

I. Ministry in Cell

◆ Assumptions for Ministry in Cell

- God uses community to meet the needs of His people
- Jesus desires us to be His eyes, ear, and hands for and to each other
- The Holy Spirit pours out gifts upon us and guides in how to minister

◆ Scope of Ministry

- Jesus came to set us free from our issues and hindrances, whether emotional, spiritual, volitional, or physical Deliverance/healing from sin, sickness, temptation, demonic influence
- You cannot cast out the flesh and you cannot counsel a spirit

◆ Discerning the Spirit's Agenda

- God always provides power for what He is doing
- Wait on God for direction, creating a place of peace in your heart
- Listen in prayer, paying attention to impressions, burdens, each other, or Scriptures that come to mind
- Ask God specific questions about what to do/how to proceed--listen

◆ TIPS & TOOLS

- Do not get in a hurry to heal every person in one meeting
- Pace ministering in the gifts/deliverance so that it is not every week
- Focus ministry around a theme from Worship or from the Word rather than opening up ministry to anyone or any thing. Be focused
- Consult, refer to, or seek counsel from your ZP, AP, DP
- Minister within your assigned sphere
- Use Worship or the Word portions to springboard into ministry
- If ministry runs late, dismiss other members after the cell closes
- Come to cell prayed up and encourage others to do the same
- Come to cell "expecting" the Lord to be with you
- Recognize that growing in ministry is a learning process
- Sample others in the cell about what they are sensing from God

II. A Model for Ministry – How to Proceed & What To Do

◆ Step 1: The Interview

- Have the person sit in a comfortable chair
- Converse a little to help them relax
- Use questions to find out specifically what they want you to pray for
- Ask where it hurts, how long they have had it, when it started, what others have said about it, what treatment have they had, and other questions.
- Ask only enough to determine where they are coming from
- Do not try to get all the details
- Listen, listen, listen to the person, and, to the Holy Spirit
- Pay attention to impressions you receive during the interview
- End this step when you know the exact issue needing prayer

- ◆ **Step 2: The Diagnostic Decision**
 - Try to discern what is the underlying cause of the problem
 - Is the problem spiritual, emotional, physical, volitional in nature?
 - Pray for a word of knowledge, or word of wisdom, and for insight
 - End this step when you have determined what the underlying cause of the problem or symptom is
 - If there is a need for referral, contact your Zone Pastor
- ◆ **Step 3: The Prayer Selection**
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray
 - Intercede--ask God specifically to heal whatever is wrong
 - Command--speak directly to the problem at the Lord's direction
 - Rebuke--exercise your authority in Christ to break demonic bondages
 - End this step with a decision as to how you will pray for the person
- ◆ **Step 4: Prayer Engagement**
 - Pray for the person as you have decided and felt led of the Spirit
 - Keep eyes open to observe any physical manifestation of the Spirit
 - Take caution to pray within your sphere of influence and faith
 - End this step after you have concluded your prayer.
 - Sometimes there are other manifestations.
- ◆ **Step 5: Post-prayer Direction**
 - After the prayer, ask the person how they feel. Did anything happen?
 - Assure them they don't have to feel anything in order to receive healing
 - If the symptoms are gone, rejoice together and praise God
 - If the symptoms remain, pray again, or invite them to come back
 - Healing through health professionals is no less God's healing at work
 - Whatever the result of the prayer, keep the person honest
 - Avoid "claiming" if symptoms persist. Admitting the symptoms are not a display of a lack of faith
- ◆ **TIPS for Using the Gifts**
 - Encourage every member to participate and join in, reminding them that the Gifts of the Spirit are poured out on each one
 - Use ministry times in cell as a 'clinic' to better prepare for the marketplace
 - Remind member to use God's Word and listen for the Lord's voice
 - Phrases like, 'I believe the Lord is saying' and 'I sense we should pray this way', are helpful. Remember the Learning Curve!

III. Life Application