 37–39, Luke 5: 1–11, 27–35).
He observed them for about a year, during which time they were initial believers (Mark 1: 14–3: 12; Luke 9: 10–10:17).
- 2 He selected them because of their heart desire. Their hunger and thirst for righteousness (John 1: 43–51).
- 3 He chose them through prayer (Luke 6: 12–13).
Before you talk to men about God, talk to God about men!

His relationship with the disciples

- 1 He communicated His message to them (Luke 6: 20–49).
- 2 He loved them unconditionally (John 15: 9, 13: 34–35).
- 3 He withdrew periodically with them from the crowds for rest and strengthening (Mark 4: 35–36; 6: 31–32, 45–47; 8: 27–33; 9: 2–8).
- 4 He prayed for them (Luke 10: 21–22; 22: 31–32; John 14: 12–14, 17).

His practical training of the disciples (Real life situations)

- 1 He taught them in many ways:



When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to his twelve disciples, he went off teaching and preaching in towns throughout the country.

Matthew 11: 1

He used:

- parables and explanations (Matthew 13: 3–8, 18–22)
 - demonstration (John 13: 1–15, washing the feet)
 - question and answer (Matthew 16: 13–16)
 - example—His life and actions (Luke 11: 1)
 - correction (Matthew 16: 21–23)
 - everyday life occurrences (Mark 4: 35–41).
- 2 He sent them out in pairs to apply their training.
 - 3 He evaluated them afterwards, checking, correcting and encouraging (Luke 10: 17–24).
 - 4 He persisted and repeated basic lessons (Mark 4: 35–41; 6: 33–52; 8: 1–10, 31–33).
 - 5 He progressed with them step by step (Matthew 16: 13–20).

His trust in the disciples

- 1 He entrusted His work to them (Matthew 28: 16–20, Acts 4: 1–8).
- 2 He entrusted His power to them (Matthew 14: 12–14).

THE NEED FOR A COACH

There is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Jesus is not self-made.

God uses people to work through. God will use people to take us to another level of excellence.

We all have blind spots that we cannot see, but others will see and we need others to reveal the truth to us.

Are we willing to hear wisdom from the people God has put in our lives? We need to listen to people who know more than we do.

Coaches can be people in history who, when we study their lives, speak to us and call us to a higher level of excellence. Coaches can be anyone in your life who are calling you to a higher life.

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

SESSION 6

GENERATIONAL TRANSFER



Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

Acts 13: 36

There is a need to serve our generation! But to be people of the Kingdom, we need to understand that we each have a responsibility to pass on to another generation. We can't be so selfish as to live for ourselves only.



*¹⁶I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign LORD;
I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.*

*¹⁷Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.*

*¹⁸Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come.*

Psalm 71: 16–18

*⁴We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.*

*⁵He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
⁶so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.*

*⁷Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.*

*⁸They would not be like their ancestors—
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
whose hearts were not loyal to God,
whose spirits were not faithful to him.*

Psalm 78: 4–8

CHRISTIANITY IS ALWAYS ONE GENERATION AWAY FROM EXTINCTION

If our forefathers had abdicated their responsibility of transfer, Christianity would have ceased to be. The Sovereignty of God is committed to seeing generations who will continue the generational line. Nearly every generation for the last one hundred years has said they are the **terminal generation**; that is, they thought they were the generation that would witness the Second coming of the Lord.

As a result, they did very little to take dominion, control or lead (Genesis 1: 28). The problem is the years have come and gone and we are still here on earth. In the meantime, we have lost the territories of universities and business, the ruling of the nations, the arts, science.



He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah, the prophet of old. He will precede the coming of the Lord, preparing the people for his arrival. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will change disobedient minds to accept godly wisdom.

Luke 1: 17 (NLT)

We must turn our hearts to God, turn our hearts to fathers and turn our hearts to children.

Be careful what you are implying when you say to children—‘you must go out and find your own way.’

If you are living the way of the Lord, you are living the right way and it’s right for you to encourage your children that there is no need to find an alternative way. We must teach our children the way of the Kingdom of God. We must raise our children with a vision to succeed us, and not be pressured into a carnal need to ‘find their own way’.

Their way must be our way and our way must be the way of the Kingdom of God.

King David carried a vision to build a temple. One problem, God would not permit David to build.

God wanted one generation to formulate the vision and the next generation to fulfil it.



¹⁸But the LORD told him, ‘It is right for you to want to build the Temple to honor my name, ¹⁹but you are not the one to do it. One of your sons will build it instead.’

1 Kings 8: 18–19 (NLT)

Many dreams are lost because they were never passed to the second generation.

It is the responsibility of fathers, men of dreams, to sow their dream into the hearts of builders in the next generation.



And now the LORD has done what he promised, for I have become king in my father’s place. I have built this Temple to honor the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

1 Kings 8: 20 (NLT)

Solomon saw that his destiny was to succeed his father and be a dream builder.

I believe that the dream I carry in my heart, will be fulfilled by my children.

Too often the church is guilty of starting over. We always want to start afresh.

Canadian runner, Donovan Bailey, won the 1996 100 metre gold medal with a speed of 9.84 seconds. Though Donovan won the gold medal, his 9.84 seconds was not the fastest 100 metre race run in the '96 Olympics. The fact is there were many who ran but did not win gold. A faster 100 metre race was actually run by every runner of the 100 metre relay who succeeded him in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th positions. The reason was, when they received the baton at their starting line, they had the privilege of starting at a full sprint. The momentum was already established as the baton was placed in their hands.

