

Leaders Notes – Session 7

Title:- **Conversion Counseling.**



Introduction: Conversion counselling is helping to support someone as they accept Jesus Christ into their lives. It is about a change of direction in their lives, going through a New Birth experience that seals their life in Jesus and releases them into the process of becoming a true disciple. The whole idea behind conversion is that different things happen to a person at different levels as they give themselves over to the Lord. When someone becomes a Christian in real terms it is the biggest miracle and healing of all.

Discussion: Why do you think that Conversion can be seen as a healing experience?

What the Bible Says: - Reasons why Conversion is the biggest miracle of all

God given faith – Ephesians 2 v 4 – 10

Full Forgiveness – Acts 2 v 37 – 29

Born Again – John 3 v 1 – 8

Transformation from death to Life – Romans 6 v 20 – 23

Incorporated into Christ – Romans 6 v 3 – 11

Made a child and heir of God – Romans 8 v 14 – 17, Galatians 3 v 26 – Ch 4 v 7

Gift and renewal of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 1 v 11– 14, Titus 3 v 4 – 7

Grace to live the New Life – Galatians 5 v 16 – 26

These things result in:-

Freeing from judgement and sin

Healing of hurts and past

New birth -new identity and nature to grow into.

As we can see conversion is more than just signing your name on a response card and tagging Christian faith onto an unchanged lifestyle. Conversion is about a radical change at the core of someone's life that can happen instantly or gradually. It is God fundamentally transforming someone to a new Spiritual life / relationship and empowering them to live for Him.

Discussion: What do you think may stop someone either coming fully to faith or growing in that faith?

Teaching Point 1 - Why Conversion is an important part of the healing ministry.

1) As you are ministering to someone in inner healing or deliverance, it is often necessary to bring them to the Lord. It is also the case when ministering to people who are not Christian even in physical healing, and they may want to respond deeper to what has been done for them by becoming a Christian. It is very important that if doing deliverance ministry that you see a person's life given and sealed in Jesus.

2) Someone may come to you to become a Christian and you may find that there is a number of spiritual and emotional issues that may need dealing with as part of the conversion process. If these issues are not dealt with as part of the conversion / nurture process then these things can stunt and undermine the person's short and long term growth as a Christian.

TWO PROBLEMS if we don't pick up on the background to someone coming to the Lord Jesus.

1) Traumatic experiences in a person's life can stop them long term growing in their relationship with God. It means that although you may see them initially flourish and grow, because the core problems have not been dealt with they long term slip back into problem behavior and responses. This is why both nurture and prayer are very important in the early months.

2) Bondage to particular sins / and spirits from before conversion can undermine their new found freedom in Christ.

It is important to understand that these areas are not always broken just through the normal conversion prayer.

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