



What would happen if....

- Seats were filled with Christians who are on fire for God?
- Worship and passion for Christ were as contagious as the common cold?
- Hands raised to volunteer for each new project or ministry?
- Believers served one another with love and compassion...**all** the time.
- Parishoners rolled up their sleeves and worked side-by-side with you to accomplish the work of the Lord.

What if you didn't have to do it all alone?

Actually, you don't! God never intended for church to be a spectator sport. Nor did he intend for pastors to work alone in their calling. Since the beginning, God's goal has always been that we become mature believers in Christ so we can partner with pastors to make disciples of all men. In addition to His calling, He provides you with a variety of tools to help you accomplish His mission.

TRES DIAS can be one of them!

Outline of a Tres Dias Weekend

Tres Dias weekends are lay-led, as well as structured and spontaneous. Events build slowly, with each part leading into the next.

Thursday evening begins with informal fellowship. A spiritual challenge is presented through two meditations. The first, "Know Thyself," prompts self-examination. The second, "The Prodigal Son," emphasizes God's love and forgiveness. Both encourage introspection.

Friday begins with chapel and the "Three Glances of Christ" meditation. Friday's theme is the life in grace.

Saturday begins with chapel and the meditation "The Figure of Christ," which emphasizes the living Christ, as opposed to the historical figure. The theme is Christian development, creating an awareness and concern for others and desire to draw close to Him.

Sunday begins with the meditation "Christ's Message to the Pescadors" encouraging believers to go forth and bear fruit while maintaining contact with Christ and each other. Christ's command to witness and share with others is emphasized.

On each of the three days, the spiritual directors offer and lead the community in Holy Communion. Each day builds on the previous day. Similarly, each talk or "rollo" builds on the previous talk. There are 15 talks in all: 10 given by laity, and five given by clergy. The talks progress from understanding to love. The talks include:

Friday:	Saturday:	Sunday:
1) IDEALS	6) STUDY	11) ENVIRONMENTS
2) GRACE*	7) SACRED	12) LIFE IN GRACE*
3) CHURCH	MOMENTS	13) CHRISTIAN
4) HOLY SPIRIT*	OF GRACE*	COMMUNITY
5) PIETY	8) ACTION	IN ACTION
	9) OBSTACLES	14) REUNION GROUPS
	TO GRACE*	15) THE FOURTH DAY
	10) LEADERS	

** Talks given by spiritual directors*

As the weekend progresses, each table group forms a community. As each table group shares with the larger group, a larger community forms. The weekend culminates as the entire community shares in Communion -- one in Christ.



Pastors' Corner

Unleash
the Power
of God's Grace
in Congregations
Around the World



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Our world is in great need of Christians who blaze with God's love. Tres Dias is a spark that ignites the fires in our hearts so we may burn brightly in our world as we share Christ with others.

Beginning on Thursday night and finishing on Sunday afternoon, Tres Dias three-day, lay-led, cloistered weekends are designed to awaken Christians to two fundamental truths: God's grace is real, and it is meant to be shared. Weekends bring attendees into the presence of Christ, cause them to examine their life in relation to Him, and help them realize that He is the Way.

The structure enables those who attend to become brothers or sisters in Christ, in a loving community, by the close of the weekend. Tres Dias weekends focus on those areas that Christians have in common while respecting denominational differences.

For thousands who have attended, Tres Dias has made a life-changing difference in the quality and depth of their spiritual walk. Faith comes alive! Love and compassion flourish. People are energized to share their faith and serve the Lord. **Christians grow when they attend Tres Dias.**

What happens after Tres Dias?

After three days on the weekend, we send these energized, revitalized, on-fire-for-Christ Christians back to their home churches ready, willing and able to love and serve the Lord.

Bible studies and small groups experience new life as these men and women hunger and thirst to know the heart of God. When people return from Tres Dias, they **want** to be active in their churches. For every servant leader you had, you'll gain a half-dozen more as others in your congregation attend Tres Dias.

Those who have been serving in church come back refreshed and recommitted, with a deeper focus on Jesus and a greater love for His people. Those who have never served before, step up to the plate to use their spiritual gifts and newly realized leadership skills in meaningful ways.

The real strength of the Tres Dias ministry is that the laity emerges from the weekends with a new level of spiritual life and freedom in Christ and a greater commitment and passion to serve in their local church. Tres Dias trains servant leaders for service in their local church. It is a powerful tool the Lord has given you to use in building His kingdom. **Churches grow when people attend Tres Dias.**



Pastors and the laity are called to work together to win hearts for the Lord. Tres Dias is not just about the weekends or the changes that occur in a person's life immediately afterwards. The movement's focus is on the continued growth and spiritual maturity of the believer for the rest of his or her life. It's about helping Christians put piety and study into meaningful action.

As energy and passion expands to communities, there's no limit to what new ministries develop or what long-desired outreach efforts are accomplished. Loving service to one another grows in unimaginable ways. **Communities grow when people attend Tres Dias.** Even pastors grow when you welcome this ministry into your church.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going. We hope you give Tres Dias the chance to spark a wildfire among the believers in your congregation. Pray about who you want to bless by recommending them to attend a Tres Dias weekend. Email us or contact the person who gave you this brochure to discuss how to sponsor someone to Tres Dias.