

Kingdom Leadership Development Program

Course Prospectus

(10 Contact sessions over 10 months)

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THE CAUSE

We believe a new generation of leaders is being prepared by Our Lord for service at every level of His Church, as well as outside the four walls of the Church, as Pioneers for God's Kingdom purposes, to be Christ's Ambassadors who will impact every part of society with the Gospel of the Kingdom. In the church context we talk of apostles and prophets as being the pioneers and foundation layers.

But in the sectors of society outside the walls of the church, we see that apostolic and prophetic pioneers do great exploits in commerce, government, industry and the social enterprise institutions for health, education, law enforcement, social services, and in media, sports, and entertainment. How great the challenge; how great the opportunity; how great the need for the Kingdom of God to be demonstrated by His workers for this generation?

For this purpose, our prayer is that the Lord of the Harvest will help us to reach a multitude of aspiring Sons and Daughters of God, who are ready for Apostolic truths to release them in experience of the mysteries of the Kingdom and the realities of the New Creation Truths in Life in Christ.

We call you to join us in this cause with Our prayer for you, which is "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places," Ephesians 1:17-20 NKJV

OUR OBJECTIVES:

Our objectives for this year of training for ordination into your calling and stewardship in the Kingdom of Christ, are indicated in the topics that are listed below:

1. The Glorious Church – Purpose and Functioning of the Church

The Church is to be the Embassy of the Kingdom from which the Word of the Lord comes into the earth, and the reign of the Kingdom of Our Lord comes through it to enforce the Victory of His Cross and Resurrection! But what does that look like?

We are the *ekklesia* of God – the called-out People of God [In New Testament Greek, "Ek" means OUT, "Calleo" means CALLED.) So, we are called out of the world and its systems of different religious institutions into the community of end-time believers who are passionate to rediscover the pristine roots of the Ways of Christ as He showed the Apostles, so that we can model our lives apostolically in Christ and the Kingdom of God, as a community of commissioned delegates of the King, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Christ returns at the end of this age, He will come to take His Glorious Church, who has prepared and made herself ready for the consummation of Salvation, to be glorified with Him.

Many companies of disciples will emerge to witness to this generation about the resurrection power of Christ which can change society, and this will awaken the social conscience of people who face the tide of persecution and intimidation by the forces of antichrist.

This module will emphasize the purpose and functioning of the saints in the Glorious Church to fulfil the purpose of God for her in these last days, which are upon us. She will emerge as a community of sanctified and empowered disciples who have proved faithful for promotion into places of influence in society. These ambassadors will demonstrate the influence of righteousness in their work. This will impact many to call this generation to account with the Gospel principles of the Kingdom of God, and the right Ways of the Lord.

2. Apostles and Prophets in Team & Covenant Heart relationships

Almighty God has a plan to restore desolate people and places for His world, and His church is a major player in this.

A major part of the restoration is the emergence of foundation-building ministries who are co-builders with the Lord Jesus, working to an eternal pattern to manifest the Corporate Christ – His many-membered body, the Church of the Living God, to fulfil her Apostolic and Prophetic destiny.

This module will clarify some of the concepts that will help us to understand an apostolic paradigm, how Gift Ministries and Gifted People can function together and how they can build God's Kingdom Community as masterbuilders co-workers with Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has promised to build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

The model of team ministry will be discovered as the way that Jesus taught His apostles to build, with a covenant heart for one another. The same commitment to our leadership team in business proves that synergy produces more than competition can achieve.

3. Kingdom Authority for levels of service

The Mysteries of the Kingdom are not so easily seen or heard in the churches today. That is because the gospel of the kingdom has not been proclaimed with the full counsels of God, nor have the authority of the Lord and Holy Spirit been expressed and experienced adequately. The process of leading, coaching and mentoring of "disciples" has not generally followed the steps of Christ in bringing many sons into maturity or glory.

But we can learn from the Acts of the Apostles and their epistles that the Kingdom culture puts demands on us to behave in our relationships with self-control, honour, and mutual submission to the Christ in our leaders and in members of the church community, which is to be the Body of Christ, so lightly spoken of. This culture is what we can develop in our business teams.

