Workshop Title: The Power of Prayer and Establishing Supernatural Ministries in the Local Church

I. Introduction (5-10 minutes)

1. Introduce the Workshop

 How should the supernatural spiritual gifts be integrated into the local church in a way that "...build(s) up the body of Christ (Eph 4:12)

i. That doesn't Quench the Spirit

1. [1Th 5:19-20 NASB20] 19 Do not quench the Spirit, 20 do not utterly reject prophecies,

ii. And That doesn't Grieve the Spirit

 [Eph 4:30-32 NASB20] 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 All bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Workshop Format

- i. Exhortation on Prayer and the Gift of Prophesy
 - 1. The Supernatural Ministry of Holy Spirit Should be Operating in Our Local Churches
- ii. Practical Tips that Have Worked for Our Church
- iii. Prayer for Prophetic Activation
- iv. Practice Prophesy

2. My Story and Getting to Know Attendees

- Brief introduction as a trainer in supernatural gifts and your personal journey with prayer and ministry.
- The Gift of Prophesy was Launched for me in Deliverance Ministry
 - How many people here represent churches who are trying to integrate Prophetic, Healing ministries in their churches
 - ii. How many are open but cautious maybe you were burned by the pentecostal movement
 - iii. How many here where like me and said that I thought these were only for the time of the apostles and that we do not need these gifts in the church today?

II. Prayer as the Foundation for Supernatural Ministry (5-10 minutes)

- 1. Why Prayer (Connection to God) is the Starting Point
 - The disciples didn't ask Jesus
 - i. Teach us to preach
 - ii. Teach us to heal
 - iii. Teach us to cast out demons
 - They asked Jesus Teach us to Pray!
 - Effective ministry flows from intimacy with God.
 - Jesus' example of retreating in prayer before ministry (Luke 5:16).
- 2. It is from this place of intimacy that ministers who are in tune with Holy Spirit are born. It doesn't really matter the program and the system that you use to training up ministry leaders.

III. The Role of Prophets and Prophetic Ministry in the Local Church (10 minutes)

1. Why Emphasize The Gift of Prophesy?

- o The Bible Emphasizes this Gift. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to..
 - i. [1Co 14:1 NASB20] 1 Pursue love, yet earnestly desire spiritual [gifts,]
 but especially that you may prophesy.
 - [1Th 5:19-21 NASB20] 19 Do not quench the Spirit, 20 do not utterly reject prophecies, 21 but examine everything; hold firmly to that which is good,
 - iii. The Purpose of all spiritual gifts is to serve the body of Christ for the common good (1 Cor 12:7) but Paul explicitly singles out this gift when describing it's benefit for the local church
 - 1. [1Co 14:3 NASB20] 3 But the one who prophesies speaks to people [for] edification, exhortation, and consolation.
 - iv. Paul assume that it would be included in our meetings
 - [1Co 14:26 NASB20] 26 What is [the outcome] then, brothers [and sisters?] When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. All things are to be done for edification.

- o <u>It is the most widely distributed Gift mentioned in the Bible</u>
 - i. [Act 2:17-18 NASB20] 17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHESY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL HAVE DREAMS; 18 AND EVEN ON MY MALE AND FEMALE SERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS, And they will prophesy.
 - No one is excluded All of God's children can hear God for themselves and others
 - 2. [Jhn 10:27 NASB20] 27 "My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
- Ministry Should Flow from Knowing What God Wants to Do and Say
 - i. [Jhn 5:19-20 NASB20] 19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless [it is] something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in the same way. 20 "For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and [the Father] will show Him greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

IV. Establishing Prophetic Ministry in the Local Church (5 minutes)

1. Teach, Demonstrate, Practice

- We need to be teaching our members what this looks like
 - How to hear God's voice for their own lives and how to hear from God for others
 - ii. How to administer and receive prophetic words
- We should be demonstrating this in our meetings
- Make space for people to practice

2. Starting with Small Groups

- Small groups as the training ground for prophetic ministry and other supernatural gifts.
- o Focus on creating safe environments for people to practice hearing God's voice.
- Small groups are a training ground for public meetings

V. Practicum: Activation of the Gift of Prophecy (20 minutes)

1. **Group Activation Exercise**

- Activation Prayer
- Pair participants up or form small groups. Each person will pray and listen for a short prophetic word for their partner.
- Encourage participants to focus on words that edify, comfort, and encourage (1 Cor. 14:3).

2. Sharing and Feedback

- Allow time for participants to share their experiences and prophetic words.
- Provide brief guidance or feedback on the exercise, helping participants grow in hearing God's voice.

VI. Conclusion and Prayer

1. Closing Prayer