

The Spotts Group Consulting

**Discipleship,
Ministry Development &
Christian Leadership
Workshop and Studies Catalog**



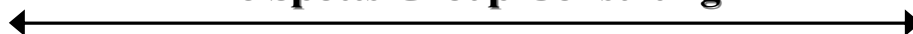
The Paideia Studies

**Serving Churches, Supporting Pastors
& Empowering Christian Organizations
As An Independent Ministry Resource.**

The Paideia Studies are designed for your church. Each study or workshop is created to assist in the discipleship or ministry development within the local congregation. The workshops and studies/seminars target the unique needs and interests identified by the *pastor* and *organizational leadership*.

Each study or workshop is researched, developed and written by Garry M. Spotts, M.Div., based upon the direct consultation with your leadership to insure the maximum impact of your learning event.

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What is the difference between a workshop and a study/seminar?

A study/seminar is...

An educational session focused on the presentation of a specific content topic for the purpose of informing and empowering the participants personally. The study may result in individual action or collaborative action on the part of the participants, but is not specifically designed to elicit such an immediate and measurable outcome. The intent of a study is to introduce or revisit critical truths and ideas that form the foundation of future study and growth as disciples.

A workshop is...

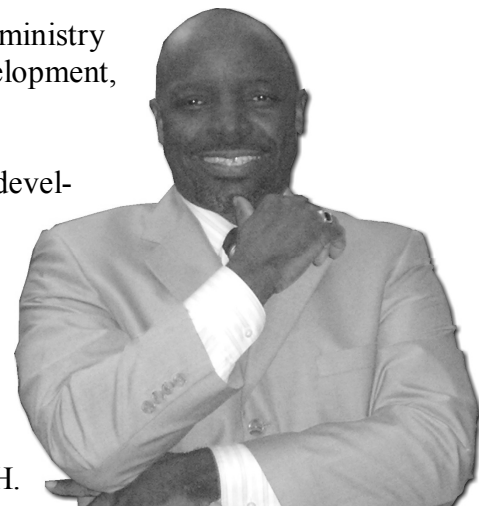
A working session in which information and content are presented, digested and analyzed with the intent to produce a product such as a vision statement, a mission statement, a strategic plan or a ministry development plan. A workshop's success may be measured by the generation of a tangible result.

Garry M. Spotts, M.Div., has been blessed with 36 years of progressive ministry experience serving Churches and Christian organizations in ministry development, spiritual care and discipleship as a teacher, mentor and writer.

He has distinguished himself as an exceptional personal & professional development consultant supporting and mentoring ministry leaders, educators and business owners.

Born and reared in Louisville, Kentucky he is one of three siblings and the youngest of twins; the product of The Late Rev. George Spotts and Mrs. Viola Spotts.

Called into ministry at 15 years of age, under the pastorate of Rev., Dr. H. Donald Cockerham, Pastor Emeritus of Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, he was ordained in 1989. He is a 1982 graduate of the University of Kentucky, Grehan School of Journalism and a 1987 Master of Divinity graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he focused upon Old Testament Interpretation and Theology.



About Garry M. Spotts, M.Div.,

Professionally Garry Spotts has served as the Academic Dean of Simmons Bible College (Now Simmons College of Kentucky), The Executive Director of The St. Stephen Family Life Center, The Minister of Education and Staff Development at Zion Baptist Church and most recently the Servant Teacher of Paideia Ministries, Inc., a consultant and teaching servant to various churches, conferences, and Christian groups and is currently serving as Senior Pastor of the Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky

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Study / Seminar Topics and Synopses

The Power of God's Word (BL-S)

The life transforming Power of God's Word and the Primacy of The Revealed Word of God in the Believers Life and its impact upon the believer frame the content of this study. Each participant will gain a deeper appreciation and respect for their personal need for the Word of God. Study Time Needed (2-6 hours)

Biblical Literacy: The Foundation of a Maturing Disciples' Life (BL-S)

The three principles of Biblical Literacy found in Scripture form the content of this study. It is a foundational study for all believers. In a time when the truth of God's Revealed Word is being challenged by detractors and diminished by "contemporary scholarship", Biblical Literacy is ever more important. Study Time Needed (2-6 hours)

Black Presence in the Bible (BL-S)

