

# **Study Guide to**

*The*

**Presence,**

**Power** *and*

**Heart** *of* **God**

*Partnering in His Ministry*

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# Introduction to the Study Guide

This study guide is written to help you understand, retain and put to use the information in *The Presence, Power and Heart of God – Partnering in His Ministry*. For each chapter, the study guide poses questions which allows the reader to gather together the most important points of the book. This will result in an outline of each chapter, which hopefully will clarify the points of the book and also be a review in order to retain the overall structure and salient points. My hope is that you will end up with a set of notes that can be a starting point when you, yourself, have opportunity to teach material similar to this. When that happens, your own teaching will probably take on a flavor of its own and go in directions tailor made to your interests and the interests and needs of your listeners. If this material can at all help you towards that goal, I would be delighted that you use it.

The questions dealing with each chapter of the book were written primarily with the individual reader in mind. However, I will share some helps below should you want to use this book in a group setting.

## Helps for Using this Book in a Group Discussion

When doing a group Bible study or studying a book about the Bible, such as this one, there are certain questions that can help guide the group's discussions. Here are some questions that may be useful for discussing a book such as this one.

1. How did I feel reading this chapter?
2. What did I like most in this chapter?
3. What did I like least in this chapter?
4. What did I not understand?
5. What are the central thoughts?
6. What experiences have I had that illustrate some of these thoughts?
7. What about this chapter is most relevant to my life?
8. How can we make what is being talked about impact our lives?

## Clinic Times

When in a group, it is the ideal setting for putting into practice what you have been reading about. You can't read a book about skydiving, then tell someone you know how to skydive without actually skydiving. If you are going over this material in a group setting, it may be a good idea to leave 20 minutes (which you will undoubtedly want to expand once you get into it) for "clinic times" – doing what you have been discussing. Here are some possible things you might want to ask the Holy Spirit to do. Maybe you could choose one item for each time you meet. (These suggestions roughly follow the chapters of the book.) Of course, the Spirit may lead you to do something entirely different – that is the nature of being led by the Spirit.

1. Try praying for something by asking for God's presence (rather than praying to God who is "out there" to do something "down here") and seeking to do what the Father is doing (rather than asking Him to do your own agenda).
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to come, fill and empower each of you.
3. Pray for healing for one another. Look for signs of the Spirit's presence.
4. Ask God if there is anything in you that inhibits His flow or keeps you from coming to Him. Compare notes with other group members and pray for each other.
5. Identify any fears in your life and replace them with God's truths. Ask God to pour faith on you.
6. Share with one another supernatural experiences you have had to widen your world views.
7. Try practicing authority by doing petitional, intercessory and prophetic praying.
8. Choose one individual and ask the Lord to give the other group members prophetic words for him or her. (If possible, choose someone you do not know well. That way you cannot rely on any natural knowledge.)
9. Ask the Lord if your own upbringing or what you were taught about Christianity in the past lacked grace, and if that affects the way you now minister. Pray that you would know grace and God's love deeply.
10. Identify your major gifts and then do a prayer session trying to move in gifts that are not your major ones.
11. Pray to know the gifts and calls of the other people in your group and pray for them, imparting the Spirit's fire on their calls.

# 1

# **Beginnings of My Own Journey**

- A. What was the First Reformation about?
  
- B. What is the Second Reformation (which is yet to come) about?
  
- C. What two aspects did the author find to be radically different in the way he was now praying?
  - 1.
  
  - 2.

# 2

## The Holy Spirit

A. What is the implication of the word *began* in Acts 1:1?

B. What are the Greek and Hebrew words for *Spirit*, and what do they mean?

Greek:

Hebrew:

C. What are the four levels of God's presence that the author enumerates. Give your favorite Scriptural references for each.

1.

2.

3.

4.

D. What things might people experience when the Holy Spirit comes?

E. How might knowing these things help when you are involved in team ministry?

F. List some Scriptures that support the idea that God loves for us to desire Him.

G. What three things does the author list as often being on God's heart when people come to us for ministry?

1.

2.

3.

