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Having been involved in local church ministry since 1974 (as an intern, assistant pastor, evangelist and senior pastor) it has been my observation that there are some essential, non-negotiable theological issues that are clearly indispensable in the pursuit, establishment and maintenance of a thoroughly biblical ministry.

These are the topics that make up the training units of ENW. Following is a brief description of each of the first eight teaching units, along with a list of the specific topics that make up each teaching unit.

UNIT 1

Foundations For Biblical Ministry

1. What is the church to do?

What determines the mission of the church? How does the church know what is important and of a priority nature? Is evangelism the sum total of what the church is to pursue? If not, what else? What texts of scripture clearly reveal the church's mission?

2. Is the Bible all the church needs to pursue her mission?

Does the Bible need additional, extra-biblical help? Does psychology "fill in the gaps" left out of the Bible? Do we have a sufficient, comprehensive and exclusive book? Is the Bible relevant today for all of life and Godliness? Is the Bible really sufficient and useful to address all non-organic issues?

3. How is a believer to grow?

What is the believer's ultimate goal in life and how is he to pursue that goal? Are there erroneous views of how a believer is to grow? If so, what are they and how can they be avoided? The doctrine of progressive sanctification must be

4. How is the church to handle sin?

When offenses occur, what is a believer to do? Is church purity important to Jesus? If so, how does the church lovingly and firmly handle sin in the lives of her members? How is church purity to be maintained without the church becoming legalistic with a "do and don't list" mentality?

5. Must believers be members of a local church?

Is church membership important? How should the church think about and act toward "professors" of Christ who refuse to be connected to His local body? Is church membership merely optional for God's people or is there solid biblical evidence that requires a believer to become assimilated into and held accountable by the local church? Does the ordinance of baptism have implications regarding church membership?

UNIT ONE CURRICULUM

- The Mission of the Church
- The Doctrine of Biblical Sufficiency
- The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification
- The Doctrine of Church Discipline
- The Doctrine of Church Membership

UNIT Foundations **2** for Biblical Counseling

This unit is designed to instruct the church in both the theology and practice of discipleship. Sometimes this discipleship is preventive and sometimes it is corrective. It is the private ministry of the word to and by the members of the church for the benefit of each other and the glory of God.

Biblical counseling/discipleship can be simply described as: Identifying needs in one another's lives, using the Word of God to address those needs by confrontation out of loving concern for the purpose of biblical change that pleases and brings glory to God.

All of us need help, counsel, encouragement, assistance, and/or admonition, (i.e. consider all the "one another" exhortations in the New Testament - - over 30 of them) from time to time. God has given us the responsibility and privilege of providing this help for each other (see Romans 15:14; Galatians 6:1 and James 5:19-20).

Believers are not saved to function independently and be disconnected from each other and the church. Believers are saved and assimilated into the local body; each believer needs what the body offers - - love, warmth, care, accountability, instruction, equipping, counsel, discipleship, etc.

This teaching unit lays out how the loving relationship between believers looks within the church and how each is to biblically "counsel-disciple" one another.

UNIT TWO CURRICULUM

- Establishing the Biblical Basis for Biblical Counseling
- Do We Need Theology in Counseling?
- Developing a Theological Model for Word Ministry and Biblical Living
- One Anothering One Another
- Key Elements in Counseling
- Presuppositions for Biblical Counseling
- Case Studies
- The Theology of Feelings
- Forgiveness God's Way
- Communicating the Bible Way

Foundations For the Christian Family

No one will deny the importance of the family. Next to one's personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the family sits as the number one priority – established

by God Himself (Genesis 2:18-25).

It is paramount, if one is to please God as a family member, to understand clearly and function practically in one's God-given role. This teaching unit provides detailed instruction regarding both the theology and the practice that grows out of that theology for pleasing God as a family member.

Is the relationship of the parent and child to take precedence over that of the husband and wife? If so, where is that found in the Bible? If not, what theology establishes that idea? What confusion could result from the lack of clarity regarding this issue?

Are the parents of the newly married couple still to maintain authority over them? If not, what theology establishes the young couple as a new social unit independent from parental authority— in spite of what culture, society or family tradition may say?

