



Assignments: Module 2 – Learning Session Three

1. (A) Read ch. 15 (“Praying the Ordinary”) in Richard Foster’s book, *Prayer*. (B) Throughout this month try to practice praying the ordinary. (C) In your journal regularly record any thoughts, feelings, or impressions while you do.
2. (A) Read chs. 2-3 (“The Search for Leaders” and “The Master’s Master Principle”) in *Spiritual Leadership* by J. Oswald Sanders. (B) In a couple pages reflect upon the questions listed at the end of each chapter. (C) Come prepared to share your reflections at the next learning session.
3. Throughout Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells a number of parables. These parables typically have something to do with the nature of God’s kingdom. (A) In order to better understand these parables begin by reading ch. 8 (“The Parables: Do You Get the Point?”) in *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stewart. (B) Read through Luke’s Gospel 2 times throughout the month. Select a parable of the kingdom in Luke’s Gospel—other than the Parable of the Sower. (C) In a paragraph or two, describe the context of the parable and the call for action that it is eliciting. (D) Taking into consideration your own context, write your own parable that uses more modern images but essentially makes the same point as the parable you studied.
4. As Christians we are summoned to exemplify and announce the good news of the Kingdom of God. In the third part of this module we will be thinking about how this can be done with biblical integrity, cultural sensitivity, and personal creativity. (A) Begin by reading the following articles and chapters: “Evangelistic Preaching in the Twenty-First Century” by Leighton Ford; ch. 11 (“The Pastor as Evangelist”) and ch. 12 (“The Good News of the Kingdom,”) in Lesslie Newbigin’s book, *The Good Shepherd*; “Go and Plant Churches of All Peoples” by Tim Stafford; and “Evangelism as Parabolic Witness” by Jin S. Kim. (B) Select one of the articles or chapters above. Write a one page reflection in which you consider how you can integrate these ideas into your life and ministry. (C) Drawing upon your

reading, write down a list of seven principles that you think ought to inform our approach to evangelism today.

5. (A) Finally, drawing upon all that you've learned over the course of this module we want you to communicate the gospel of the Kingdom of God in a way that fits with your gifts and existing ministry. The possibilities are endless. You can prepare a sermon and preach it. You can develop a lesson plan and teach it. You can write a song or poem and perform or recite it. You can paint a painting, write and direct a drama, or make a short film. The goal is to take what you've learned and share it with others—with biblical integrity, cultural sensitivity, and personal creativity. (B) Invite your coach to whatever you choose to do. (C) Come prepared to share for at least ten minutes at the next learning session about what you did, why, and what you learned as a result.