



PREACHING/TEACHING ON FIRE FULFILLMENT

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"Then the Lord put out His hand to touch my mouth. And the Lord said to me, 'Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.'" Jeremiah 1:9-10

"But if they had stood in my council then they would have proclaimed my words to my people and they would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds." Jeremiah 23:22

Preaching/teaching on fire leads people to an encounter with Christ. This is the key to preaching/teaching in the College of Prayer.

In the College of Prayer all teaching must be apostolic teaching, because in addition to being biblical, it must be foundational, memorable, and reproducible. Everything we teach will be taught by hundreds of others to hundreds of thousands of others. Over the years we have refined our teaching to make sure it is Christ-encountering, life-giving, sin-exposing, pride-crushing, wound-healing, and nation-discipling.

- » "The Lord's Prayer Pattern" (Lesson 3) is on fire and is the most apostolic teaching on prayer ever given.
- » "Hunger for God" and "Lord Teach Us to Pray" (Lesson 1) are on fire and they are foundational kingdom realities.
- » "Forgiveness" (Lesson 8) and "Taking Back Ground from the evil one" (Lesson 9) are both Christ-encountering and they are entirely foundational, strategic, and transferable.
- » "Husbands and Wives Praying Together" (Year 2 Curriculum) is both on fire and foundational.

Whenever we teach we cannot afford to simply give information; we must preach and teach toward transformation.

Objectives of this Teaching

To prepare you to preach/teach in the College of Prayer.

Particularly for those with the gifts of prophecy, teaching and/or exhortation, to clarify the difference between pastoral teaching and apostolic teaching.

To learn how to preach Christ toward an encounter with Christ.

[The objective of this lesson is not to teach a full course in hermeneutics nor homiletics. We presuppose that proper biblical hermeneutics and proper homiletics and communication skills are already understood

and practiced. This lesson is designed for those who have already been trained in these technical skills, very specifically, how to employ them apostolically toward an encounter with Christ.]

A. Specific Guidelines

1. It is essential that you teach the curriculum the way it is written.
As you begin teaching at a College of Prayer module, it is best to submit to the fact that you are not teaching your own material; you are teaching field-tested material.
You want to familiarize yourself with the material so that you know it backwards and forwards.
2. Make the material your own by your use of life illustrations.
3. You want to put the material IN them.
More than teaching from your mind to their mind, you want to teach from your spirit to their spirit. The teaching needs to stick so that they can teach what they've heard you teach.
4. Work extensively on the application.
This is critical for both retention and impartation. Always call for response. If the students in the College of Prayer apply the material to their lives they will then be able to apply it to others.
5. You are teaching into a God-filled atmosphere so retention is high.
In fact, in the College of Prayer you will discover that the people will often experience what you're preaching even before you preach or teach. This is how Jesus ministered. He brought the kingdom and led people to encounter the kingdom, then He taught them about the kingdom which they had already been experiencing.
6. Don't waste time trying to be clever or trying to get their attention.
In the College of Prayer you will have a high level of attention. Give them content then application. Normally, we recommend 50% content and 50% application.
7. Pour out the oil.
Always give Christ the glory.
"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to you be all the glory." Psalm 115:1

B. Helpful Principles

1. Pray. Listen.
The best preacher is the best listener.
2. Feed on the Word daily.
*"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."
Matthew 4:4*
*"But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on His law he meditates day and night."
Psalm 1:2*
3. Intentionally preach Christ- always!
When you preach Christ, you always preach toward an encounter with Christ.
4. Pray. Pray. Pray.
In order to preach toward an encounter with Christ, the message you preach needs to have been born out of an encounter with Christ.

C. Supporting Principles

1. To preach/teach on fire, see the mentoring training, "Teaching Toward an Encounter with Christ" online at our website under podcasts. www.collegeofprayer.org

2. Everything apostolic is pioneering and foundational. Apostolic teaching is thereby reproducible, memorable, and transferable.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching" Acts 2:42

"An apostle and teacher" 2 Timothy 1:11

"The apostles were teaching the people" Acts 4:2

"The foundation of the apostles and prophets" Ephesians 2:20

"What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" 2 Timothy 2:2

<u>Pastor Teaching</u>	<u>Apostolic Teaching</u>
Building on the foundation	Laying a new foundation
Meaningful	Memorable
Useful	Reproducible
Applicable	Transferable
Good content	Catalytic

3. Since Christ is the Chief Apostle, all apostolic teaching/preaching will preach Christ. To preach Christ is to preach toward an encounter with Christ. Apostolic teaching that is after/toward an encounter with Christ. Apostolic teaching is therefore on fire!

"We preach Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:23

"We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord" 2 Corinthians 4:5

"My speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" 1 Corinthians 2:4

In order to preach Christ such that we preach toward an encounter with Christ, we must preach the Word of God under the anointing of the Spirit of God.

If you want your message to lead people to a fresh encounter with the manifest presence of Christ, then the message needs to be born out of an encounter with His presence.

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