

DEEP RESTORATION 201

STUDENT NOTES

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

LESSON NOTES

I. Ken's Personal Background

A. I received my degree from Princeton University in the History and Philosophy of Comparative Religion. After graduating, I returned to California where I began working for John Wimber at Vineyard Ministries International (VMI). VMI was John's personal ministry organization as opposed to Vineyard Christian Fellowship (VCF), which was the local church. I worked for John for about five years before I left VMI to pursue a Masters in Business Administration at UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management.

1. While at VMI, I worked in conference management.
2. I also researched for John and wrote both sermons and conference material for him as a "ghost writer."
3. John would also have me speak at his conferences, often leading workshops on deliverance, or he would send me to speak at churches and conferences that he could not take due to his own busy schedule.
4. To be clear, I did NOT write any of his books, as these were written by John with his co-author Kevin Springer.
5. There were other researchers and writers whom John employed both before me and after me. Among these were Jack Sims and Winn Griffin. However, I was at VMI during a seminal time, and I count those years as among the most formative of my early 20s.

B. While working for John, I earned my Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA.

1. At the time, John was teaching the now-iconic MC 510 course at Fuller with C. Peter Wagner, who was a professor of church growth in the School of World Mission, which was later renamed the School of Intercultural Communication.
2. Because of my role at VMI, I was a teaching assistant for John in some of the sections of MC 510. In the ensuing years, I have periodically had people ask me

if I was a TA in that class because they thought they remembered me, or I was their TA.

3. I also studied cultural anthropology with Charles Kraft and with Paul Hiebert during those years.
4. I think it is safe to say that neither Peter nor Chuck knew then what they came to know. I know that is true of me. As a side note, Peter Wagner went home to glory in 2016, and at the time of this filming, Charles Kraft is still with us, but is aged and declining.

C. In addition to editing and revising John's existing materials, he asked me to create new sermons and conference materials. I also traveled with some of his associates, most notable Blaine and Becky Cook and Dane Yarbrough.

1. This, of course, led to me research these areas more deeply
2. I continued researching on my own, ministering in these areas, and speaking.
3. For example, when John held a Spiritual Warfare conference at the Anaheim Vineyard in 1993, he asked me to lead the deliverance workshop attended by roughly 2000 people.
4. Additionally, he would often ask me to take speaking engagements for him, particularly among ethnic churches in the Los Angeles area.

D. After earning my MBA, I continued to work with John for about six more years. I did this on a "contract" or "piece work" basis because I now had a job in a secular corporation.

1. I continued researching and writing for John until I moved to Washington, DC in 1995 in a corporate move.
2. John passed into glory in November 1997, about two years after I moved east.
3. To say that the split between my professional career and my religious interests was unusual would be a gross understatement.

E. Jack Hayford once asked me if I was a businessman or a preacher, and I replied, "Yes." That dichotomy has characterized me, or haunted me if you prefer, for most of my Life. **You don't have to be in ministry to serve the Lord.**

APPLICATION

Pray and ask God to open your heart and mind to receive all that He wants you to learn through this course.