



MAY TRAINING WEEK FOR PASTORS & LEADERS

The Training Week in May is going to be a great opportunity to learn, grow and develop your leadership.

With teaching from experienced pastors and topics ranging from practical ministry to leadership development to personal growth the week is jam packed to accelerate your leadership and ministry in your church.

Once again the afternoon sessions will be team building exercises designed to strengthen your team.

The details are:

Dates: 18-22 May 09
City: Hyderabad, AP
Who: All Pastors and leaders in South Asia
Contact: southasia@cccclarlingford.org.au
Cost: 2200 rupees
Purpose: The training week is designed to train Pastors and Leaders in Leadership and Ministry Skills and to further the mission of C3 Church in the South Asia

Topics to be Covered:

(The Training will be presented by Senior Pastors of C3 churches in Australia)

Leadership: Ministry and Leadership distinctions;
Vision Casting
Ministry: Moving in the Spirit; The Prophetic;
Preaching; The Presence of God;
Prayer; Praise & Worship
Team Building: Afternoon exercises in your leadership team.

REGISTRATIONS are being taken in India by Roger Moss in Hyderabad. Please contact him on (40) 39103001 or on his email rogermoss@rediffmail.com to register.

Registrations close on 10 May. Your early registration will ensure your place in this training week.

SKILLS FOR PREACHING

"Be tactful with those who are not Christians ... Talk to them agreeably and with a flavour of wit, and try to fit your answers to the needs of each one." Col. 4:5-6

Rick Warren says the number one complaint about church of the unchurched in his area was "boring, irrelevant sermons".

As he reviewed his preaching of the previous ten years he asked himself "Would this message make sense to a totally unchurched person?"

He says "It didn't matter if I liked the message or not. It wasn't enough for a sermon to be doctrinally correct and homiletically sound. If I was going to start a church by attracting hard-core pagans, it would have to be a message they could relate to."

As preachers we are charged to explain God's Word in ways that enable people to hear and respond to the Gospel.

The question for us is what makes for effective preaching to those who are spiritually lost.

DEVELOP YOUR STYLE ACCORDING TO YOUR AUDIENCE

You can't communicate with people until you find something you have in common with them.

Those who don't know God, who don't believe in His Word don't understand an approach to preaching that starts with, what is for them, reference to a book that is irrelevant.

We must start with the 'text of life' rather than the 'text of Scripture'. What are their needs, drives, hurts and common interests, this is what we have in common with them.

We must capture the attention of our audience/ congregation first and then move them to the God's Word.



MAKE THE BIBLE ACCESSIBLE TO UNCHURCHED

God's Word is the word of life - but there are times it is so layered in language that people don't use in common life and names they have never heard before it can be quite unapproachable to the average spiritually lost person.

We must do everything we can to bring the unchurched into contact with the Bible, while helping them to feel comfortable using it.

So use newer translations of the Bible and write Scriptures out and display them via your multimedia system or on paper.

USE TITLES THE UNCHURCHED UNDERSTAND IMMEDIATELY

Listen to radio, watch TV and read newspapers to get an appreciation of the language that people in the street use - then mirror it! Why, because this tends to be the language people best understand.

PREACH IN SERIES

Allowing your preaching to build is an important feature of gaining and retaining the attention of your listeners. This impacts individual sermons, but importantly your week to week preaching as well. Building from one week to another gives a hook to invite people back!

Sermon series create anticipation!

DEVELOP YOUR PREACHING STYLE

Working at the craft of preaching is really important. All of us can develop, all of us can improve. Having people help us develop is really important.

Get feedback, listen to other preachers... learn from others!

EXPECT PEOPLE TO RESPOND

When I expect unbelievers to respond to Christ, more do so than when I don't expect people to be saved.

SAFE ARRIVAL OF JOHN & CARLIN MANGRATEE'S FIRST CHILD

John Mangratee of C3 Siliguri and C3 Darjeeling writes,

"Dear family and friends,

We thank God for the new arrival in our family... Carlin has delivered a girl child at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 1st April.

The child is a child of promise and has come in fulfilment of the prophecies spoken to us by the saints.

We thank all who have earnestly prayed for us, specially the mother and child. Praise God that we could have a normal and safe delivery. Both mother and child are fine and in good health.

Please continue to remember us and the ministry we are doing in your prayers.

John & Carlin

C3 South Asia Conference

Dates: 3-6 November 09

City: Hyderabad, AP

Theme: 'Leaders Living Life Well'

Who: All Pastors, leaders & teams in South Asia

Contact: southasia@cccclarlingford.org.au

UPDATING STATISTICS ON THE WEBSITE

Updating your church statistics each month is an important aspect of being part of C3 Church. These statistics should be input within a week of the end of each month. It's a simple process; just log on to the C3i Global web site www.c3iglobal.org input your email address and password and then put your stats in. Your assistance in this greatly helps!

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