

CF520 JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION

By accepting the mandate for jail and prison ministries--by marching fearlessly past the rows of razor wire and armed guard posts--you are going into the very depths of hell to mine precious gems for the Lord.

Oh yes--there will be some who do not receive your message. There will be others who will profess, but not really possess. There will be some who return back to their old ways. But remember . . .

- God started with a man and woman with a perfect heritage who lived in a perfect environment, and both of them failed.
- When Jesus revealed that He must suffer, many disciples ceased to follow Him--they were not willing to pay the cost.
- In His final hours, His remaining disciples fled, one denied Him, and one betrayed Him--yet several of these men fulfilled the great challenge of taking the Gospel to the nations of the world.

Do not measure the worth of jail and prison ministries by your failures. Measure its worth by your successes. By accepting the mandate of jail and prison ministry you become part of an exciting team--a world-wide network of volunteers who are gathering up jewels for the Master.

Continue to raise up spiritual sons and daughters until the Master returns:

- Don't ever be discouraged.
- Don't ever lose the vision.
- Don't ever give up on an inmate.
- Don't ever quit.

“Lift up your eyes all around, and see they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side.” (Isaiah 60:4)

Upon conclusion of this course you will be able to:

- Provide references for the scriptural mandate for prison ministry.
- Explain why believers should be involved in prison ministry.
- Articulate the spiritual goals of jail and prison ministry.
- List the social goals of jail and prison ministry.

- Determine your role in prison ministry.
- Identify four areas of preparation vital to effective prison ministry.
- Summarize the steps for starting a prison ministry.
- Identify various types of ministries which you might provide in an institution.
- Prepare and submit a proposal for prison ministry.
- Recruit and train volunteers.
- Explain how to get involved in one-on-one visitation with inmates.
- Summarize guidelines for visiting individually with an inmate.
- Identify various group meetings that can be conducted in jails and prisons.
- Summarize guidelines for conducting group meetings.
- Explain why inmates' families are often in crisis.
- Identify ways in which you can minister to inmates' families.
- Summarize guidelines for ministering to inmates' families.
- Identify common needs of ex-offenders.
- List steps for starting a post-prison ministry.
- Determine your role in post-prison ministry.
- Demonstrate understanding of institutional security levels.
- Explain how to deal with inmates who maintain their innocence.
- Describe dress codes applicable for all penal institutions.
- Summarize safety codes applicable for all penal institutions.
- Give guidelines for surviving a hostage incident.
- Explain the first rule for relating with inmates.
- Summarize guidelines for relating to inmates.
- Define a "setup," explain how it occurs, and how to avoid it.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

Lesson 1 - You Came Unto Me: The Biblical Mandate For Ministry

Lesson 2 - Qualifications And Preparation

Lesson 3 - Starting A Prison Ministry

Lesson 4 - Corresponding With Inmates

Lesson 5 - Visiting Inmates

Lesson 6 - Conducting Group Meetings

Lesson 7 - Ministering To Inmate's Families

Lesson 8 - Ministering To Death Row Inmates

Lesson 9 - Post-Prison Ministry

Lesson 10 - Institutional And Inmate Typology

Lesson 11 - Dress And Safety Codes

Lesson 12 - Relating To Inmates

Lesson 13 - Individualized Guidelines