

# Ahead in 2012

For Strategic Christian Services, 2012 is a historic year as we add to our services the SCS Statesman Project. This new resource is designed for those looking for God's best in the current world crisis. Last year, Dennis Peacocke started a Statesman pilot group offering dynamic tools to aid in the understanding and application of biblical answers to our current economic and social problems. The Statesman Project is calling together ecclesiastical church leaders (pastors, prayer leaders, and apostolic ministry leaders) as well as those who serve specifically in the public realms of government and business. All spheres need to be involved in order to change the paradigms of current culture. A free society must be choice-based for its citizenry.

The composition of the Statesman groups mirrors that of City Action Councils (CAC) which SCS first developed through seminars in the 1980s. In 1992, the Lord said to stop the seminars, start schools, write books, and develop materials until God would call it back in a future season. It was during this time that we developed Strategic Life Training and the Business Leadership Schools. Now, the church's interest in community involvement is seen around the US, although under many different names. SCS serves as an equipping ministry for the body of Christ as it takes up its responsibilities in society. The addition of the Statesman group utilizes SCS materials to prepare leaders to engage their local communities with unified services through the City Action Council format. Most of those in the first group of about thirty are already active in CAC-style groups in their local communities. We are enhancing their understanding of issues and how to develop strategies to solve problems. A large concept being studied is that of the ekklesia, the legislative prayer groups that will give principle-based foundations to the building of their cities.

A major premise of all SCS education is that God builds from the bottom up, laying foundations first. This is why our curriculums acknowledge that an individual's growth must precede any real change in family, church, business, or community. The



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first testimonies in our schools are always of personal growth, rather than "knowledge." We are not trying to add information; we are training strong workers for Christ's harvest who can help achieve biblical examples of how Christ's Kingdom works in the real world.

> "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end..." -Isaiah 9:7a

This present age is in a crisis of both cultural values and economic systems. It is clear that the current worldview may still hold power, but it has run out of answers. The Bible offers the most viable answers which SCS utilizes in its schools and materials. We strive to bridge the gap between the cultural divides that are becoming ever more extreme and thus bring a respect for the individual, family, community and the nations that God so clearly loves (Rev 21:24 & 22:2). May we help others see and experience the Kingdom of God. (?)





PRAYER&EVENTS

JANUARY-APRIL Doing Business God's Way Small Group Study with Dennis Peacocke - Santa Rosa, CA

JANUARY - MARCH Doing Business God's Way Small Group Study with Sherri Jackson - Anchorage, AK

**FEBRUARY - APRIL** Doing Business God's Way Small Group Study with Charmaine Orr - *Chicago, IL* 

MARCH 30-31 Nourish the Dream Conference Dennis Peacocke - *Tampa, FL* 

**APRIL 19-21** The Transforum Event with SLT & BLS Intensives DoubleTree Hotel Cincinnati Airport

OCTOBER 5-7 BLS & SLT Alumni Weekend Hilton Old Town Alexandria, VA

"God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."

*—Ellizabeth Barrett Browning* 

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## Alumni Updates

#### **BLS/SLT ALUMNI EVENTS:**

- This year there are two special events for Alumni. First, we will have a special <u>Alumni Banquet and School Kickoff on Saturday, April 21st</u> (the last day of the Transforum/Intensive Event). The banquet and kick-off are open to new and current students, alumni, and their families.
- Second, we have an <u>Alumni weekend in Old Town Alexandria and the DC</u> <u>area on October 5-7th</u>. Register for either of these events on our website.

ATTENTION SLT GRADS INTERESTED IN THE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL:

Recognizing you have studied in-depth Christian Worldview, SLT graduates now have the option to go directly to the second year of The Business Leadership School. Contact our offices for details!

### **School Testimonies**

"Thanks again for praying with me last night about my father. I am excited to report that after six hours of conversation with him today I lead him through a prayer to accept Christ as his savior. Wow!! Not to pat myself on the back, but it was amazing how I was able to articulate the gospel in such a way that it was clear to him. I give the credit to God, you, and the SCS staff. I have never had the opportunity to personally lead someone to the Lord and within the last two months I have lead two people: my father and a cousin. Because of the SLT program, you as my Facilitator, and the SCS ministry, I feel I am well on my way to becoming a relevant Christian and a "game changer," as Dennis might put it. The process of discipling those within my sphere of influence has begun and it is exciting. I want to thank you for the important part you have played in this." —January 2012 letter to an SLT Facilitator from his SLT100 student

"The material continually reinforces my belief and knowledge that the Christian worldview is the worldview that comes out with the best outcomes and the truest reality. The beauty of the seamless garment and how all these points in BLS apply equally well to family and business solidify the truth and value of the Christian worldview. It applies to everything, not just business or family or church or what ever segment we are talking about. It applies to all areas of life!" –A.L. (Financial Planner & BLS Student)

"This past year has been a year of tremendous growth through the BLS100 course. My employers have testified to an incredible job that I have performed this year as a leader at my job place. I received a promotion that allows me to supervise my division. I have been able to freely testify about the impact the BLS100 class has had on my ability and the Lord's ability to effect the workplace. They gave me a \$10,000 year raise this past month and have repeatedly asked me to reform the department with systems and ways of attacking problems. Every week there is more and more breakthrough relationally and on the job projects. At the Intensive training, the message on time debt was very impacting. Time debt was definitely an area that was in bondage and is being set free. I am still working through all that was shared at the Intensive. My wife has testified again and again through this last year about how BLS100 has brought a special anointing with it to my workplace. She has seen the power of the Holy Spirit loosed through principles of the business school. We would not be in the same place of high favor without the Business Leadership School. I even had one of my supervisors give \$100 when he heard I was going to the Intensive, because he said he wanted to invest in what he was seeing in me. All praise to a glorious God who completes the good work that He begins and to you and your family for your faithful obedience to plow up ground and share the way." -G.L. (BLS Student)