Historically, the presence of Black peoples has been excluded from the "credible" study of the Bible. While the ethnicity of Biblical personalities is of no real consequence when measured against the Truth of the God's Word, it is critical to accurately and truthfully portray them as they were. All peoples should see the God's handiwork in their cultural and ethnic heritage as it is outlined in the Scriptures. Study Time Needed (2-6 hours)

A Thought Life Captive to Christ: The Power of A Discipled Imagination (DS-S)

An exploration of God's intent to transform believers by discipling their imagination and the power acquired by the transformed life discipled believer. The study addresses the threats to the healthy development of disciples and the strategies of the adversary to block unbelievers' knowledge of God and to subvert believers' faith and confidence in God through Christ. Study Time Needed (2-6 hours)

Biblical Wisdom For Godly Living (DS-S)

The Biblical mandates that call each believer to a deepening life of Discipleship and maturing relationship with the Father through Christ form the core of this study. The study examines the foundations of a Godly Life from the pages of the Sacred Word of God and forms the basis of a life lived under the profound wisdom of God. The study offers an exposition of God's expectation of every disciple as we mature in faith. Study Time Needed (2-6 hours)

Legend: Biblical Literacy—BL | Discipleship—DS

God's Harvest In You-Fruits of the Spirit (Study) (DS-S or MD-W)

The greatest weakness of many Christian fellowships is that we fail to clearly understand the opportunities God affords us for growth. The Fruit of the Spirit are the evidence of a Life Guided by the Holy Spirit and disciples need to understand the mandate of developing and growing the Fruit as we mature. Study Time Needed (3-10 hours)

Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts (DS-S or MD-W)

The Gifts of the Spirit seem mysterious to many believers and are all but ignored by many Churches. Yet, understanding the Spiritual Gifts and the Biblical instruction concerning their value and use is critical to a church's growth and the development of mature disciples.

As a study, it offers a clear and easy to understand explanation of the Gifts of the Spirit while dispelling many of the myths that have developed around them. *As a workshop*, participants are led to examine themselves through the use of a Spiritual Gifts inventory with the intent of discovering their personal gifts. Further discussion and work is done to identify existing ministries or opportunities to create ministries for the activation of the disciple's gifts. Study Time Needed (6-8 hours)

The Courage of the Disciplined Life: The Inward Work of The Holy Spirit and Its Outward Expression (DS-S)

The challenge of living as a follower of Jesus Christ in the post Christian era is the subject of this study. The study offers an exposition of the courage required to maintain our Faith convictions in the face of so many dissenters from within and without the household of Faith. Study Time Needed (3-6 hours)

Prayerful Living (DS-S)

Prayer is arguably the most used and abused of all the Spiritual Disciplines. Yet it remains the most profound and significant means by which a believer may commune with The Father, gain direction, find peace and comfort and more. It is essential that each disciple clearly understand the Bible's instruction concerning prayer; its form, function and effect. Study Time Needed (3-8 hours)

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Workshop Topics and Synopses

The Full Ministry Church (MD/SP-W) 6 hours

The Full Ministry Church workshop offers a penetrating look at the life and ministry of Jesus Christ which reveals a call to Full ministry. A study of Jesus' declaration of ministry in Luke 4:18-21 requires each one of us to evaluate the work and ministry of our Church in light of His earthly ministry.

Outcomes: The workshop identifies the central message of Jesus' ministry and assesses contemporary ministry models and their relationship to the ministry model of Jesus Christ. Specific ministries within the church/organization are evaluated through small group exercises to re-align them with Jesus' ministry model. New ministry initiatives will be outlined to re-invigorate existing church ministries or to create new ministries to address the needs of the fellowship and the community in which it serves.

Valuing Inclusiveness in Ministry (TB-W) 2-3 hours

This workshop includes a discussion of the value of diversity in ministries within a church emphasizing the Bible as the single authority for creating all ministries. Creating diverse yet equally valued ministries within a church is essential to meet the growing needs of the disciples we serve.

Outcomes: The Biblical foundations for various ministries in the local congregation will be established. The workshop will assist ministry leaders and participants in assessing the value of their specific ministry initiative to our common work and commission of spreading the Gospel and Making Disciples of the saved.

The Future Church (SP-W) 3 hours

Current political, cultural and social trends will be discussed with a view to identifying their potential impact upon the ministry of the local congregation.

