

Dear brothers and sister in Christ,

We wanted to share with you the blessings we had with Pastor John MacArthur at our recent conference, "A Heart Captivated by Christ," held March 28-30 at Word of Grace Bible Church in Battle Ground, Washington.

THE BLESSING OF CONTINUITY



First of all, we praise the Lord for allowing this conference to serve as an extension of the work that is being done at Word of Grace Bible Church, together with Word of Grace Bible Institute (WGBI). As WGBC grows, the need for gifted, dedicated and faithful servants of God becomes more urgent. That is why Pastor John focused on the importance of the ministry entrusted to the church. The leaders were challenged to a faithful ministry, while the rest of the church was sharpened in its understanding of the work God is doing. This conference addressed the ultimate work of God – the building up of the church of Christ.

THE POWER OF PERSONAL EXAMPLE

Secondly, the personal example of Pastor John's commitment to the truth was a powerful testimony. He has also demonstrated that the effectiveness of any ministry is hinged on the integrity of the minister's character. Pastors and other leaders from churches in the surrounding areas had time to ask John questions concerning his personal life, faithfulness to his family, and his influential ministry at Grace Community Church. Nearly 120 men gathered, and each of them received a personal copy of the MacArthur Study Bible – a gift from Slavic Gospel Association. This, no doubt, will produce a lasting fruit.



THE POWER OF THE WORD



Thirdly, the Word of God through John's faithful teaching has encouraged many pastors, church members and visitors. As a result of the powerful preaching many grew in their conviction that the word of God is no less than what it claims for itself. During the Q&A sessions the Word was masterfully applied to all circumstances and issues of life to reveal the mind of God. This conference caused God's people to take his Word more seriously.

ORDINATION FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

And lastly, one of the highlights of the conference, especially for Word of Grace Bible Church, was the ordination of Veniamin Portansky and Eugene Shkarovskiy for pastoral ministry. Eugene and Veniamin have graduated from the WGBI and have proven their character, giftedness and commitment to the ministry at WGBC.



Please pray that God would continue to work through the pastors and other leaders at Word of Grace Bible Church, using them mightily for His glory.

In His service,

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