Is the use of “the rod” old fashion, out dated or otherwise to be neglected because of “cultural/political correctness”? How should a parent employ the rod? When should a parent employ the rod? What is the biblical purpose of “the rod”?

What makes up a “family”? Is a married couple a family even if there are no children? Can two people of the same sex make up a family? Why? Why not?

What establishes a couple as being “married”? Do they have to “consummate” their relationship with sex before they are an officially married couple? Are the vows vital? Is God being a “witness” to the vows important? What is the purpose of marriage? How does the Bible's answer to that question differ from and contradict the world's? God has provided all that is necessary for the church to build strong, Godly, happy families.

UNIT THREE CURRICULUM

- The Basics of Marriage
- Simple Thoughts on the Home
- Conflict Resolution
- The Wife's Role – Submission, Respect
- The Husband's Role – Loving, Leading and Learning
- Biblical Principles of Sex
- Defining the Parental Role
- Admonishing and Nurturing Your Child
- The Manipulative Child
- The Bible, Teens and Sex
- Helping Your Child have a Heart for God

UNIT Foundations

4 For Pastoral Preaching

There is no doubt (or argument) that preaching is one of, if not the single most important responsibility of the shepherd. The weekly “feeding of the flock” is a privilege that demands training, preparation, understanding, time, giftedness, study skills, “aptness to teach”, to mention a few.

This unit equips the shepherd to study the Scriptures. It cautions against and provides many examples of the misuse of Scripture.

This unit also provides help in the planning, preparation, development, organization and presentation of sermons (the basic instruction can be helpful to anyone who ministers the Word publicly - - Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, etc.).

What is a pastor to preach? How does he plan ahead, choose the appropriate sections of Scripture, evaluate the needs of his flock (and address those needs pastorally from the appropriate portions of Scripture)?

What about “The Call”? What does that much used phrase mean? How does it happen and how do you know if and when it does? Does God still “call” men today? If so, how? If not, how does He engage gifted, qualified men in Biblical ministry?

What is the role of the church in the observation, evaluation, recognition, recommendation, preparation and authorization of gifted, qualified men? Does a statement such as “I’m called to preach” settle the issue of who should or shouldn’t be ordained to serve in official pastoral/local church leadership? This unit provides instruction in and equipping for the vital task of pastoral preaching.

UNIT FOUR CURRICULUM

- Hermeneutics – Principles of Bible Study
- Homiletics – Planning, Preparation, Development, Organization, and Presentation of Sermons
- Toward a Theological Examination of “The Call.” How God engages and authorizes men for ministry today

Foundations For Pastoral / Church Administration

Organizing and administering the church can be a difficult task. But with an understanding of a few theological principles the task can be made simpler... and more enjoyable.

One of the pastor's biblical descriptions is "bishop". This means overseer. So the task of supervision/administration is part of the very make up of his role. Therefore it cannot be dismissed or delegated away.

Paul reminds the elders at Ephesus that being an "overseer" was crucial to being a biblical shepherd (Acts 20:28). He says "God made you an overseer."

This unit is designed to establish some foundational teaching regarding administration and provide some tools to help.

UNIT FIVE CURRICULUM

- Who I Am Determines What I Do (Pastor, Elder, Bishop)
- Biblical Goals and Priorities
- Time Management
- Flow Charts for Organization
 - Church Organization Flow Chart
 - "Three Component Mission" Ministry Evaluation
- Training Your People To Understand Pastoral Roles,
- Responsibilities and Priorities
- Leadership Detection, Development and Deployment
- The Office of Deacon
- The Christian Work Ethic
- Delegation
- Strategic Planning
- The Theology of Stewardship

UNIT**6**

Foundations For Knowing and Worshipping God

The title really says it all. This unit is intended to truly help one's understanding of and relationship with his God.

It is not just that we acquire more academic facts about God but that we realize God can and desires to be known and worshipped by His people.

Then, how does my growing understanding of God help me view and handle life in a more God-pleasing way? How does this growing relationship with the God of the universe "flesh itself out" in my day to day living (i.e. family, work, problem solving, conflict resolution, relationships, finances, personal trials, etc.)?

