The study guide should be filled out on a separate sheet of paper. Please do not attempt to answer the questions on this form.

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2. List the 4 criteria for a principle-oriented approach.

3. Quantity is not a strategic goal, but a ______________ consequence of a healthy church. What principle is happening here?

4. How much faster do smaller churches grow those larger churches?

5. What percentage of people use their spiritual gifts in small churches compared to larger churches?

6. What is the relationship between good theory and good practice?

7. Describe the meaning of the 3 colors in the Trinitarian compass.

8. What does Schwarz mean by balance in each of the 3 areas?

9. Churches that are on the green side tend to emphasize what kind of things?

10. What are the strengths and weakness of churches in the red zone?

11. What are the strengths and weaknesses of churches in the blue zone?
12. List the 5 rules of the Trinitarian compass.

13. What is the difference between the doctrine of the Trinity and the Trinitarian compass?

14. After taking your personal color profile, which area is your strongest area and where is your personal weakness? Reflect briefly on how you plan to create balance in your personal life in the area of your weakness.

15. Look at the diagram on P. 85. What are the square wheels that your church is using to push the cart forward? What are some round wheels your church needs to use?

16. In churches taking multiple surveys, what was the astonishing discovery regarding time for hobbies among those churches who had increased in quality?

17. List the six growth factors with definitions in your own words.

18. What is the fruit of an apple tree?

19. List the eight quality characteristics of NCD with a brief definition.

20. Which of the eight quality characteristics results in joy in the personal life of the believer more than any other characteristic?

21. Which relates more to the quality level in prayer: time spent in prayer or whether prayer is inspiring.

22. What is meant by the “minimum factor” in NCD?

23. What in the eight characteristics does the survey measure?

24. What is the primary job of a NCD coach?
25. Go on to the NCD website using the access code in your book. Explore the site and listen to at least the first part of the seminar. Then answer the following question. What happened to transfer growth and conversion growth as a result of applying NCD principles?

26. What has NCD revealed about churches that plant other churches compared with churches that are not planting churches?

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1. For what purpose is the Holy Spirit given?

2. How was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit manifested in New Testament times?

3. What are the two basic functions of the priest in the Old Testament?

4. By virtue of what event has the priesthood of all believers been restored to the church?

5. What are the three implications of accepting the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers?

6. In what two places does ministry occur for the Christian?

7. In the New Testament church what was the role of the laity? of the clergy?

8. What kind of a congregation is produced by a clergy-dominated church?

9. Are clergy also laity?

10. Relate early Adventism's view of the clergy's job.

11. What did A.G. Daniells declare would happen to the SDA Church if it abandoned its itinerant clergy
12. According to Ephesians 4 what is the Biblical job description of the pastor?

13. If a pastor just nurtures a congregation, shouldn't it automatically become involved in soul winning? Why?

14. What is the only thing that will enable God's people to be overcomers?

15. What does Ellen White state should happen to a pastor who performs ministry rather than trains ministers?

16. List eight lessons learned from the parable of the talents on spiritual gifts.

17. What are three basic approaches to spiritual gifts? Which one is the best approach and why?

18. Discuss the five steps involved in discovering one's spiritual gifts.

19. What four steps occurred in the ordination of the Old Testament priests?

20. How can the church today recognize every believer's call to ministry?

21. Define "lay ministry."

22. How would a "Lay Ministry Committee" function differently from a "Nominating Committee"?
23. List the five basic requirements to enter a lay ministry structure in the local church.

24. What steps would you follow in placing a person in ministry utilizing the lay ministry model?

25. Describe a lay training center as it would exist in a local church.

26. Describe the Adventist church of the future on the small group model from the Adventist church of today on the congregational model.

27. What were the three basic services early Adventists attended each week? What was the purpose of each service?

28. Describe the "social meeting" of early Adventism.

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