

THE TEN DEFINING PRINCIPLES OF OUR PROGRAM

The following ten principles represent the define our program of pastoral training:

1. Catechetical. Catechesis is “oral religious instruction,” particularly in the basic doctrinal themes of the Christian faith.
2. Iterative. Repetitive for the purpose of refining the outcome – derived from mathematics. Both Paul and Peter make it clear that repetition of (esp.) the basics of Christian doctrine is an essential element in Christian learning.
3. Modular. Each conference is a self-contained entity. One can attend and benefit from any of the first 4 levels, whether one has participated in the previous conferences or not.
4. Incremental. Each conference level in the model (see previous page), builds on its predecessor.
5. Comprehensive. Taken as a whole, the ministry model is intended to expose faithful participants to a range of biblical, doctrinal and practical concepts.
6. Local. “We Go to Them”. We take pastoral training to pastors. We don’t wait for pastors to come to come to us.
7. Reproducible. Every participant is encouraged to take his workbook to his church and start preaching from it.
8. Scalable. We plan, as the Lord enables us, to begin to train, authorize and send out additional regional GFE teachers to lead more conferences in more areas.
9. Affordable. We are committed to making effective training for pastoral ministry affordable for pastors serving the global church.
10. Missional/sustainable. As the Lord enables, we are committed to raising the necessary funds for the work to continue and to go forward.