Prophetic Syllabus - outline

1. Part One: **Defining the Prophetic - (Week One)**

1. **The Purpose of the Prophetic.**
   1. Edification (building up), exhortation, and comfort - 1 Cor. 14:3
   2. More forth telling then foretelling (propheteia-pro-forth, phemi-speak)
   3. Not just prognosticating the future (divining) but true prophecy deals with all time frames (past, present, future) [David & Nathan]

2. **The Power of the Prophetic**
   1. Understanding the the gifts of the Holy Spirit relating to the prophetic - 1 Cor 12:4-11
   2. Differing between the office (Prophet) and the gift (prophecy).
      1. Ephesians 4:7-13, Called to be a Prophet to the church, Judas and Silas (Acts 15:32)
      2. 1 Cor 14:31 -Called to Prophecy in the church. You may all prophecy – Gift of the spirit to each believer.
   3. Forms of the Prophetic:
      1. Impression, Spoken word, Vision, Dreams, Trance, Open Heaven
      2. Personal Prophecy -(Agabus and Paul) not parking lot prophets
      3. Prophecy for the Church- Highest objective and purpose

3. **The Preeminence of Prophecy**
   1. In relationship to Callings. (second to apostolic ministry) 1 Cor 12:28
   2. In relationship to spiritual gifts (1 Cor 14:1) “*Above all*, that you might prophecy.”
   3. In relationship to willingness. (Be eager, zealous, earnestly desire, covet)
   4. 1 Cor. 14:39
   5. Universal to all believers: 1 Cor:14:31 “You may all prophecy one by one”

2. Part Two: **Developing the Prophetic - (Week two)**

1. **Developing the four aspects of the Prophetic Ministry**
   1. *Inquiring, hearing, seeing and speaking*

2. **Developing sensitivity -Sharpening the gift**
   1. The example of Jeremiah

3. **Development by success and error**
   1. Skill development by exercising the gift and maturity. (Hebrews 5:14)
      1. The prophetic is objectional not subjectional
         1. Not based upon person feelings, doctrines, frustrations or inclinations
         2. It is not personal preaching or venting. 2 Peter 1:20,21
   2. Proper order of ministering prophetically in the church
1. Inquire and listen. Get a clear sense of what God is showing or saying.
2. Wait until a proper opportunity. (Holy spirit is gentle not abrupt- seeks not its own)
3. Speak clearly and naturally (not Elizabethan English) and end when the spirit ends (do not add to it your opinions, feelings, etc)
4. Do not try to draw attention to your self but to the word you speak and let them be judged by the hearers and local authority. (1 Cor. 14:29 “...and others shall evaluate.” (“pass judgement”-NASB)
5. Let there me only 2 or three prophecies by different people and then go on with the service (1 Cor 14:29).

3. Part Three: **Defending the Prophetic. (Week Three)**

1. **The proper place of the Prophetic ministry**
   1. **Old testament** (Prophet, Priest and King)
   2. **New Testament** (apostle, prophets) Ephesians 2:19-20/ Cor. 12:28-5-fold ministry 1 Cor. 12:10
2. **The parameters of the Prophetic Ministry**
   1. Its scope and limitations
      1. Wide-[church and world]
      2. Tolerant (flesh, human personality, but not error or falsehood)
      3. Direction and Re却ke – These should first be directed to individuals PRIVATELY -Matt 18:15. Correction and rebuke do not normally fall under edification, exhortation (consolation) or comfort. (Nathan the prophet came to David privately concerning Bathsheba)
         Rebuke is very rare and usually done by mature men called to the office of Prophet.
3. **The judging of the prophetic ministry**
   1. Why prophecy needs to be judged
      1. False prophets in the world (1 John 4:1-3, 2 Peter 2:1:3)
      2. Deception not always immediately perceived. (Acts 16:16-18)
      3. Confirmation and affirmation.
         1. Let every word be established by two or more. 2 Cor. 13:1
   2. How it is to be judged.
      1. Allowance. Recognition by allowing the word to stand.
      2. Bearing witness with the word. Isaiah 8:20. False prophecy is in defiance to Gods word. Prophecy always lines up with Gods Word
      3. Bearing witness with the spirit. (sense of agreement or grievance).
         1. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.
      4. Bearing witness to the Prophetic Ministry. The spirit of the Prophet is subject to the prophets. 1 Cor. 14:32 (Two fold meaning of “Subject-the control of- External and Internal”