

## Session 1 – “Do We Really Need Help?”

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Instruments Course - Session 1

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### **INTRO to LCC's "Instruments**

**Study”** ...Why This Course for LCC? ...a bit of “DNA Programming” (ie teaching Each Cell what we're about as a Body)

**Eph 4:7, 11-16** *But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ...<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

- **A Grace "Distribution" Passage**
- **There is Leadership Ministry** (v. 11-12)
- **There is PERSONAL MINISTRY** (v. 15-16)
- **What's at Stake?** (v. 13-14)
  - Today's American Church measures its "Systems & Successes" by v. 11 ...but the "Body System" that God has designed **MUST DO PERSONAL MINISTRY!!** ...there's **NO Plan B!**
    - Whatever Challenges Exist for Each of Us to **DO Personal Ministry**—They Must be Addressed & Overcome! ...whether that's fear, ignorance, busyness, disinterest, idolatry, religious traditions, etc.

## **This Course is about Downloading the “DNA Genetic Code” of Personal Ministry**

- This Summer the focus will be on Understanding the Biblical Dynamics of growth & change—so that we can help & engage one another informed by the Word of God and not the Information Age or this Current Church Age or Our Personal Traditions or Our Personalities
- This is NOT a “Casual Listening Environment” (too much of modern discipleship ... listen sporadically, don't take notes, read this like a curious news feed) ...this is a DO SOMETHING Course!— You Will be Expected to “DO YOUR PART”
  - Dinner & "DISCIPLESHIP" ...the development of "Discipleship UNIVERSITY" - Corporate Teaching & Interactions + Reading Materials + Personal Study

## **MANUAL INTRODUCTION**

Review the “Word of Welcome” in Manual (p. lii)

Review Course Outline (p. vi)

Introduction (p. 1)

- Helpful COURSE TEMPLATE - p. 136 ... (D&D - Summer 2023 = 6 of these sessions)
- WEEKLY PREPARATION - to be done BEFORE coming to the D&D Session
  - Find this week's "BIG QUESTION" (p. 8) ...Will introduce you to the Main Aim of the Week
  - Find the "CONCEPTS & OBJECTIVES" (CPR) (p. 2) ...this will give you a "Map" of where we're going this week
  - Read the "LESSON CONTENT" section before you attend the session (p. 3-8)

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- WEEKLY VIDEO ... ~25 min video will be watched each week
  - Follow along in manual and take notes
- WEEKLY LCC CONNECTION ...
- DISCUSSION/Q&A ...time given each session for table discussions and/or large group Q&A
- D&D Evening Ends around 8:15ish
- WEEKLY FOLLOW UP - to be done AFTER attending the weekly session
  - "MAKE IT REAL" (p. 9-11) ...Homework for you to complete during the week in between sessions. This homework will be part of the Discussion & Review in the next Session Meeting
  - Do the "Weekly Preparation" for the Next Session

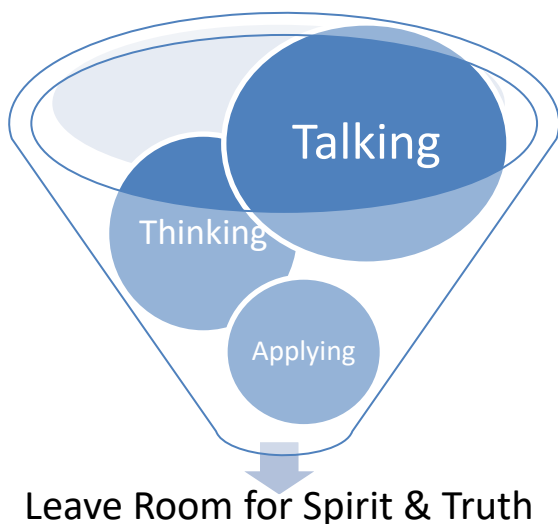
WATCH VIDEO ( 24 min)

## TABLE DISCUSSION

### D&D Discussion Guidelines

- **Stay TETHERED to Tonight's Topic** ...We're NOT Just Hear to Talk ...we're hear to talk about the truth we've heard and are focused on tonight. (This is not time to catch up on personal news or talk politics or steer the table conversation toward our favorite subjects or personal 'soap boxes'. We use mutual discussion to help us to hear, process, and apply the truth we are leaning together)

- **This is a time for "mutual discussion"** —not a time for the most verbal person at the table to reteach the class or dominate the discussion time. (Part of learning to do "personal ministry" is learning the skill of drawing other people into discussing their own lives—not just telling them about your own thoughts and experiences)
- **Table Discussion Guides** - Each table will have this guide each week. Some tables will have assigned table leaders and some will need a person to volunteer to help facilitate the discussion at that table.
- **Large Group Q&A** ...some meetings, we will reserve time for a large group Q&A with the Leadership Team members. These may be focused by the leader or they may be drawn from a particular point of interest from your table.



## DISCUSSION TEMPLATE

**“Let’s Get Talking”** (a time of more general "life observations" related to tonight's focus)

- What kinds of “troubles” do you observe as you interact with the world and the people in your life?

- What kinds of personal troubles have you seen or heard about this week in the news?
- What kinds of personal troubles have you observed in the lives of teenagers? ...or young adult singles? ...or in family settings? ...or among retired people?
- What kinds of personal troubles did you observe in your own family as you grew up?

**“Let’s Get Thinking”** (teaching brings insights, it informs, and it has implications ...if "truth" is true—we want to think about what it means for how we live, think, and form our beliefs)

- What have you been taught to believe is the source of people’s troubles? ...In our world today what are we being told are the solutions that will help people overcome their troubles?
- What does Genesis 1 (before sin/fall) reveal is a central need for all of humanity?
- How would you explain the thought that people are “revelation receivers”, “interpreters”, and “worshippers” ? (What does that mean in a practical life sense?)
- Genesis 3 introduces humanity to another voice that is offering a different “interpretation” to life and to what is good.
  - What kinds of alternative views/voices are you seeing speak to the people around you? (Men/women ...Teens, singles, families, seniors, etc.)
  - What tragic stories or “shipwrecked Lives” have you observed in life, that came from a person listening to another voice?

- How would you answer this lesson's "Big Question"? — Why do you need help?

**"Let's Get Applying"** (This part of a discussion is intended to get personal in our own lives. We're not just hear to learn about what others need or even about a topic, but how this truth can impact our own lives, character, and walk with Christ.)

- How would you define or describe "personal ministry"? ...is that something you regularly or seldom give and receive?
  - What makes "personal ministry" a challenge for you?
- When it comes to your own weaknesses, sins, or inner struggles vs those of others around you ...which would you say you are more aware of and focused on and provoked by? (Yourself or others?)
  - How has your own inner troubles and struggles effected the way you seek to minister to other people around you? (Your family, your friends, your fellow church members)
  - What inner struggles do you often share with others, as you are seeking to offer some kind of "personal ministry" to them?
- In what ways do you hope this course will be helpful in your own life?
  - What did you hear or read in lesson one that you find helpful for yourself?
- What does it mean for you to do "personal ministry" in the lives of others? What do you think that might look/sound like?
  - In what ways have you been helped by others in the body of Christ who have sought to personally minister to you? (One-to-one, small group, friends/family)

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- In what ways have you found receiving personal ministry from others in the Body of Christ a difficulty or disappointing?