Generational transfer is a vision to see our children begin with a running start. The result will be that they will run faster and accomplish more than we could have imagined.

We have to pass on the baton. The life of God, the dreams and visions we carry, must be passed on. Without a vision for generational transfer, the church is forever in the formation stage.

SESSION 7

SEED SOWING—STRATEGY FOR EVANGELISM

‘IF YOU KEEP DOING THE SAME THINGS, YOU WILL ALWAYS GET THE SAME RESULTS’



²⁶Jesus also said, ‘Here is another illustration of what the Kingdom of God is like: A farmer planted seeds in a field, ²⁷and then he went on with his other activities. As the days went by, the seeds sprouted and grew without the farmer’s help, ²⁸because the earth produces crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. ²⁹And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle.’

Mark 4: 26–29

- 1 This parable is about the Kingdom of God.
- 2 The Seed is scattered.
- 3 The Seed grows by itself.
- 4 The Harvest is reaped later.



³⁷You know the saying, ‘One person plants and someone else harvests.’ And it’s true. ³⁸I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and you will gather the harvest.

John 4: 37–38

- 1 One person does the sowing.
- 2 Someone else may do the reaping.



My job was to plant the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God, not we, who made it grow.

1 Corinthians 3: 6

- 1 One person plants seeds.
- 2 One waters.
- 3 Only God makes them grow. God gives us the privilege of doing the mechanical things, planting and watering. But God makes it grow.

We work in partnership with God. We do a bit, He does a bit. We plant and He makes it grow.

This is true in nature. We can’t make seeds grow. If we don’t plant then how can God make it grow?

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

SESSION 8

EMPOWERED FOR KINGDOM LIFE

We need to ask, 'Is Jesus ministering as He did in the New Testament?'

Supernatural acts of miracles and deliverance. These are signs of Jesus as King, ministering in authority. I believe Jesus is restoring a dimension of His Government into the life of the Church that is vitally needed today.

Consider Elijah: at times this man of God was gripped with depressive moods; he was prone to disillusionment and discouragement; given to self pity but ever at God's disposal.

Whenever we place ourselves in God's hands, no matter how frail and insignificant we may feel, we accomplish far more than we can ever realise.



Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, 'How long are you going to waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!' But the people were completely silent.

1 Kings 18: 21

Elijah preached and the people said nothing. Here is the man striving with people.



³⁸Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the ditch! ³⁹And when the people saw it, they fell on their faces and cried out, 'The Lord is God! The Lord is God!'

1 Kings 18: 38-39

The fire fell and the people cried out. Oh for the fire!

Someone has said, 'What the striving of man cannot achieve is but the work of a moment to the outpoured Spirit.'

It is the fire, which makes the difference.

OUR CHALLENGE AS DISCIPLES:



¹²The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹³You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father. ¹⁴Yes, ask anything in my name, and I will do it!

John 14: 12-14

Let's consider the following Scriptures. The call is to pursue the lifestyle of Jesus Christ.



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith ...

Hebrews 12: 2

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever – increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3: 18

Then



¹⁶He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

²⁰Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

Luke 4: 16–21

It seems this event was significant to Jesus



... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Acts 10: 38

Now consider disciples of Jesus:



⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.'

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark 6: 7–13

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

After the death and resurrection of Jesus



I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city **until you have been clothed** with power from on high.

Luke 24: 49

But you will receive power **when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1: 8

WHAT IS THE ANOINTING?

It is knowing the supernatural presence of God upon us.

It is being aware of His Presence with us.

'It is an actual physical experience, when we feel the warm presence and glow of God upon our body.'—This is how I heard it described by a new convert years ago.



¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2: 1–4

Something to consider: With Jesus, the Holy Spirit came like a dove. With the disciples, it was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind and tongues of fire. Could I suggest it's not the manifestation that's important, allow Him to come as He wills, but, the issue is, we need the knowledge He has come.



⁶Then Peter said, 'Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.' ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Acts 3: 6–8

SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES

Paul's ministry



¹And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 2: 1–5

¹⁷Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. ¹⁸I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—¹⁹by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

Romans 15: 17–19

Samuel Logan Brengle:

'Getting out of bed about 6 o'clock with that desire, I opened my bible and, while reading some of the words of Jesus, He gave me such a blessing as I never dreamed a man could have this side of heaven. It was an unutterable revelation. It was a heaven of love that came into my heart.'

D.L. Moody:

'I remember I was walking the streets of New York, and right there on the street the power of God seemed to come upon me so wonderfully I had to ask God to stay His hand.'

Charles Finney:

'As I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any expectation of it, without ever having the thought in my mind that there was such a thing for me, without any recollection that I have ever heard the thing mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Spirit descended upon me in a manner that seemed to go through me, body and soul. I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity, going through and through me. Indeed, it seemed to come in waves of liquid love.'

Leslie Weatherhead:

'The whole compartment of the train was filled with light. I felt caught up into some tremendous sense of being within a loving, triumphant and shining purpose. An indescribable joy possessed me.'

John Wesley:

'About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone form my salvation and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.'

War Cry:

Early Salvation Army meeting—13 September 1878:

'Everyone was overpowered by the Spirit.'

