

WORKSHOP & FELLOWSHIP FOR THE FACULTY SAINTS

Topic One

The Best Fishing Pond for the Lord's Recovery Being the College Campuses

Scripture Reading: Matt. 4:19; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 4:8, 31; 13:2-4; Rom. 12:5; 1 Tim.4:12

I. One of the best ways for the churches to get new contacts is to send our young people to the campus; the best fishing ponds for the Lord's recovery are the college campuses—Matt. 4:19; John 21:6:

A. The Scriptures reveal that whenever the Lord wants to do something new or to change the age, He turns to the young people; whenever the Lord wanted to do something new in His recovery, He used young people; there are three reasons why we must go to the young people—Acts 7:58b; 9:20; 1 Tim. 4:12:

1. The first reason is that the young people are not occupied; it is best to contact young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty; when many young people turn eighteen, they are eager to leave home; this is the right time to gain them for the Lord's recovery.
2. So many young people are gathered in the schools; no other age is gathered together like this; because the young people are gathered in the schools, it is easy to contact them; in order to catch fish, you must go where the fish are.
3. It is easy for the young people, especially those at the end of their teen-age years, to have a change in their mind, that is, it is easy for them to repent; if you present something solid, worthwhile, and interesting to young people, they will take it.

B. The impact of any move is always with the young people; for this reason, the future of the Lord's work and the potential for the advance of the Lord's recovery lies mainly with the young people; we must go on with the Lord, and we must do so in His way—1 Sam. 2:18; 16:11-13; Dan. 1:4, 17; Matt. 4:21-22.

C. These campuses are fishing ponds for the gospel; there are also many brothers and sisters who are on these campuses either as students or as teachers and professors; this environment has been arranged by the Lord, and it gives us the best opportunity to gain the young students— Matt. 4:19.

II. To preach the gospel on the campuses, we need the revelation of the Spirit and the Body and the experience of the Spirit and the Body—Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:27, 13; Acts 4:8, 31:

A. The revelation in the Bible concerning the Spirit is progressive; the Spirit of God (Gen. 1:2); the Spirit of Jehovah (Judg. 3:10; 1 Sam. 10:6); the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:20); the Spirit of Jesus (Acts 16:7); the Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9); the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:19); the Spirit (John 7:39); the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b); the seven Spirits (Rev. 1:4; 4:5; 5:6).

B. In the Bible, the Church as the organic Body of Christ, the fullness of the One who fills all and in all, is the issue of the dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Eph. 1:4-14.

- C. When we go to the campuses, we have to go by the Spirit; because we have the Spirit, we have the power to boldly preach the gospel;
- D. The young people's preaching of the gospel on the campuses, however, should be in coordination with all the saints; we should not preach the gospel in an individualistic way; we should do everything corporately in the Body; all the saints in each locality have to coordinate together for the gospel work on the college campuses—Eph. 4:4; Rom. 12:5.

III. In the Lord's present move there is an urgent need for us to take care of the students and their college campuses; I am burdened to share some of the principles concerning the work among the young people—Acts 13:2-4; 1 Tim. 4:12; Matt. 18:19:

- A. First, all who are students at the same college and are living on or near the same campus should come together to fellowship with one another and to pray with fasting; in this way you will stir one another up to be burning in spirit and will create the proper kind of atmosphere—Heb. 10:24-25; Rom. 12:11; 2 Tim. 2:22.
- B. Second, bring the atmosphere that has brought in through your prayer and fasting into the church in your locality; ask the entire church to rise up to share the burden with you for the Lord's move on your campus and to pray much for it—Acts 13:2-4; 1:14; Matt. 21:22.
- C. Five groups of saints coordinating together to preach the gospel in the schools; two or three coworkers who take the lead, the younger full-timers, the part-timers, the saints who work in the schools, and the saints who are students.
- D. The basic principle is to work to produce useful saints who can carry out the work; we must also work with the elementary school students, because they will be gospel seeds in junior high school, high school, and college; when we gain the young people as gospel seeds, the work will multiply and increase in every level of education—Mark 4:3; Luke 8:8.