

Plenary Session 9/10/10

Notes from Joe Reimann:

- God has called us to reach out to people.
- Most of the population now lives in the cities.
- Challenge: Consider working in inner city ministry.
- There is a new ministry opportunity opening up with Joe Reimann at his church in Price Hill.

Notes from John Manley:

- "Leaders are readers."
- If you don't like to read maybe you should reconsider ministry.
- Things that can help us want to read:
 1. Going back over old sermon notes.
 2. Listening to a recording or watching a sermon you have preached.
 3. The fact we are expected to stay read up . . . aka "staying current."
- Find an author that you can connect with, an author that lights your fire!
- Sometimes we have to break ourselves off from technology to be able to sit and read.
- We need to develop a discipline to read.
- Warren Wiersbe is always excellent reading!
- Pastor Manley's top books:
 1. ***Celebration of Discipline***, by Richard J. Foster. It marks out the path to a deeper life with God and gives helpful insights into the devotional lives of many great Christians.
 2. ***Shepherding the Church***, by Joseph M. Stowell. This is a great book for anyone who is interested in being an effective pastor in the modern world while staying true to God's plan for church leadership.
 3. ***The Good and Beautiful God***, by James Bryan Smith. This book helps us to see clearly how God operates from ultimate goodness; both his mercy and His wrath are expressions of His goodness.
 4. ***The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer***, a collection of books that always helps re-stoke the fire within... Bounds' words are like arrows that hit the mark.
 5. ***The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership***, by John C. Maxwell. A book that has helped you get a better handle on leadership... glad to have read it early in ministry.
 6. ***Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire***, by Jim Cymbala. Very inspiring book, biblically sound and not ancient history.
 7. ***How to Win Friends and Influence People***, by Dale Carnegie. Worth reading for anyone in the people business.
 8. ***Ordering Your Private World***, by Gordon Macdonald. God has used this book to lead me away from some dangerous habits in my life and establish some new healthy ones.
 9. ***The Spirit of Holiness***, by Everett Lewis Cattell. Cattell uses some great illustrations from Scripture and life that have brought clarity and spiritual hunger to me.
 10. ***Between Two Worlds***, by John Stott. This one of my favorite books on preaching.

11. ***Becoming a Contagious Christian***, by Bill Hybles. This is a great book for anyone who cares about evangelism. Many up-to-date approaches are included.
12. ***Real Worship***, by Warren Wiersbe. This book opened my mind and heart to worship like never before.
13. ***Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership***, by Gary McIntosh.
14. Spirit Empowered Preaching, by Arturo G. Azurdia III.
15. ***Principles of Pastoral Success***, by Richard S. Taylor.
16. ***Hells Best Kept Secret***, by Ray Comfort.