

## Leaders Notes – Session 7



Title:- **Conversion Counseling..... (Continued b....)**

**Discussion:** Why do you think we often rush the conversion experience for people?

### **Teaching Point 2 - What we do when leading someone to the Lord Jesus.**

- 1) Get them to tell you the process that has led them to this point in their life, pick up on any problems that seem to be highlighted by them or the Holy Spirit. It is important that we listen to both the Spirit and man to pick up on what is really spiritually going on within a person. It may be possible at this point to begin to see the Holy Spirit do a spiritual repair job on people at this point thus freeing them to become a Christian.
- 2) There should be a recognition of both sins committed and failures experienced – John 16 v 8 – 11 makes it clear that the Holy Spirit's work is to convict the sinner of sin – of righteousness and of judgement. If this conviction is not a person then there is a big question mark whether they are ready to respond to Jesus. Where it is present there is a need to help a person confess their sins to God and help them apply the blood of Jesus to forgive them. It is important that right from the beginning that we not only pray for them, but that we also use the bible to reinforce the promises God has given them regarding His forgiveness, acceptance and love.
- 3) After the Holy Spirit has brought an awareness of sin and led a person to repentance, next comes the recognition that Jesus personally died for the individual. It has been my experience that people who struggle with low self esteem struggle to fully receive the grace of God found in the cross of Jesus. There is a need through Scripture to explore that not one of us deserves the salvation that God freely gives us, however because of God's love and grace we are given this free gift from Him. There will be some people who actually need to hear the words God, "Love you, forgives you and receives you into His Kingdom." Through no work of your own but through the confession of faith in Jesus. This needs to be said and ministered into some people's lives if they are not to continue in the pattern of trying to work themselves into heaven.
- 4) There then comes a handing over of a person's life unconditionally to Jesus. Jesus is not only Saviour but LORD. If someone has messed around with the occult or has demonic problems you will find that they will struggle to do this. There is a need through the prayer of repentance and claiming the authority of Jesus to set them free so they can hand everything over to the Lord.
- 5) It is essential that after someone has handed their lives over to Jesus that we pray for them to receive the power and baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit seals a person's life in Jesus and gives them both the resources and power to live and witness for the Lord. Both in cultivating intimacy in our relationship with Jesus and empower us to change and grow the fullness of the Spirit of God is of absolute importance.
- 6) When you lead someone to the Lord you are responsible to make sure that they are nurtured and disciplined until they can stand on their own two feet and have the tools to grow and change long term for the Lord. We must not neglect our responsibility to new born Christians.

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