

Kurt and Ginger Loosenort, Cru City, August '13

1 John 5:11-13. I have written these things so you may KNOW you have eternal life.
2 Tim.2:2 Take what you have learned, and entrust them to others who are faithful and able to equip others...



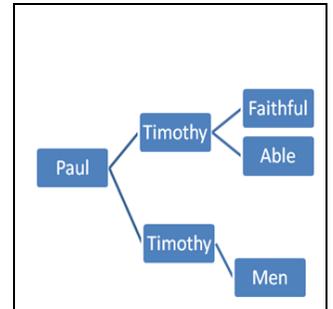
“SIX INCHES FROM HEAVEN”

This morning Tom said, “For many years as an active church member, **I was six inches from heaven.** I knew a lot of stuff in my head, but it was never clear in my heart. Then someone shared the Good News personally and clearly with me. When Jesus moved six inches down, from my head to my heart, my life began to change. When others equipped me to grow and share my faith and disciple others, my life was more and more transformed. **Now I want to help reach and equip people just like me.** People who don’t even know what they are missing.”



TOM REPRESENTS THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR MINISTRY:

Reaching and equipping people to develop clear core convictions, clarity and courage. Helping them develop teamwork so they live and share them and equip others to do the same, inside and outside of church, here and around the world.



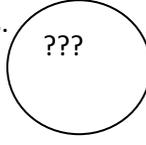
WHY DOES THIS MATTER?... CASUALTIES:

Too many kids graduate from school and leave their faith, their church, even their families. They **have no spiritual armor and become casualties** when they encounter questions and temptations. Too few Dads and Moms equip their kids, mostly because they have not been equipped themselves. Too few pastors and other leaders equip parents, because many of them have not been equipped. **Assuming is killing people.** There is **a lot of teaching, but too little testing.** Who is asking to see if people really understand or apply what they are learning? Many are religious, but dead. Others are saved but have never understood how to deepen their relationship with God. **Many are eaten alive by culture.**



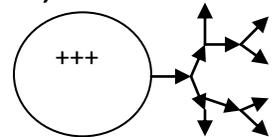
90/100 LEADERS “No one has ever asked me...”

I have personally interviewed over 100 leaders in the last few years. **90% say they have never been asked the core questions,** never been tested for clarity or application, and no one has offered to help in these areas. **This stirs deep compassion and commitment in me.** I remember being in their situation. If someone had not loved me enough to offer equipping, I would have little to offer others.



REVERSING THE CYCLE; Humble help for leaders and beyond;

We can criticize, and become proud. Or pray, love and be a humble part of the solution. **When Pastors and leaders are encouraged and equipped, they can reverse this cycle.** They **equip parents who equip their kids.** The **kids become missionaries wherever they go.**



This is the heartbeat of our ministry. God has been training us for years with front-lines, real-life outreach and discipleship. But God wants the focus to be on Him, not us. We hope our lives are examples of God “strengthening churches.” We hope stories of God multiplying His life to four generations encourage others to be equipped. God wants these fruits to bring hope and stir hunger. The more we follow Jesus’ blueprint for making disciples, the more fruit He bears. Imagine the impact of every person equipped to multiply to four generations! (See pg.2 for scriptures which guide us, and overview of stages of growth and faith steps. These outline our “Blueprint for Making Disciples”)

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SERVE AND EQUIP OTHERS WHO REACH AND EQUIP OTHERS.

Your prayer and giving make such a difference. You encourage us so we can encourage others.



PRAISE, PRAYER REQUESTS;

- +Dawn and Aaron were baptized recently. Powerful!
- + God has been working through August “Creation/Adventure Retreats”, (more 8/29-9/1)→
- Plans and prep for men’s ministry, outreach and equipping this fall and beyond
- Those mentoring others, Dads and sons, leaders, new Christians, women,
- 9/10 pm, Kurt speaks, Hillcrest CRC Men’s Ministry, Pastor Brian Bosscher
- 9/12-15 Kurt serves with Tony Semple, Foundation for Hope Event
- “ “ “ Ginger, Melissa, others to women’s retreat, Gitche Gumee Bible camp
- Ginger mentoring Mellissa, others, in women’s ministry leadership
- 9/23, Kurt speaks, Bella Vista Church Men’s Ministry, Pastor Mark Pietscher
- 10/18, 19 Kurt speaks, Hillcrest CRC Men’s Retreat
- Overflowing resources: (+some progress, recovered June/July paychecks)
- + God inspired us through Staff Training, the Conference at GGBC, and adventures

