

## **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 four<sup>i</sup> 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](http://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.

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<sup>i</sup> 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.