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 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.
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.