

Hear from the Students!

We're really excited about what is happening at the School of Kingdom Ministry. We've seen students changed and transformed as they learn who they are in Christ and what it means that Christ lives in them and wants to minister through them. The students have been having such a great experience that we wanted them to share with you so you can hear from them directly.



School of Kingdom Ministry Empowering Missions

Jay and Natascha Georgeff were both School of Kingdom Ministry students in Des Moines, Iowa this past year. They have a passion for missions in the Balkans, an area in southeastern Europe. (See <http://jaygeorgeff.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thebalkanstoday/>). Jay writes about his experience in the School of Kingdom Ministry:

Students share their own experiences in the School of Kingdom Ministry
(photo is a hyperlink to a video file)

SoKM has given me a renewed joy and thirst for God's Word! The Scriptures have come alive again in my spirit as I seek to hear from Him, and Holy Spirit has been whispering louder to me lately!



Jay and Natascha

The SoKM has provided a more coherent lens by which to not only read and understand the Bible, but also to see my identity as a child of the King and a co-laborer with Jesus. The sections in the class that touched on 'worldview' and 'identity' are excellent, and are equipping me to more fully interact with Holy Spirit and with people. Knowing better God's heart for all people is compelling me to express His love to them.

***SoKM has provided powerful tools to pray more strategically by activating my God-given authority.** It's now much easier and more fruitful to pray for physical and emotional healing, and I have had a few opportunities to pray for some co-workers. Some of my colleagues are experiencing God's love and blessing in exciting new ways. Very cool. More Lord, more!*

School of Kingdom Ministry Activating in Holy Spirit Ministry

Nancy Olson works as a Circulation Co-Supervisor at Bethel University Library in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has a master's degree in theological studies from Bethel Seminary and worked in missions for ten years; but before participating in the School of Kingdom Ministry, she hadn't yet experienced the ministry of the Holy Spirit. She wrote this about her experience in the School of Kingdom Ministry:

The purpose of the training is to teach/equip people in the congregation through study of Scripture and doing several practicum ministries, what the Bible says about ministering as Jesus ministered in the Gospels: healing the sick, deliverance from evil spirits, giving prophecy, and learning to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance in each setting. I am so glad this training teaches us to be humble and real in our demeanor. We are taught strict etiquette of how to do signs and wonders without embarrassing people, drawing attention to ourselves, or acting like we are the very voice of God. No flamboyance.

This training stretched me further than my master's in theological training did, both in a closer reading of scripture and in the practicum experiences. It was a smart, intellectual course as well as extremely practical. I love how the teachers were so faithful to and respectful of Scripture in the teaching. If not, I would not have stayed in the program.



Nancy Olson

The teaching of who the Holy Spirit was and how He works in Christians' lives was almost completely new to me. I had received some teaching on the Holy Spirit, but it was not as practical as this was. We were trained to tell when the Holy Spirit was falling on someone to heal, restore, encourage, etc. That was completely new to me.

Basically, what I have been taught has rocked my whole Evangelical Christian paradigm. Some things are the same, but other things I thought I knew about God, myself, the world, and how God acts in the world under the New Covenant were just wrong or incomplete. We had a section on how our Western worldview misshapes how we understand God and the Bible.

At that same time we were doing the intellectual study, there were practical activities to do as well each week. These activities stretched me. I have come to know what a privilege it is to see the Lord heal someone immediately. What a joy it is when someone who does not even know you gives you direction from the Lord about something you have been praying about and you had not told that person. Very few of us Christians know the joy and exhilaration you feel after someone was delivered from demon oppression or possession. These kinds of things made up the majority of the work that our Lord did during his ministry on earth. He commissioned each one of us that we would do the "works" that He did, and even greater.