

REBUILDERS

AL Bunke has an entirely different outlook on his job as a carpenters' apprentice, and his life in general.

The Wisconsin native credits the training he has had in the *Business Leadership School* for helping him see how biblical principles apply to his job and how he can bring the Kingdom of God to his workplace, family and sphere of influence. "I liken the training and teaching I received to that a soldier would receive if he were selected to be in the special forces," Bunke said at Strategic Christian Services' fifth *BLS Intensive*, held in Rohnert Park, California. He is in his second year of the program.

Bunke was one of nearly 150 people from around the US and world who gathered in February for the 3-day conference. The format included six speakers, specialized workshops and small groups organized by regions. The Intensive closed with communion and a graduation ceremony for first and second year students. "All of us who have been to previous Intensives agree this was the most powerful,

because it was not just communication, but connection," SCS President Dennis Peacocke said. "The theme was *Building Our Lives and Businesses Relationally*, which we personally experienced through the significant deepening of our relationships."

Two speakers were new to the event. Kent Humphreys, President of the Fellowship of Companies for Christ International, and Linda Rios Brook, an experienced media executive. Kent presented practical ways for believers to share their faith in the workplace. Linda gave insight into Daniel's life -how it is an example to the Christian workforce.

Business consultant Eric Beck, financial teacher Earl Pitts and management consultant Gerald Chester, along with Dennis Peacocke, each added significant insight into what it looks like to live and build relationally in the marketplace.

"I came away with a renewed vision," said Neil Warner, a Santa Rosa, California contractor and first time attendee of the Intensive. "The people that shared gave specifics as to the outworking of building relationally."

Two days prior to the Intensive, 50 *BLS* course facilitators were trained to help students understand and apply the material in the two-year correspondence curriculum. More trained facilitators will mean an increase in the capacity for new participants, since all students require a local facilitator.

The school has a three-part goal of training individuals to build businesses strategically, relationally, and as learning-based organizations that are capable of rapid transformation based on shifting markets and opportunities. It is currently offered in North America, Europe, and beginning this year in Central America.

As the market place movement grows around the world, SCS is stretching to meet the requests. With our partners and supporters working together, we can equip the saints to demonstrate God's economic principles.

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The SCS vision continues...

Around the world, SCS impacts thousands of believers by equipping their leadership through our schools, seminars, educational materials, and personal interaction. Since 1979 we have endeavored to serve those who are seeing God's Kingdom and seeking to express it in the whole of human life and culture.



SPIRIT TO SPIRIT

~ *The Way, The Truth & The Life* ~

Among other things, Jesus could be called the great crowd-thinner. This is because as multitudes flocked to Him, He was not interested in numbers. He was looking for the people who would hear the truth and respond. Jesus was not afraid of running people off. He was committed to running people off. He was looking for disciples. A working definition of a disciple is a whole-hearted follower and student of Jesus Christ. It is someone who is in training daily to obey Him and live by the power of His Holy Spirit. Jesus commanded us to be and make disciples. It is not an option. Only disciples will change the world. Christians will not change anything. While many Christians today are preoccupied with getting to heaven, disciples reveal a portion of heaven here on earth.

Disciples acknowledge their need for others in the Body of Christ. None of us can "make" ourselves. Disciples have a Master, and copy their Master's life, as Jesus did with the Father. A disciple is someone who is imitating Christ: His Way, His Truth and His Life. Each one of us has a way. We have to bring our way into alignment with God's **Way**.

Jesus had a way He walked, a way He talked, a way He related to others. He was listening to the Father in everything he did. The apostles were not in a Bible study for 3 ½ years. Instead, they had a daily relationship with Jesus, and His way rubbed off on them. People took note of how the apostles carried themselves and recognized they had been with Jesus. Our culture is opposed to us living in a disciplined, Christ-like way. We must ask ourselves, "How does our way differ from His way"?

Living in the **Truth** entails training our mind in a Christian worldview of reality. Who we are is influenced by who we are relating to and what we read and listen to. Discipleship is a **Lifestyle**. It does not come naturally. We have to study how to live a quiet, peaceful life. We are not God. We have God living in us, but we have limitations as men and women. We have to fight against the lifestyle our society upholds and live within God's design.

Our goal as disciples is to have a Christ-pleasing life worth imparting to others, that we would all become world changers.

~ Based on *The Discipleship Seminar*, Tape 1

PRAYER & EVENTS

CALENDAR

Please pray for those hearing the message to be equipped and to act on it in their daily lives.

APRIL

- SCS Regional: Boston, MA: 7-8
- Executive Training Group: Chicago, IL: 10
- Executive Training Group: Seattle, WA: 20-21

MAY

- Executive Training Group: Dallas, TX: 10-13

JUNE

- Executive Training Group: Seattle, WA: 8-11
- Business Leaders Meeting: Costa Rica/Nicaragua: 15-20
- Executive Training Group: Dallas, TX: 21-22
- Chicago, IL: 23-25

THE SMART MAN LEARNS FROM HIS MISTAKES, BUT THE WISE MAN LEARNS FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS

~ UNKNOWN ~

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What is SCS and 10-3-1?

SCS is committed to calling people worldwide into deeper levels of discipleship and leadership in their families, churches, the marketplace and all other responsibilities. As an educational organization, we are actively involved in "equipping the saints for the work of service and to the building up of the body of Christ," as Eph. 4:12 says. Through our various schools and materials, we strive to provide the tools to lead people and build organizations God's way. This re-enforcing of your foundation in Christ helps produce local churches, businesses and communities that can effectively respond to God's prophetic call for righteousness and justice. Your contributions allow us to carry out this mission.

We believe God gave us a strategic fundraising plan to expand our ability to serve; we call it the "10-3-1" program. This means we are asking our supporters for a 10 percent increase in giving for the next 3 years, beginning this year. We are also requesting our students and supporters consider 1 person they can bring into the schools or as a donor this year. Will you partner with us in this program? We very sincerely thank those of you who have already said "yes." The requests and opportunities are beyond our current resource base. Together we can serve those who want to hear this message.

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