Foundations for knowing and worshipping God will provide theological and practical answers to these kinds of questions.

UNIT SIX CURRICULUM

- The Attributes of God
- Worship
 - What it is
 - Where it takes place
 - When it takes place
 - How to do it
 - Who can do it
- Applications of God's Attributes to Life and Ministry

Unit one (which developed the doctrine of progressive sanctification) laid some foundations for Christian growth.

Unit two and three certainly dealt with many areas of personal growth as well as how to help others in that process.

This unit is, in one sense, more of the same yet it deals with often neglected areas of every Christian's life.

What is Christian love? How does it differ from what the world says are romantic motions often thought to be genuine love? How important is that distinction to the believer? Is love a feeling or not?

What about discernment? We would probably agree there is little of it in many churches. But what is it? Can it be acquired by the "average" Christian or is it some kind of special gift for a few? And if it can be acquired, how?

The will of God...now that is a crucial topic...if not controversial as well. What is God's will? Where is it "found"? How is it discovered? Can any and every believer be certain of God's will for his/her life?

What does God expect from every church member? Are His expectations "doable"? Can a responsibility also be a privilege at the same time?

These are a few of the questions and issues that unit seven will address.

UNIT SEVEN CURRICULUM

- Characteristics of Biblical Love
- Developing a Biblical Mind:
- The Doctrine of Discernment or *Learning to Think Like God*
- God's Will—Decision Making for the Christian
- 15 Privileges and Responsibilities of Every Church Member
- The Doctrine of Progressive Sanctification (Review)
- The Doctrine of Biblical Sufficiency (Review)
- The Doctrine of Church Discipline (Review)

Demonstrations of Expository Preaching

The foundation for both studying the scriptures and organizing the truths discovered into messages was the emphasis of Unit Four. The Suggested Preaching Style for delivering those messages was Expository...accurately and effectively saying, as a faithful Steward and Minister of the Word, what God has said. Holding oneself accountable to rightly divide, accurately teach and/or cut straight the text of Scripture.

The purpose of the pastoral preacher is to Proclaim for God, to His People, about their Lives, from the Bible with Authority.

There are essentially six foundational components that make up a basic expository sermon.

- The title
- The text
- The Purpose Statement
- The Introduction
- The Outline (more or less fully developed)
- The Conclusion

This Unit seeks to demonstrate that preaching style from three genres of biblical literature—Biblical History, Biblical Poetry & the Epistles.

During the preaching sessions there will be brief but intentional pauses to practically explain, and open up for class discussion, why the text is being developed as it is. Also, as part of the overall conference format, there will be workshops offered so the pastors can examine and reflect on the preaching texts more closely before hearing them developed in the preaching sessions.

Unit Eight Curriculum

- I Samuel 1:1-I Samuel 4:1a—Five Messages
- Proverbs 1:1-2:22—Four Messages
- Romans 1:18-3:20—Eight Messages

Other Teaching Units

These are three additional teaching units being developed and will be available in the near future.

UNIT **9** **Foundations for Bible Doctrines**

This Unit may include the following Doctrinal topics:

- The Doctrine of Anthropology
- The Doctrine of Soteriology
- The Doctrine of Pneumatology
- The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts
- The Doctrine of Special Revelation
- The Doctrine of Prayer
- The Doctrine of Missions

UNIT **10-11** **Foundations for Advanced Biblical Counseling**

These two Units may include the following topics:

- How to biblically deal with the Past
- Handling Sinful Habits
- The Sin of Lust
- The Doctrine of Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage
- Helping Believers with Salvation Assurance
- Anger
- Depression
- Worry
- Self-esteem & Self-love
- Stress
- Fear
- Overcoming Evil with Good
- Giving & Receiving Reproof
- Helping those who Desire the approval of others
- Eating Disorders—Anorexia & Bulimia
- Dealing With Guilt God's Way

Our Purpose

To help national pastors and their congregations discover, develop, aggressively pursue and effectively maintain a thoroughly biblical philosophy of great commission ministry



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