

# RECAP OF MAIN POINTS OF ALL TALKS

Talk #1

## **Discovering Priorities**

- ◇ What are your current priorities?
- ◇ Our priorities and God's priorities for us may differ
- ◇ It is important to rectify our priorities to God's
- ◇ What do you think about? Spend your money? Do with your time?

Talk #2

## **God's Gift of Grace**

- ◇ God sought us before we even knew that there was a God
- ◇ God loves us no matter what. He desires us to love Him back
- ◇ God is wooing us into a relationship with Him
- ◇ God's grace is undeserved and unconditional love
- ◇ Jesus is God's gift of grace

Talk #3

## **Ministry of All Believers**

- ◇ The church is not the building, but rather the people
- ◇ A priest is one who bridges the gap between God and others
- ◇ Jesus was the ultimate High Priest
- ◇ We are called to stand in the gap for others, bringing others to Christ
- ◇ We are to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known

Talk #4

## **Our Response to Grace**

- ◇ Grace is God loving us, Jesus is the Grace of God
- ◇ The Holy Spirit is the transforming power of God's love
- ◇ We pray to the Holy Spirit inviting the fire of God's love, to gain instruction, understanding and wisdom about how we are to behave as His followers
- ◇ Three spiritual conditions: Nominal, Authentic, Immature
- ◇ What is our response to God's Grace? Invite the Holy Spirit for power and guidance

Talk #5

## **The Way of Relationship**

- ◇ Difference between authentic Christianity and "going through the motions"
- ◇ Establishing, sustaining and maintaining your relationship with God. Show love, honesty and trust
- ◇ Steps that lead to relationship with God and fruits of that relationship
- ◇ Learning to love God with your heart, emphasize prayer as a time to be with God

Talk #6

## **The Truth Through Study**

- ◇ Study is loving God with our minds
- ◇ Find time and a good place to study. Do not call reading yourself to sleep 'study'
- ◇ Be persistent. Don't give up.

Talk #7

## **Sacramental Grace**

- ◇ Sacraments are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace
- ◇ There are many, so take good notes
- ◇ Dying moments come at any time and in any form. If you get stuck – share a dying moment

Talk #8

## **The Life of Christian Action**

- ◇ Make a plan for Christian action
- ◇ Talk to God about your friend before you talk to your friend about God
- ◇ Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ
- ◇ Lead by example

Talk #9

**Obstacles To Grace**

- ◇ Sin is the obstacle to grace-unbelief in God
- ◇ Self-deception and procrastination are large obstacles to grace
- ◇ No man is an island; together, individuals make up the body of Christ
- ◇ God's grace never ends, regardless of the obstacles we develop
- ◇ Confession, dying to self prayer, spiritual direction and fellowship are ways to overcome the obstacles

Talk #10

**Disciples**

- ◇ There is a difference between believers and disciples
- ◇ There are natural and spiritual qualities. (List) Write these in your notes.
- ◇ A disciple must be consistent in their love for God
- ◇ A disciple grows and learns forever

Talk #11

**Changing Our Environment**

- ◇ Three fields of ministry:
  1. Ourselves – wills, minds, hearts
  2. Others – attitudes toward others, hopes for others, win others
  3. Environment – understand your environment, others' environment and be a light, not a judge

Talk #12

**A Life of Grace**

- ◇ Grace is God's offer of a relationship with Him
- ◇ The Holy Spirit offers the power to live the life God calls us to
- ◇ Sanctification (filled with the Holy Spirit) is the process of moving from believing in God to acting on what we believe
- ◇ Cheap grace is faith without works
- ◇ Five words to live by: intentional, persistence, perseverance, patience, wisdom

Talk #13

**The Body of Christ**

- ◇ The Christian community in action is the body of Christ
- ◇ Our corporate churches are the body of Christ
- ◇ The body of Christ is the agent for change in the lives of others
- ◇ The body equips people for the work of Christ
- ◇ God calls all of us to be plugged into a corporate worship group beyond the reunion group

Talk #14

**Staying Power**

- ◇ Love God through our minds, strength and wills
- ◇ We persevere through contact with others
- ◇ Staying power is our faithfulness to the One who is faithful to us
- ◇ Loving God always involves a decision
- ◇ Talk about your reunion group/small group/accountability group

Talk #15

**Establishing Priorities**

- ◇ Recap: How do we spend our time and our money and what do we think about?
- ◇ Fourth day – when we leave here, our environment will be the same – reality check
- ◇ Our mission is to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and to make Him known
- ◇ Watch out for over confidence! (or lack of confidence)