The foundation principles have been laid down by Our Lord Jesus as recorded in the gospels, and the living examples of these principles can be seen in the apostles' writings. Their expectations were clear in that they wanted to present everyone perfect in maturity in Christ, and they had a desire that each one would be worthy for entrance into the next level of promotion in the Kingdom of Christ. This module will review the principles of the Kingdom for growing in authority from different levels of service into higher levels.

4. Development of Character with Divine Nature

Peter the Apostle explains the process of character development by experiencing the impartation of divine nature. We can discover the process in our walk with the Lord as He has shown us the way He dealt with the Old Testament Patriarchs and other leading examples.

Peter's steps for development are faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness brotherly kindness and love.

Peter warrants that if we deal with these things appropriately, we will not be barren nor unfruitful in our knowledge of our Lord. Nor will we ever stumble but we will find abundant entrance into Kingdom life with our Saviour.

These character traits are not just values value to hold to, because they can be developed into virtuous habits and excellent behaviour displaying a Kingdom culture in whatever endeavours we make.

This module will review the process of character development that can be learned and taught, so we can accelerate our promotion in the authority of the Kingdom.

5. Releasing the Christ-life in us

Paul's great mystery he revealed to the Colossians is "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" His prayer in Ephesians 3:14-20 is the overview of His vision for every believer to grow up in all things into Christ because this is so big!

The "cause" for which Paul is praying is in Ephesians 3:10 &11 - to demonstrate to the principalities and powers in heavenly realms, the manifold wisdom of God, (*manifold means variegated, many coloured, many faceted*). This many faceted wisdom manifests in us with His grace, empowered by Holy Spirit, and joins us together in covenant heart connections, working wisdom through us all individually, in different ways.

Paul's revelation is parallel to the promises of Our Lord Jesus for true believers, fully surrendered to Holy Spirit, to be filled with the Spirit of

Christ (John 14:17 & Rom 8:9) to strengthen us to be able to receive this fullness of God. (Eph 3:19)

Jesus proclaimed this is Father's purpose in John 14:23, that the Father and the Son would join with Holy Spirit in us as we become One with the Father, like Jesus showed us and prayed for us to become. (John 17:20-23)

We must not mistake this oneness for the unity of friendship between the churches, joining together in joint activities. This Oneness is both an individual oneness of Christ in me and you, and you and me in Christ, being demonstrated in His fullness of grace and truth manifesting through us.

The purpose for this is the great mystery revealed to Paul, and now to us, that principalities and powers will not be able to stop the power and wisdom of God impacting the darkness with this manifestation of the truth and grace of Christ in us!

This is API's quest and mandate, and this module will bring saints into such an experience of His Word of truth and His Spirit of grace, that each one will receive something of His fullness, (John 1:16), that each one of us would become complete in Christ (Col 1:27,28) and be filled with all the fullness of God (Col 2:8,10)

6. Work of Holy Spirit Today

The Holy Spirit is our Helper (Paracletos) who is with us continually, so we can learn how to be "in the spirit", walk in the spirit, be led by the spirit, pray in the spirit, speak, and sing in the spirit. These are common knowledge among most of us, but they are not-so common in our experiences.

However, the first work of the Holy Spirit is to bring conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and we must learn how to co-operate with Him in this for our own needs and for the needs of the people we minister to. The second work is to reveal the things of Christ to us, to impart them to us, and to glorify Christ in our lives, all of which He does by speaking to us the things that He has heard at the throne of God. This also affects the way we operate as spirit-led employees or employers, or managers!

In parallel with these two works, He guides us to repentance, imparts the New Birth to our spirits, develops the spirit of faith in us, and leads us into maturity.

This module will address these issues and show how HE helps us, in three main ways: He brings us into sonship; He helps us overcome the war with our three enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil; and He helps us to pray in our weakness, so that we learn to pray like the biblical champions of faith, and we learn to live in answered prayers which change our circumstances.

7. Holy Spirit Power for Evangelism and Pioneering

Paul makes it clear that His view of "fully preaching the gospel" includes preaching the Word of the Gospel, living a life as an example of the powerful truth that we preach, and with God co-working with us in signs and wonders which confirm the message of the gospel that we preach. Whatever your gift in evangelism, as a pioneer we need to have a clear message of salvation for the people we meet. Both Peter and Paul were apostles who, in the book of Acts, were shown to function as evangelists to some degree. Both also operated in mighty signs and wonders.