Outcomes: The participants will discover emerging trends and their potential impact upon their families, community and the church. Participants will examine the ministry of the local congregation and assess its readiness for the paradigm shifts. Opportunities for growth and ministry as well as the potential threats will be identified; empowering the participants and the church to proactively plan for the changes as we identify them.

Legend: Ministry Development- MD | Team Building- TB | Strategic Planning—SP

Workshop Topics and Synopses

Family Ministry: The Bliss and The Blisters (MD-W) 4-6 hours

Churches have historically focused upon narrow ministry segments with varying degrees of success. Teen and Children's ministry tend to dominate the ministry agenda of the contemporary church. Family Ministry offers a holistic approach by including every generation in a family structure; tailoring its ministry initiatives to the specific needs of each age group.

Outcomes: Participants will discover the Biblical mandate which governs a holistic ministry approach. Holistic ministry initiatives will be discussed in an idea generation session along with the specific Biblical mandate.

What Jesus Says about Evangelism (SP-W) 6 hours

The Great Commission is the single most important post-resurrection pronouncement that Jesus made to His disciples. We are partners with those first followers who audibly heard these words and as such are bound to them and Christ in a joint commission. An exposition of the Verbal Ideas of the Great Commission leads to a review of the local congregation's fulfillment of our common work.

Outcomes: The participants examine the Great Commission as a binding document of purpose for each believer and the church. The Verbal Ideas found in the commission empower participants to evaluate the church's ministry and its effectiveness in the light of Christ's Commission. A vision statement is drafted using the Verbal Ideas as the litmus test of our current vision's affinity with Christ's mission. Once the Vision statement is drafted, then the Vision statement imperatives are outlined and form the basis of evaluating existing ministry effectiveness and the grounds for creating new ministries in the church.

The Triple Braided Cord of Ministry: Building and empowering synergies in the local church for ministry (TB-W) 3 hours

There has never been, nor will there ever be a time when ministries should compete against one another. Rather, the ministries within a church and churches ought to embrace the spirit of unity as evidence of our growth as believers and support the work of others as a collaboration.

Outcomes: Participants will learn key skills in building relatability the church and the community being served. The 4 Catalysts for effective teams and strategies for maximizing the team working process to enhance ministry success are at the heart of this workshop.

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A Few Words of Praise For Garry M. Spotts as a Teacher and Consultant.

- *“I feel blessed to have been exposed to such good teaching.”* G. Williams, Jr.
- *“Rev. Spotts has a passion and calling for church growth...you need to hear him before you go to heaven.”* Pastor West
- *“He’s very energetic and serious about his vision and convictions. Always gives more than what’s expected. His teaching opens blinded eyes.”* Zion Baptist Church Member
- *“Great program for leaders in Church, everything taught is Bible based.”* Zion Church Member
- *“Rev. Spotts is informative, inspiring and helpful and his workshops are professionally done. He is very knowledgeable, a good communicator and humorous.”* T. King
- *“Rev. Spotts is a dynamic, sincere, empathetic, honest, knowledgeable and lovable speaker.”* Zion Church Member
- *“Rev. Spotts was delightful, his knowledge of God’s Word and Works was present eloquently and logically. He left me wanting to learn more.”* Mary M. Thomas
- *“Rev. Spotts is a very knowledgeable, enthusiastic and some times funny presenter who makes learning interesting.”* Rev. W. Holder, Jr.
- *“Brilliant, Bold, Friendly, Well-Informed, Motivated to teach and help others in their self development; he is inspirational and inspired by God.”*

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The Value and Benefits of Using A Consultant

- A consultant is unfettered by the personal relationships that may impede necessary and productive enhancements to an church's ministry.
- A consultant provides a fresh perspective, and approaches the issues of concern from a different paradigm, therefore making innovative and creative solutions more likely.
- A consultant is a cost-effective means to improving the quality and content of your ministry without the encumbrance of a full-time staff person.
- A professional consultant invests time, energy and financial resources in securing the knowledge needed to drive innovation in ministry development, freeing the pastor and other ministerial staff to focus on the core issues of Church Life.

What Will It Cost?

There are several factors which determine the final cost of a study or a workshop.

- The amount of time needed to complete the study or training event;
- The distance from Louisville, KY and the accommodations needed

Study Materials are included.

- **The cost depends entirely upon your goals and the amount of time needed to accomplish them.**

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