

Kingdom Living Community (Canberra)

OUR HISTORY

False Starts

Laurence had dropped into his spirit 3 times that he should start meetings in his home for his family in 2010, 2011 & 2012 (approximately). Each time he agreed, but after a week of consideration decided not to proceed because he said, “People are problems”. This attitude came from his experience of running a house church in country NSW in 1986-87.

Prophetic Message: 23/10/2013

“And, there will come a time, God's going to use you to...it's not a house church, but you'll have a model of the apostolic pattern where people are together as communities – sitting together; worshipping the Lord in reality; breaking of bread; sharing resources; caring for the orphan; caring for the widows.” *(A small part of a prophetic message to Laurence via Peter Kumar)*

Meetings Start: 6/3/2014

Began our first Sunday morning gathering in Laurence & Ruth's home in Higgins.

Prophetic Message: 13/1/2014

“It's tough I know, giving you this task of building and overseeing a community for me, but the rewards for my Kingdom will be greater than you will know in this life. Push ahead with it – SLOWLY – and let it develop under the guidance of my Spirit. I am the Head – you are part of my team. Remember that. Don't let that ‘deflate’ you as humility and submission to Holy Spirit is the key to advancement and personal development. This community will become a model for others here in Australia, so listen to me as I show you how to structure it and develop it. Don't move ahead into a commune too quickly as it will implode. WAIT! Wait for the right people and the right connections. [Wait for] when I show you these people and the networks that you are to work with. Step cautiously, but boldly into each phase. Start simply with Sunday meetings with your friends and family as I've shown you. Keep is simple. Train them to follow my Spirit and to focus on me. There's much religion that needs to be reefed out of their behaviour and their thought processes.” *(Laurence's Prophetic Journal)*

Prophetic Message: 26/1/2014

“Fear not my little sheep, I will herd you with my love. With diligence I will watch over you and keep you safe.

You are a prototype. Allow me to mould you as a group and show you how to function in me. It's not about religion and doing things. It's about relationship and emotional community. I use the word ‘emotional’ because it's about community with the heart, not community in structure. Structure will come as you relate to each other, and as you relate and connect to me as the Head. Don't plan ahead – let it flow from me. You'll be surprised and overjoyed how it turns out. Yes, focus on me, as it's all about me. It's not about making a structure, of putting a regime of community in place. It's about me and community will flow from that. True, much remoulding and remodelling has to be done with each and every one, but

that's my problem [my concern] not yours. You don't need to plan and lead in this area. It will just flow from me. In fact, don't do any planning unless I show you or ask you to do it. Otherwise it becomes a work of your flesh and this won't have my full blessing – it will not prosper to the extent I can make it prosper. Don't look at property – look to me. I'll bring people in, they will come 'out of the woodwork', as it were. They will appear as I spread the word.

Bond together, love each other and desire to be together focussed on me. Socializing has its place as it's part of bonding, but don't let it become a club. There's no life in a club, only gathering together for personal pleasure. Kingdom life is what you need to seek, not pleasure and enjoyment. This is the flesh and flesh has no part in the life of the Spirit. Pleasure and enjoyment will come if you seek the Kingdom first in the venture – always Kingdom first.” (*Laurence's Prophetic Journal*)

Prophetic Message: 7/3/2014

“This is a great day – appreciate it. Appreciate me and that I am releasing you into a big Kingdom assignment/task. It is a long term job, so don't give up or look for a way out. See, I have told you beforehand. You are in this for the long haul – for ever. Being in community is the way of life you must live from now on. This is what eternity will be like: community. It's not loneliness and isolation. You will be in community continually. So get used to it. Learn to love it. Learn to desire it – yearn for it. I know that this goes 'against the grain' for you, but this is the way of the future. In these Last Days I'm preparing my church for the future – to be ready for life in the Millennial Reign and in eternity. You must be aware of this, so see your move into community as part of your training, not a chore or a job. It's to be a way of life, as painful as it may appear to be. Lap it up – absorb it, so it oozes from you in your speech and mode of operation. You must love it (i.e. community) otherwise you will resent it and balk at every little 'bump' in the road you go down.

I have brought a core of people to join you. Look for others. As I show you them, invite them to join – no matter how they look and what their personality is like. Don't even consider their theology. Just bring them into community and leave the rest to me.

Training is important – it is a big part of what has to take place in community. Be prepared to train and be trained yourself. You're ready for this – I have seen to it.” (*Laurence's Prophetic Journal*)

Multiple Venues

By mid 2014, we began to meet in other people's homes on a monthly rotation.

Other Models Suggested

Bob Crockford talked to us about models of communities set up by Generation Fire. These were rejected as they were not the designs given specifically to us by the Lord for our prototype development. We wanted to stay 'loose' so he could mould us into his shape.

Strategy For Community Reproduction

At our Community gathering on Sunday 12 April 2015, we were given a strategy as a revelation for our expansion/multiplication/reproduction. (See separate article on this)

Teaching as a Separate Segment

At the start of 2015 Laurence was given the inspiration by the Spirit to present his revelatory teaching as a separate segment to the meetings. He rejected this under the logic that if he had his teaching as a session after lunch on a Sunday most people wouldn't stay and the important impartation would not be reaching everyone. By the end of 2015 it became apparent to everyone that the teaching segment would not fit into the Community meeting as each time he taught it was either rushed or became an announcement to look it up on the website. At the end of 2015 he decided to do what he was inspired to do so from the 301st January 2016 teaching sessions of 0.5-1.0 hour began as an after-lunch activity for the Community.