

Biography Jonathan Gainsbrugh

Jonathan Gainsbrugh has worked closely with the N. Cal./Nev. Decade of Harvest Task Force throughout the 1990's and currently works with the Supt. to help 430 AG churches stay healthy & growing. Known nationally as a consultant, ministry strategist, Christian ministries net-worker & resource person, his current focus is helping churches "work smarter, not harder" by winning their Backdoor War: increasing retention, cutting losses, and keeping people from falling through the cracks (Proverbs 27:23-27)

This Assimilation emphasis is particularly relevant & needed by the Assemblies of God USA churches. In their Decade of Harvest, since 1990, the USA Assemblies' 12,000 churches reported 5.2 million conversions, ...but Sunday AM grew by merely 200,000. It took 100 converts for each Sun. AM increase of 3. **This is a 97 % loss factor** that must be corrected. Compare Jesus' story of a diligent shepherd in Lk. 15: 4-7. This shepherd had ONLY a 1% loss factor, yet was diligent enough and forever commended . . .for detecting...and correcting...it.

Jonathan has a very diverse background testimony. His father Martin taught Alan Greenspan, who graded papers as his graduate assistant, then worked for him 6 years. While JG's dad was on the Presidential Council of Economic Advisors working with presidents John F. Kennedy, Eisenhower & Truman, Jonathan himself fell through society, becoming a hippie in the late '60's'. Into the Haight-Ashbury counter-culture scene for three years, he was in the rock scene & met Jimmy Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Pete Townsend of the Who, Frank Zappa, Joe Cocker, & others. JG was gloriously saved in 1969 after being picked up by Bible-college Spirit-filled believers as a barefoot "flower child" hitchhiking along Hwy 99 south at the Fruitridge Exit, south of Sacramento. Jonathan, and Jeanette, his wife of 35 years, now reside with their family in the foothills of Placerville, east of Sacramento.

A graduate of Oral Roberts University in Theology and New Testament, he served on staff as Church Growth & Evangelism director at mega-church Capital Christian Center, Sacramento (under Pastor Glen Cole). He has also worked with Scott Hagan at Harvest Church-Elk Grove, which grew from 6 families to over 1,000 in 7 years. He's also staffed as Care Development Pastor at 1st AG Placerville (CA), which grew from 500 to 1,000+ in 19 months.

Author of 6 books, his 1st book, "*Take Him To The Streets*", was front-cover endorsed by David Wilkerson, Teen Challenge founder. Jonathan then wrote "*The Joy of Evangelism*", followed by the 750 page "*Christian Resource Directory*", (the largest Christian Resource Directory in print with 20,000 listings). Next he wrote "*Winning the Backdoor War*", "*the Lambs' Book*" and most recently "*The Heartbeat of Jesus for You.*" He holds District & city-wide seminars coast-to-coast, helping 100's of churches yearly to "work smarter, not harder." He has taught both at Capital Bible Institute & Bethany University, as well as at AGTS (the AG Seminary) at Extension level. He also taught at AGTS' Graduate School at General Council, St. Louis, (1995.)

He is an avid memorizer & lover of God's Word. A voracious lover of Bible translations, he has read 22 different New Testament translations through (i.e. the Barclay, Berkeley, Weymouth, Wuest, Williams, Greek, French & Spanish translations to name a few). Having spoken in over 500 churches in decades of ministry & scores of seminars & training events nation-wide, his intensive, one-day, scripture-packed seminars train, equip, resource & challenge attendees. His teaching is not mere theory, but practical and proven in numerous fast growing churches.

"As iron sharpens iron", Proverbs 27:17 is a key analogy & description of seminars he teaches including:

- 1) "**Spell It With an "R"**": tapping the awesome untapped power of relationship in ministry & life
- 2) "**Feed My Lambs**": an innovative 4 hour seminar on relationally nurturing new believers Jesus' way.
and
- 3) "**Closing Your Church's Seven Backdoors**": intentionally closing the backdoors that so many church visitors,

new believers, and even regular members slip so quietly through.

An unusual and interesting speaker, he uses numerous scriptures plus much humor and creativity (including powerpoint Far Sides) to hold his audiences attention while helping them hear the Holy Spirit bringing them to the next level in their walk with God, as well as to strongly invite pre-Christians right here & right now, to seriously consider giving their hearts and lives to Jesus Christ, the true Life-Giver and ultimate, eternal Life-Changer.