

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. - 2 Timothy 4;2

May/June 2007

The Workbook is Working!

Praise the Lord for His wisdom and His grace! We want to stop and say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus!" He has brought about a working copy of the "Principles of a GOD-centered Church" workbook in His perfect time! Many thanks also go to Eric Reed for taking the principles and adding wonderful exercises and thought-provoking questions to aid in studying this material.

Beginning on April 11, Jim led a group of about 25 leaders at First Baptist Church Merritt Island, FL through the presentation of the Principles. Each Wednesday evening for four weeks, Jim would teach two principles. Then he would send the people home to do the exercises in the workbook. The second Wednesday, everyone was so excited about what had been covered in the "homework" that

Jim found it difficult to get them to move on to the next 2 principles! It looks like the workbook will provide a much-needed opportunity for people to discuss what these principles mean both for the individual Christian and for the Church as a whole.

One gentleman said, "Last week when I arrived here straight from work I was exhausted. I didn't really want to be here. Then when you began speaking, I started to get excited. But it wasn't until I was studying this on my own at home that the Lord really began speaking to me and I began weeping. This is just what I needed." Praise the Lord! In His perfect time He has provided the workbook. Thank You,

The response has been overwhelmingly positive. We have received some great suggestions and corrections from those who have "tested" this material. The next step is some further editing. We covet your prayers regarding which publishing company God wants for the workbook.

In addition to the written materials, we believe that God's plan is for the seminar to be available in a DVD format. A friend who is working with the video department at the 700 club is feeling led to produce the DVDs, and has already spoken with Eric Reed over the phone. Please pray for the financial provision for the video production, as it could be quite costly. Please pray that God will continue to lead and quide, and that we will not run ahead, but will wait on the Lord. We will keep you updated! Thank vou for your prayers.

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Please Pray for Jim and these upcoming events:

- > Preaching at Lockmar Baptist Church, Palm Bay, FL 5/13 and 6/10.
- > Call to Revival at F.B.C. Archer, FL May 20-23
- Principles "Refresher" at F.B.C. Marco Island May 26-28.
- > Trip to Chicago to work on a final draft of "Principles of a God-centered Church." with Eric Reed in June.
- > Family Vacation at the end of June and beginning of July

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Happenings

Recent:

The events that Jim had the honor of speaking at over the last two months have been very exciting. The Men's Retreat in Newberry, FL was a great time. The Disciple Now Weekend at Central Baptist in Melbourne, FL also went very well, and the Call to Revival at Lighthouse Baptist in Gainesville, FL was a great time of encouragement and fellowship with a small but very friendly group of folks who truly desire to put the principles of

God-centeredness into practice. It was a pleasure to be with First Baptist Church Branford, FL this week to bring a Call to Revival. Instead of a gradual change taking place after the services concluded, many people saw God moving in the congregation during the week.

Upcoming:

In the next two months Jim will preach at Lockmar Baptist Church in Palm Bay two Sundays, He will also preach a revival at First Baptist Church, Archer, FL June 20-23.

Jim has been invited to return to F.B.C. Marco Island, FL over Memorial Day weekend to preach the Godcentered Church principles as a refresher. Since the last time he spoke there (March 2006), the church has experienced tremendous growth and the pastor has asked Jim to come review the Principles for the entire congregation.