

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHURCH ALIVE

## Lectures Revisited

### “Getting Out Of The Boat”

Matt:14: 22-33

#### 1. Metaphysics

- a. Definition of Church - S&H 583
- b. Matt. 14: 22-33

#### 2. Legacy Of Style

- a. Traditional Lecture Formats
- b. Highlights of Lecturer’s Responsibilities - Manual
- c. Primary Audience - CS
- d. Lecture requirements - Manual
- e. Results - Generally unproductive for non-CS involvement

#### 3. How do you reach the non-CS Community in a more meaningful manner?

- a. First determine relevant community issues
  - 1) Select one of two issues of urgent concern to your Community
- b. Second. Interview Lecturers and pick an appropriate one on the subject issues.
  - 1) Find a lecturer with experience in the issues being addressed. so its not an academic discussion.
- c. Contact other organizations in the Community addressing these issues.
  - 1) Get their input and let them participate
  - 2) Select a venue for the event

#### 4. Examples- Auburn CS Church

- a. 2011 - Lecturer Maryl Walters - “Overcoming Violence with Love”

1) Predate Event:: Radio interviews - Front page Story (Local newspaper)

2) Sponsoring Church members meet with Lecturer.

3) Day of Event

A. 10:00 AM: Meet with non-CS support community groups and City Council representative at Church to hear the concerns for violence in families. Caused by drug/alcohol issues. Church “packed”. Ms. Walters moderated the meeting.

B. Raised \$1000.00 in donations. - 100% given to community groups

C. 2:00 PM Lecture given at United Methodist Church . One hour with 50% in music provided by the CS Auburn Band with our Church soloist. Lecturer and Band coordinated the presentation.

D. Primarily CS attended. ( Hmm!)

b. March 2012

1) Lecture - “Celebrate Youth” Julio Rivas - (former lecturer)

2) Hip Hop Congress: ages 18 -25 (former drug/ alcohol addicts rehabilitated with Hip Hop programs in music, poetry and art)

3) First Meeting: Our SS and Discovery Bound met with them at their facility. Our Church provided pizza.

4) Second Meeting: Met at Local newspaper for news article . Front page for lecture date.

5) Church members met with Julio Rivas in morning session

6) Third Meeting: Hip Hop Congress friends, families, etc met in our Church where they performed and then broke down into discussion groups discussing the community issues (Drug/alcohol). This was led by the Hip Hop Congress leader. The event was concluded with the CS Auburn Band.

c November 2012

1) Lecture “Here Comes the Sun” - Lecture Norm Bleichman

2) Participants included Auburn Hip Hop Congress, TNT youth

group (local teenagers), Dept of Public Health (Coalition for Placer County Youth)

3) Interviewed three lecturers

4) Selected Auburn State Theater for venue

5) Older Teenager from Placer High School provided data on severity of alcohol/drug prescription abuse by young people in Placer County. TNT did performances called "Commercials" regarding drug abuse to transition various segments of the event. Hip Hop performed and showcased their latest video of success in rehabilitation and Norm Bleichman provided a 15-20 minute lecture how to unshackle from addiction. A member of Auburn CS Church gave testimony of healing from Alcohol in his youth during the lecture. The event was concluded by singing the Beatles song "Here Comes the Sun" with the Auburn CS Band providing the music. Local support groups were in the lobby to meet families and young people to provide support.

Aftermath:

1) Local newspaper coverage, Internet coverage by a Internet reporter. Contact from the Dept Of Public Health to have our Church spearhead other Churches to provide education to parents/young people on the drug/alcohol issues which is currently in process.

## 5. Lessons to be Learned

- a. Select key issues of concern in your community
- b. Select a lecturer who will cooperate with unique formatting of the event
- c. Structure lecture in appropriate venue
- d. Include non-CS groups in the presentation and listen to their concerns
- e. Let non CS people participate in the event
- f. Present CS as an optional "care, provider" in the Community

Respectfully Submitted  
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