

## **It's LIFE Ministry (ILM)**

**Purpose:** God led the formation of ILM in 2013 to: Lead & Inspire Fruitful Evangelism. One goal is work to help awaken a passion in churches for reaching people for Christ.

**The Design:** It's Life Ministry (ILM) was developed to bring sparks of revitalization to churches. The shortest route to God's blessings is to implement principles that He has already endorsed.

Ultimately, Lawrence wants to tailor his work to meet the needs of individual churches.

### **ILM helps churches through:**

- 1) Outreach Revivals - "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23).

### **Outreach Revivals include:**

- a) A period of spiritual preparation prior to the revival. Lawrence has designed a 7-day devotion guide churches can print and use.
- b) Revival services (usually Sun–Wed or Fri–Sun).
- c) 3 practical, yet simple, ideas that promote outreach; ideas both members & attendees can implement to reach people.
- d) Optional meetings prior to evening services with Sunday School or Small Group leaders.

Messages for Outreach Revivals are designed to motivate members to perform "Random Acts of Kindness" and distribute simple invitations to attend worship and/or Bible study.

Printed materials: Cards and tracts have been designed by ILM and may be tailored and reprinted by churches for Outreach Revivals.

- 2) Sunday School/Small Group Revivals - "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:20).

### **Sunday School/Small Group Revivals include:**

- a) A period of preparation (a 40-day guide is available to help churches prepare spiritually).
- b) Revival worship experiences (Sun-Wed or Fri-Sun) to help...reach people not connected to a small group or Bible study ministry, recover members who have disconnected from Sunday School or Small Groups and reorganize at least a portion of the adult and/or student Bible study groups to reflect the TEAMS model for teaching, reaching, ministering and serving to revitalize the church.
- c) Meet with Sunday School/Small Group leaders on Sunday afternoon (2 hours prior to worship), and on Monday and Tuesday evenings (1 hour prior to worship).

Printed materials: *Growing Sunday School/Small Group TEAMS* and *More Abundant Life, 100 Days to Start or Restart your Christian Walk*.

- 1) LIFE Revivals - "*Go therefore and make disciples, baptizing them...*" (Matthew 28:19). Churches who are ready to go to the next level of reaching others often implement *It's LIFE*. *It's LIFE* was developed by Dr. Lawrence H. Phipps.

*It's LIFE* offers an effective way to share one's faith using the acrostic, "L.I.F.E.".

### **LIFE Revivals include:**

- 1) A Sunday morning motivational message to the church. The goal is to discover 20-30 people who will agree to be trained and lead the implementation of *It's LIFE*.
- 2) Sunday evening follow up message for churches that have Sunday evening worship.
- 3) Meeting with the 20-30 people on Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday evenings.
- 4) Encouraging church staff members and key leaders to be a part of the LIFE training.
- 5) Setting a goal to have 3 teams of 3 people who are ready to implement *It's LIFE* by Wednesday. In 5 months these 9 individuals would be prepared to lead 9 teams of 3. It is possible that a church could, in one year, go from no LIFE ministry to 81 people (27 teams) visiting and sharing their faith.

Printed materials: *It's LIFE* kit that includes the Leader's Guide, Administrative Guide, Student books, DVD, CD, and tracts; and, for new believers, *More Abundant Life*.

- 4) Focused Training – Churches can schedule Lawrence for weeknight training in any of the areas listed in this brochure. The goal is to tailor all training to meet the needs of the church.

### **Summary of the ILM Ministry**

**Outreach Revivals** - To work through prayer, preparation and worship to lead Christians to

reach their neighbors, friends, fellow workers, and family members for Christ.

**Sunday School/Small Group Revivals** - To seek to motivate churches to reach people through the Bible study ministry and help organize or revitalize groups, using the book *Growing Sunday School/Small Group TEAMS*. **LIFE Revivals** – To lead a core group (20-30) to go to the next level in evangelism & discipleship using *It's LIFE*. To preach to lead the congregation to pray for and support those who will lead the LIFE ministry. To provide support materials to help the church after the training week.

**1-Day Revivals** – A simple event to motivate churches toward revitalizing their ministry and reviving outreach.

**Consulting** – Lawrence is willing to work with pastors, staff and church leaders to evaluate where they are and help to develop a course of action for organizing ministry, reaching people and making disciples. He is willing and available to return to churches, as needed, as they implement processes that are products of ILM.

*It's LIFE* Ministry (ILM) is an evangelism/discipleship ministry that disciples Christians to share their faith, helps new believers connect to small groups, disciples believers using *More Abundant Life*, and follows the principle of the late Dr. D. James Kennedy: "Evangelism is better caught than taught."

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