

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together...but encouraging one another.
Heb 10:24-25

Share the teaching
Guard the sharing

Male Call

May 2, 2008—Atonement—Our Role With Christ

6:00 – 6:05	Coffee & Donuts Opening Prayer
6:05 – 7:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What we have discovered: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Something is wrong: the world shouldn't be this way <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) We mistrust God <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Over reach our humanity (2) Underachieve b) We are complicit in what has gone wrong c) Sin is systemically organic d) Something must be done about it, and we can't do it 2) If sin is our basic mistrust of God, present the gospel message is about presenting God as one who can be and desires our trust. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What is the state of "trust" in the world? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Politicians ii) Church leaders iii) Friends iv) Sales people v) Etc. b) Who do you trust in this world? 3) Spreading the gospel <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How do we spread the gospel of trust in God in a world full of distrust? b) How do we learn to trust? c) Does behavior matter? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 1Peter 1:14-16 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What does it mean to be <i>holy</i>? (2) Would being <i>holy</i> help with demonstrating our trust in God? 4) Do you trust God? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Adam's and Eve's problem is our problem <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Exodus 14:11-12; Numbers 11:4-6, 18, 20 b) A self test <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 2Corinthians 13:5 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) How do we perform this test? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Matthew 6:19-34

	<p>(b) Are you overly controlling? (c) Are you under achieving?</p> <p>5) Table exercise</p> <p>a) Do you trust God?</p> <p>i) Luke 24:36-38</p> <p>(1) What trouble and doubts arise in your heart?</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

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- Wright, N.T. *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship*. Eerdmans, 1994.