

Important Information for Forerunners

(The list below contains summary points from Mike Parsons' teaching on the same topic.¹ Points are in no particular order.)

Canberra Forerunners has been functioning since 2012. A lot has transpired since our beginning in Canberra (Australia), especially as we are now in a new era of the Kingdom.² We have undergone deprogramming and reprogramming under the King's oversight and we have grown and developed spiritually in many ways.

As we've come a way down our retraining as sons, it's good for us to revisit our role as forerunners to see if we're aligning with the King and not continuing to do what we think he wants. Here's what I've picked up from him over the past 5 years or so.

Our role with new believers is just like Paul's was in the 1st century:

- Draw them to the Kingdom
- Introduce them to the Trinity
- Teach them
- Answer their questions
- Train them
- Demonstrate sonship to them
- Support them
- Release them into Father's hands when it's the right time
- Take our hands off them
- Remain available if they need us
- Fellowship with them if they desire

To assist us with that introspection, I've chosen to use Mike Parson's understanding of forerunner functioning as he's one himself. He's also neutral, being outside of our community. Below is what he taught recently.³

1. Jesus is the door for people to go through, not us. We are to point people to him.
2. We have to get out of the way and let those we impact work out their sonship with Father.
3. We are not to be an obstacle or a hindrance for people to work things through and learn for themselves.
4. We are facilitators, not someone others are to rely on for their support. That's Father's job.
5. People are to progress on their own as Father trains them. Others shouldn't defer to us in their learning.
6. We must not be a blockage for others and let them learn how to partner with Father for their growth and development.
7. We mustn't put limitations on people so they don't step out in faith to attain what Father is wanting them to achieve.
8. People should be looking to engage with Father, not us.
9. People should not become dependant on us.

1 – Mike Parsons (10-7-2023) "Being a Forerunner" youtu.be/yfLMsNt4gMU

2 – CCOP MESSAGE: "A New Era in the Kingdom" (21-11-2018)

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/MESSAGE-A-New-Era-in-the-Kingdom-21-11-2018.pdf

3 – Mike Parsons (10-7-2023) "Being a Forerunner" youtu.be/yfLMsNt4gMU

10. Personal 'ministry' often teaches people that we're the only ones they can go to. We need to point them to Father as their source.
11. We shouldn't necessarily be prophesying over people. They should be getting what they need to know from Father through personal communication.
12. Anything that defeats others from hearing from Father is self-defeating for their growth and development.
13. Sometime in our mentoring of others we have to get out of their way and tell them to go further than we are.
14. We share with others what Father has trained us in, rather than taking them on a learning journey with us. Everyone has their own journey.
15. Others are to follow Father's lead, not ours.
16. We are to inspire others that there's got to be MORE, and to pursue it.
17. Forerunners are not the few who will possess the Kingdom. Everyone will eventually enter into their identity and destiny as sons.
18. Forerunners are no different to other sons – they just have a different role.
19. We are not to create any structure as we function with a group.
20. Forerunners are not more special to Father, nor are they more favoured.
21. Forerunner work is hard because they have to find the way for others, so they know where they are to travel.
22. Ours is a helping role, no more than that.
23. Forerunners in the next generation will connect with people that we aren't able to.
24. We need to operate in humility and not feel important in any way.
25. Forerunners work in their sphere of influence. That means they're not all identical and they impact different people.
26. Our task is to assist the Kingdom spreading through those we influence, not being people of importance who must receive credit and respect.

NOTE: If you have any concerns with Mike's points above, reread my list on the first page for clarification. Feel free to email me any questions. *(My email address is on the home page of my website)*

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