

AVC Prophetic Roundtable summary – April 9th, 2006

Key scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (The Message) – *“Speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you’ll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind.”*

Hebrews 3:13 – *“Encourage one another daily . . . so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness”* [“keep each other on your toes” in The Message]

2 Timothy 1: 4 – 6, 13 – *“I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you”*

Prophetic summary:

There is a sense of spiritual “constipation.”

Call to:

- Encourage one another; keep each other on our toes
- Personal revival
- Guard the deposit we have
- Stir ourselves up before the Lord

Lead Team response:

Scott Benjamin – (none)

Todd Colwell – (none)

Johnny Crist – (none)

Roundtable happenings:

Larry Smith spoke to us about unity.

Thoughts:

- Psalm 133:1 – “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!”
- 43,870 religions in the world
- 3,318 denominations and sects in Christianity
- Each denomination brings strengths which when you add them together form “the church”
- Jesus prayed for us to be one – four times in John 17
- Whether we’re extroverts or introverts, we need to be with one another
- John 14:12 – this is the spiritual reason for unity – we as a group can do greater things than Jesus did
- If every church in America would stop all our programs and stop and pray for 10 days, what would happen?
- Greater works is tied closely to prayer. God is glorified when we come close to him in prayer. Prayer is integral to loving God and obeying His commandments.
- 3 “love steps” to spiritual unity (and greater works):
 - Love God. Know God intimately (You and God – one on one.)
 - Love and respect those close to you (Family)

- To be involved with church leadership, examine close relationships first.
Make spouse relationship sweet first (it's permanent).
 - Love others (The church. Even your enemies.)
- Unity is so simple – love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; love your neighbor as yourself
- We can not love like this in our own strength, but He can do it through us.
- Ephesians 4:11 - 32 describes what unity looks like
- Larry shared many verses on how to build unity and treat one another, and also some on things that destroy unity (malice, envy, hate, complaining, speaking against one another, not forgiving one another, allowing root of bitterness to spring up)
- 3 things Larry has his prayer groups pray every time:
 - Blessings on the senior pastor
 - That we'd be a house of prayer
 - That God would send out workers into the harvest
- Jesus did not speak to denominations; He spoke to cities
- God said He would give Jesus the nations when He asked for them
- We need to be willing to die in order for God to use us.
- For prayer to work, we need helplessness, and faith
- Love for God, love for others