LARRY LUNDSTROM MINISTRIES COUNSELING PROGRAM

Welcome to the Larry Lundstrom Ministry counseling program! The decision to include a counseling program in this ministry is based on John 15:16, "You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit...fruit that will last." Every year we witness thousands of decisions for Christ through Larry and Gloria's ministry. These decisions will build the local church as people within the church body disciple those who receive Christ. Being a counselor is one of the most rewarding experiences of ministry and you will benefit as much or possibly more than those you counsel. God has called each one of us to,

"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES."

• ALTAR CALL

In the rallies, Larry presents the altar call in seven steps:

- 1) Larry will ask for everyone to bow their heads and close their eyes.
- 2) Larry will ask two questions:
 - a) He will ask for a show of hands of those who know without a shadow of a doubt that their sins are forgiven and their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
 - b) He will ask for a show of hands of those who would like to either make a first time decision to invite Christ into their heart and lives, to rededicate their lives to Christ, or to make a private commitment public.
- 3) Larry will then ask those who raised their hands to make a decision, along with the counselors, to stand.
- 4) Everyone will be invited to step forward to the altar. Counselors should stand behind those who are making decisions
- 5) Larry will say a few words of encouragement to those who have stepped forward and will ask them to repeat the sinner's prayer.
- 6) The counselor director, with help from the counselors, will lead those at the altar to the counseling area.
- 7) Once inside the counseling area, the counseling director will say a few words of introduction and then you will begin counseling. We have enclosed a packet of counseling materials. We use a small booklet called *Steps to Peace With God* that explains salvation. This simple booklet spans all age groups. (If this is not in your materials, we will have it for you when we meet with the counselors.)

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• COUNSELING

- 1) We suggest that you begin by using the Steps To Peace With God.
- 2) After going through *Steps To Peace With God*, spend time ministering on a more personal basis.
- 3) Prayer is a vital part of the counseling. Please spend time ministering to them through prayer.
- 4) Please make sure that either the counselor director or Gloria receives the decision card completely filled out by the person you counseled. You will give the top two copies to the counselor director. The final (hard copy) is your copy to keep for follow-up purposes. Pastors will receive a copy given to them by the counselor director.
- 5) If your church has a "Bible Study" that they use for new Christians this would be a good time to give it to the new convert or to explain what is available to them in the form of Bible studies.
- 6) Continue to pray for them. Prayer and personal contact are the keys to helping them grow and mature in the Lord.
- 7) Follow up for at least six weeks is of utmost importance! Encourage them to get involved with a Bible Study or New Converts Class.

NOTE: Personal cleanliness is very important. We would encourage you to please use breath mints prior to counseling.

> "May the God of peace... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him."

> > Hebrews 13:20,21