Our message in business is the Kingdom values of integrity, honesty, loyalty, conscientiousness, excellence, fruitfulness, effectiveness and efficiency.

Signs and wonders, prayer, fasting and operating in the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit are essential for the WItness of the Kingdom. Without them we will not have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, (Heb 6:4,5)

This module can help us to bring the healing power of Christ to the sick and oppressed. We will learn from the ways of the Spirit Who worked in many great examples of this ministry, and how they developed in more power and authority. We can learn how to face difficult circumstances around us and bring in the life-changing power of Christ's Kingdom to establish a successful and prosperous culture in our work.

8. Develop a Powerful Prayer life.

"Apostolic men knew well the worth of prayer and were jealous of the most sacred offices that infringed on their time and strength and hindered them "from giving themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." They put prayer first. The Word depends on prayer that it "may have free course and be glorified." Praying apostles make preaching apostles. God's Gospel has always waited more on prayer than on anything else for its successes. A praying church is strong though poor in all besides. A prayerless church is weak though rich in all besides. Praying hearts only will build God's Kingdom!

No man can do an enduring work for God who is not a man of prayer, and no man can be a man of prayer who does not give much time to praying." [E.M. Bounds in "Kneeling We Triumph"]

Prayer is a vast subject. This module will focus on the purpose of prayer, then it will explore different approaches to effective prayer such as praying with the Holy Spirit, praying IN the Spirit, intercession and travailing in prayer and prophetic prayer.

The Apostle Paul has written much about prayer for us, and he has included several powerful prayers in his epistles, from which we can learn much about apostolic praying.

We will also learn the differences between the prayer emphasis of the different five-fold ministries of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers. This also helps us to understand how to pray for our enterprises outside the Church.

9. Teaching to develop Strong Sons & Daughters

The apostolic vision for the saints and the churches is that we should all come into the maturity of the fullness of Christ, that we should be mature and complete in our knowledge of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, knowing the ways of God and the ways of the Spirit, and walking in the light of apostolic truths that they taught the churches.

The Apostles were serious about making disciples, and their practice was to teach them their apostolic doctrine, train them to participate in the community fellowship, initiate them in the New Covenant meal to celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ and the victory of the Cross and His resurrection, and to enlist them to participate in prayer, with the Apostles present! (Acts 2:42)

This module will show us the path to maturity in the New Covenant Community family, and the Kingdom culture of the Ekklesia.

The apostle/prophet John was part of this process and knew it well. He wrote in his epistle to the young men in the church family, and he said, "*I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.*"

The objective of this module is to produce strong young men and women in the faith.

These principles apply when we are training, mentoring and coaching every willing person in our teams in enterprises outside the four walls of the Church.

10. Commissioning & Releasing

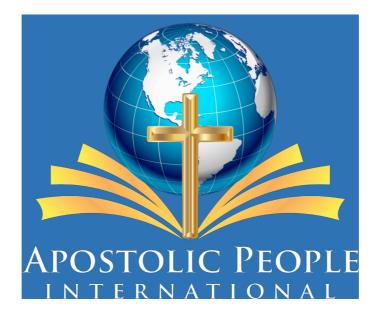
To be commissioned and released into Kingdom ministry is one of the most important aspects of your journey to fulfilling God's call upon your life. The Lord Jesus Christ calls you into a position and into a calling by His grace upon your life. How you respond to this call and how you are released into what He has called you to do is so important for your success.

Our heart in this final session is to prepare you and release you into His destiny He has prepared you for. Just as a Jet airliner is designed and fully equipped to fly over oceans to many different places, it still needs the right set of circumstances and conditions for the take off!

This is your take off into ministry or service in world-changing enterprises, and you need to be ready to take the runway and position yourself. You then need to wait until it is safe to be cleared for take-off so you don't crash. In the same way there are sets of prophetic and apostolic principles needed to ensure your success before you venture out. You may be called, anointed and equipped, but if you are not commissioned and released you will achieve very little to nothing.

The object of this module is to bring you to the understanding that you are called in Christ's Kingdom for such a time as this, and then for us to give you the principles of being commissioned and released into your unique ministry.

Email us for an application form to Register as a candidate for our Kingdom Leadership Development Course, which will start online on 03 February 2024!



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