### 3

# An Approach to the Ministry of Healing

A. List the step's of John Wimber's 5-Step Prayer Model. Give a brief description of what you do in each step.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



B. List four broad categories of healing and any tips you think are valuable and don't want to forget.

1.

2.

3.

4.

# 4

## **Values Underlying Our Approach to Team Ministry**

A. List the author's seven tenets on which he feels ministry should be based.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

# **5**

# **Faith**

- A. What is the distinction between believing *that* and believing *in*? Give a Scripture for each.
- B. What word describes what we believe *for*? Why is this important?
- C. When might God show you “what the Father is doing?”
- D. Why is it important to know that faith comes from God?
- E. What are some of the forms of fear?

F. What are some tips you find useful to minister with faith?

G. What are some tips you find useful to minister faith to others?

H. What are some tips you find useful to minister hope to others?

## 6

# Shifting Our Paradigms: I'll See It When I Believe It

A. What is a paradigm?

B. What is a world view?

C. List the verses in Mark that use the word *amazed*. To what place is Mark (or God) trying to shift our paradigms?

D. What Scripture verses highlight the importance of taking risks?

E. What is valor?

F. What is perseverance?

# 7

# Authority

A. What are the Greek words for authority and power? Give everyday examples of each.

authority:

power:

B. What Scripture verses connect authority and our relationship with God?

C. What is the answer (and some of your favorite supporting Scriptures) to Dutch Sheet's question: Since God is sovereign, does it really make a difference if we ask Him to do things?

D. Name the three types of prayer often involved in team ministry with examples of each.

1.

2.

3.

E. What is a definition of the Kingdom of God?

F. What are some characteristics of the kingdom of the enemy and the opposite characteristics of the Kingdom of God?

G. How are the works of Jesus (which may burst out at any time as we, too, minister) connected to the Kingdom of God?

H. What are our responsibilities as royal priests (which God says we are in 1 Peter 2:9)?



## 8

# The Prophetic Ministry: Hearing from God

A. What Scriptures tell us that we should desire to prophesy?

B. What are some purposes of prophesying laid out in the Old and New Testaments?

O.T.

N.T.

C. What are two Greek words for *word*? Which Greek word is used in Eph. 6:17 and how can that be related to personal ministry?

D. What are the three elements of prophesying?

1.

2.

3.

E. List ways you test prophetic words.

F. List ways God may speak to us.

G. What are some tips you find useful to minister prophetically?

## 9

# The Power of the Law; the Power of Grace

A. According to the author, legalism occurs when we think the law can do what two things?

1.

2.

B. How do the stories of the rich young ruler and/or Zaccheus illustrate both?

1.

2.

C. Define both law and grace.

law:

grace:

D. What are the purposes of both law and grace?

law:

grace:

E. What are the powers of both law and grace?

law:

grace:

F. What are some tips you find useful in applying this to ministry situations?

G. What does it mean to *prophesy the answer*?

## 10

# The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- A. What English words found in I Cor. 12:1-7 does Paul use to describe spiritual gifts?
- B. What four broad categories do the gifts seem to fall into? Why is each category important?
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
- C. What four levels (the first three being in use today) describes the use of the spiritual gifts?
- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.

D. Give examples of the way the gifts can be used in combinations.

E. What are some tips you find useful to minister with the gifts of the Spirit?

# 11

## The Second Reformation

- A. What Scripture verse is behind the concept of the Second Reformation?
- B. Draw the author's "Moving V" and put the gifts on it. (Feel free to put gifts on it that were not mentioned in the book.)
- C. What attitudes are important to have for the church to move towards a Second Reformation?

# Parting Thoughts

For people to start moving in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, or for the Second Reformation to occur, we have to do more than learn about it – we have to do it. But that is where the fun begins. God will take us on the journey of experiencing what I have been talking about and much more. We need to take risks and step out and do it.

Here are some helps to do that.

1. Find others with a similar desire and agree together to do it.
2. Try to ask the Father to show you at least one thing which He is doing each day and partner with Him in doing it.
3. Light the fire in others by finding out their dreams and leading them, so that they may supernaturally begin to see those dreams fulfilled.

May the Lord bless you in this endeavor, as you take His presence, power and heart to a world that desperately needs Him.

In His love – Randy Fisk