

Curriculum Guide for Presentation on: ***Spiritual/Devotional Life***

Goal: To encourage leaders to recognize the need for a living connection with Jesus as the most important foundation for a life of effective service.

Points to cover when presenting on spiritual/devotional life:

1. Christian leaders need to spend time at the feet of Jesus.
 - a. Read the story of the visit of Jesus to Bethany recorded in Luke 10:38-42.
 - b. Divide attendees into groups of fourⁱ and ask them to address the following questions:
 - i. Martha was a woman of faith. What distracted her from spending quality time with Jesus?
 - ii. What can we learn from the response of Jesus to Martha?
 - c. Lead a group debrief, allowing each small group leader to share lessons learned from this narrative.
2. Discuss some practical ways for a leader to spend time at the feet of Jesus.
 - a. Prayer
 - i. Using the Lord's Prayer as a model for prayer
 - ii. Using the Sanctuary as a model for prayer
 - iii. Exploring the benefits of united prayer
 - iv. Allow participants to share models for prayer that have been helpful for them.
 - b. Daily reading of Scripture
 - i. Share simple plans for daily Scripture reading, including interactive plans such as www.BelieveHisProphets.org.
 - ii. Explore the benefits of journaling in connection with daily Scripture reading.
 - iii. Allow participants to share approaches for daily Scripture reading that have been helpful for them.
 - c. Reflect on the following words of counsel from Ellen White:
 - i. "Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures will be overcome by his attacks" (GC 519).
3. Healthy spiritual/devotional life always leads to mission.
 - a. Read Matthew 10:8b and John 20:21.

- b. Divide attendees into their groups of four and ask them to address the following questions:
 - i. How much mission awareness is there in your current work environment?
 - ii. Share your experience with mission both inside and outside your current work environment.
- c. Lead a group debrief, allowing each small group leader to share their mission awareness and mission involvement.

ⁱ Ask each group of four to select a group leader who provides an opportunity for each member to share and also gives a report to the entire group during the debrief time.