

KANSAS COMMUNITIES MINISTRY UPDATE

"My objective is to know Christ in my own life in ever-increasing depth and to make disciples and develop laborers at all times, under any conditions, in every place I go"

John 6:40

"For this is the will of my Father - for everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him to have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (NET Bible, used by permission)

Growth in Christlikeness

Hebrews 12:2 teaches us to "look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." But exactly how do we do that?

One way is to use moments of each day to remind us of our need for Him. When you are under stress or feeling anxious about a situation over which you do not have control (like everything!), use that as a time to pray, "Lord Jesus, I can't do this. I look to you to live your life through me." (Gal. 2:20)

Keep your eyes on Jesus and He will help you grow in Christlikeness!



Kansas Ministry at the Fair!

Thanks to the efforts of Richard and Betty Borchard and Jim and Carrie Truax, the Kansas Communities Ministry has had a presence at the Kansas State Fair for the last 8 years. Last year over 2000 books for adults, over 1000 Middle School age books and over 1300 Toddler Prayer Books were given away. In addition, 2,500 Cross Lapel pins were given away.

Nearly 600 people signed up for a free two-night stay at Glen Eyrie Castle in Colorado Springs with one couple winning (and staying at the Glen) each year.

This is a great opportunity to let people know about the work of the Kansas Communities Ministry as well as to learn how to "be brave" and share your faith as the Lord leads. We are able to share the love of Jesus by our words, actions, free gifts and lives. People find out about our conferences and ministry in a non-threatening environment.

Will you consider signing up to be at the Fair this year to be an Ambassador for Christ in this way? We are in an air conditioned building and any time you could help out would be greatly appreciated. We know you'll be blessed as well! The Fair is from September 7-16, 2018. Contact Jim and Carrie at jimltruax@gmail.com or Dick and Betty at dnnborch@cox.net if you can help or just want more info. Thanks!

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Goads and Nails

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"I had been invited to a Memorize the Word course for eight weeks in a row. Each week I continually found some reason for not attending the evening meeting. Although told of the benefits of memorizing scripture, it made no impression sufficient to lead me to go. Finally, out of embarrassment from saying "No" to Harvey Ellis for two months, I reluctantly agreed to attend. At the meeting, I listened to the other participants relate the verses that they knew. As I listened to them one by one, I became convinced that a significant change had occurred in the lives of each of them, and that it was due to the Scriptures they had memorized. At the end of that Memorize the Word session, I had "caught" from others what I could not be taught.

"For nearly a full year, Jim (Morris) and I met weekly and spent time **sharing our lives**, looking at **God's Word** and **praying**. These three simple steps were what I saw in his life in regard to discipling others." - Richard Spann

Fall Conference

Bill Hull will be our speaker on October 6 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. He will be speaking on "Can the West be Won?" Bill is an internationally-known author, pastor, and preacher and has a passion for discipling.

He is the co-founder of The Bonhoeffer Project, a movement dedicated to the development of disciple-making leaders (www.thebonhoefferproject.com).



His messages will be: (1) Can the West be Won? (2) The Gospel you Believe Determines the Disciple You Make and (3) The New Normal.

The Conference is open to all and starts at 9 am with registration. To register (either online or by downloading a PDF brochure) go to kansasnavs.org and clicking on "Conferences."

Get a group together and sign up soon! You won't want to miss this encouraging conference!



How do I begin a discipling relationship with someone?

"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest-ready fields' (Matthew 9:37-38, NET Bible).

Has the Lord laid it on your heart to begin a discipling relationship with someone in your sphere of influence but you're unsure how to start? Perhaps you've noticed a younger person at church who needs a friend, or someone at work or a neighbor who doesn't know the Lord. Jim Morris once said that there are only two kinds of people in the world, those who need to know Christ and those who need to know Him better.

But how do you make that initial contact to start the discipling relationship? How do you invite someone to meet with you for growth and the study of God's Word? Here are four ideas: 1. Diligently pray for a soft and receptive heart for the other person. 2. Look for ways to serve the other person (be Jesus to them) 3. Cultivate a safe, authentic and close friendship first. 4. Ask if they'd be willing to do a time-limited (4-6 week) Bible study together with you.

It may be a bit scary to initiate things but the Lord will provide the opportunities if we trust Him for them. Plus ... the rewards are out of this world!