

## WANT TO IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY? THIS COURSE MAY BE FOR YOU!

**COURSE:** Compassion Ministry Leadership Training – Level One, FALL 2003

**TARGET GROUP** - Specifically designed for teams of three to five people from Knoxville congregations who have been selected to mobilize their congregation for holistic (word and deed) compassion ministries. Teams should include a staff or lay leader responsible for overseeing compassion ministries within and outside the congregation.

### PURPOSE

1. To equip Compassion Ministry Leadership Teams to
  - a. Mobilize church members more effectively into (individual and/or corporate) compassion ministries throughout the greater Knoxville community.
  - b. Facilitate compassion ministry courses (within their congregation) designed to ignite a passion for outreach to the community and catalyze a compassion ministry movement within a congregation.
2. To build a network of Knoxville-area compassion ministry leaders which exists to harness the skills, experiences, and passion of a diverse group of compassion leaders for the good of the group and, ultimately, our community.

**FACILITATORS** – Andy Rittenhouse (executive director, Compassion Coalition) along with various compassion ministry equippers who are actively mobilizing their congregations into holistic outreach ministries.

**LENGTH AND TIME** – Eleven (2 ½ hour) sessions offered on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00 pm (beginning September 15, 2003) or Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 4:00 pm (beginning September 16).

**PLACE** – Central Baptist Bearden Church, 6300 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN

**COST** - \$50 for class notebook, text books, and community tour

**TIME REQUIREMENT:** Plan to spend an average of 2-3 hours per week preparing for class.

### REQUIRED READING

- Amy Sherman, *Restorers of Hope* (Charlottesville, VA.; Hudson Faith in Communities, 1997). Gives compelling evidence that local congregations can become “Restorers of Hope” in their communities. Shows how to move beyond “commodity-based ministry” to “relational-based ministry.”
- Amy Sherman, *ABC's of Community Ministry* (Charlottesville, VA.; Hudson Faith in Communities, 2001). A workbook that is sufficiently thorough yet strikingly simple...perfect for laying a foundation for holistic ministry with busy lay people.
- Tim Keller, *Ministries of Mercy, The Call of the Jericho Road*, 2nd edition, (Phillipsburg, NJ.: P&R Publishing, 1997). Packed full of simple but compelling theology and great advice on how to launch compassion ministry teams in a local church. Keller pastors an urban church that is making a big impact in New York.
- *Salt and Light Guidebook* (Knoxville, TN.; Compassion Coalition, 2002): A must read guide to becoming salt and light in Knoxville, TN. Over 200 pages of Knoxville research, stories of hope, and glimpses in the lives of local people.
- VARIOUS HANDOUTS - e.g. “Helpful Tips: Practical Do’s and Don’ts of Serving”

### SUPPLEMENTAL READING (for the enthusiast!)

- Ron Sider, Phil Olsen, Heidi Unruh, *Churches that Make a Difference* (Grand Rapids, MI.: Baker Books, 2002). Provides a compelling description of “holistic” (i.e., word and deed) churches and gives a wealth of practical advice on how to build them.
- Robert Lewis, *The Church of Irresistible Influence* (Grand Rapids, MI.: Zondervan, 2001). Tells the thrilling but very practical story of how Fellowship Bible Church restructured itself to become “irresistible” to the community. A great book to give pastors.

### WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS COURSE

*Lynna Nicholas, Compassion Director, Kern United Methodist Church*

It is better than I could have hoped or imagined. I am so excited to be receiving the resources to take back to Kern. Instead of feeling like a failure in my role in outreach at our church, I am increasingly excited, impassioned, and hopeful.

*Marty Kansky – Compassion Director, West Park Baptist Church*

The leadership training presented by the Coalition provided the information needed to effectively plan, form, and implement a compassion ministry in our church.

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**ENROLLMENT APPLICATION - Compassion Ministry Leadership Training – Level One, FALL 2003**

Please enroll our congregation in the following session:

- ◇ Monday evenings beginning September 15, 6:30-9:00 pm and continuing for 11 weeks.
- ◇ Tuesday afternoons beginning September 16, 1:30-4:00 pm and continuing for 11 weeks.
- ◇ I am interested in attending the class but neither of these times is convenient for me.

CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

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**To reserve your spot in one of the classes, please return this form to:** COMPASSION COALITION, 1450 Dowell Springs Blvd, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37909; Phone 588-2875 ext 4; or email us at [info@compassioncoalition.org](mailto:info@compassioncoalition.org)

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## SYLLABUS

SESSION	WEEK	TOPIC
One	Sept 15/16	<b>Introductions: To Course and Classmates</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Sherman ABC's 1-25; Scan <i>Salt and Light Guidebook (S&amp;L)</i> i-28 <b>Due session five:</b> Mercy Ministries Action Plan (part one)
Two	Sept 22/23	<b>Old Testament Compassion: A Look at the Heart of the Father</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Sherman ABC's 29-32, Keller 42-43, 137-139; scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 29-56
Three	Sept 29/30	<b>New Testament Compassion: A Look at the Life of Jesus</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Sherman <i>Restorers</i> 1-99; Scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 57-84; review <i>Appendix A: <u>Explanation of Mercy Ministry Action Plan</u></i>
Four	Oct 6/7	<b>Hope and Compassion: How Congregations Are Becoming "Restorers of Hope" in Knoxville and Across the Nation</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Mercy Ministry Action Plan (part one); Keller 58-79; Luke 7:36-50; scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 85-112; review Steps One thru Three of <i>Appendix B: <u>Sample Mercy Ministry Action Plan</u></i>
Five A	Oct 13/14	<b>Christian Compassion: Why <u>Christians</u> Can Serve So Well</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Potluck meal, bring appropriate dish; be sure to serve 3 to 5 hours this week in a local ministry within Knoxville so you can present your community service report next week; review Steps Four thru Seven of <i>Appendix B: <u>Sample Mercy Ministry Action Plan</u></i>
Five B	Oct 17	<b>CITY TOUR</b> (Friday 9am-1pm or 2pm-6pm): see Knoxville through a broader lens! This tour will bring you in the trenches and expose you to front-line community heroes who are battling poverty, suffering, and injustice in our community.
Six	Oct 20/21	<b>Community Service and City Tour Reports (Potluck Meal)</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Keller 93-102, Sherman <i>Restorers</i> 107-120; scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 113-140
Seven	Oct 27/28	<b>Holistic Compassion: Empowering Versus Enabling</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Keller 133-153; scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 141-170; review Step Eight of <i>Appendix B: <u>Sample Mercy Ministry Action Plan</u></i>
Eight	Nov 3/4	<b>Organizing Compassion: Motivating Your Congregation</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Keller 154-173, Sherman ABC's 73-79; scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 171-188
Nine	Nov 10/11	<b>Launching Compassion: Mobilizing Your Congregation</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Mercy Ministry Action Plan (part two); Keller 194-206, Sherman ABC's 65-72, <i>Restorers</i> 157-170; review Step Nine of <i>Appendix B: <u>Sample Mercy Ministry Action Plan</u></i>
Ten	Nov 17/18	<b>Sustaining Compassion: Developing a Robust Volunteer Management Strategy</b> <b>Due next session:</b> Potluck meal, do not forget to bring appropriate dish, scan <i>S&amp;L</i> 189-210; review Step Ten of <i>Appendix B: <u>Sample Mercy Ministry Action Plan</u></i>
Eleven	Nov 24/25	<b>Graduation - Reflection and Next Steps (Potluck Meal)</b>