

Core Values

Lesson 1

Connecting to God

Presence Church - experiencing the manifest presence of God in every gathering

- *“When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD’s house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.’ ” (2 Chronicles 7:1-3)*
- _____ in Hebrew = weight (figuratively and in a good sense), splendor, or glory
- We don’t just want “church” or “religion”, but we want to see His Glory
 - **Having the _____ of the Lord and honoring His presence**
 - Fear = a holy _____
 - *“But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.” (Malachi 4:2)*
 - Having an understanding that God is a big God
 - **Being dependent upon the Holy Spirit’s _____**
 - *“ ‘Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.’ And He said, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’ Then he said to Him, ‘If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.’ ” (Exodus 33:13-16)*
 - We don’t want to go ahead of God – He needs to _____ us.
 - **Expecting the _____ flow of the gifts of the Spirit**
 - We want to be supernaturally natural

The Word - *believing in and living by the Word of God*

- *“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ” (Matthew 4:4)*

- **Preaching the uncompromised _____ of the Gospel with integrity**
 - *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16)*
 - Inspiration = God _____
 - Bible is profitable for:
 - _____
 - Reproof
 - Correction
 - Instruction

- **Submitting to the Bible as the final _____ in all matters of life**
 - *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)*

- **Building our lives upon the infallible principles of the Word of God**
 - Bible is made up of 66 books, 39 writers by _____ author
 - The Bible is inerrant, meaning, there is no error contained in the Word of God
 - *“I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.” (Psalm 138:2)*
 - Living by these principles pleases God, because we’re living a lifestyle of obedience

Prayer - *setting a foundation of prayer in everything we do*

- *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6)*

- Don’t worry about anything, _____ about everything

- **Being called to be a house of prayer for all _____**
 - *“Then He taught, saying to them, ‘Is it not written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’ ” (Mark 11:17)*
 - Prayer should be an _____ of the house of God

- **Believing that individual and corporate prayer supernaturally
the hand of God**
 - *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”* (2 Chronicles 7:14)
 - When we call, God _____
- **Communicating with God establishes a personal relationship and positions us to experience His presence**

Worship - responding to God as a redeemed people

- *“So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.”* (Exodus 14:30-31)
 - **Preparing a _____ for the presence of God**
 - *“But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel”* (Psalm 22:3)
 - We desire to create an atmosphere He is comfortable with
 - **Focusing on the exaltation of God, not the entertainment of man**
 - Worship is not for you – it’s for an audience of _____
 - *“Indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: ‘For He is good, for His mercy endures forever,’ that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.”* (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)
 - **Engaging in _____ [Holy Spirit enabled] and in Truth [Jesus, who is the truth, is the center of our worship]**
 - *“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”* (John 4:23-24)
 - In worship we are able to give to God the only thing He cannot give Himself

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Prophetic Destiny - *Discovering God's purpose, both individually and corporately*

- *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!"*
(Psalm 139:14-17)
- *" 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.' "* (Jeremiah 1:5)
- *" 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' "* (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Prophetic destiny = _____, purposes, will of God for your life and the church
 - **Aligning your will in agreement with His plans and purposes**
 - Everything that Jesus did as far as ministry was a _____ of the character and nature of God
 - We're to come under His will for our lives
 - **Understanding that life is not about just the _____, but the journey with God**
 - **Promoting the development and fulfillment of one's _____**

Connecting to one another

Local Church - *realizing it is the vehicle that God is using to extend His Kingdom*

- *"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* (Ephesians 4:14-16)
- **Understanding that we are one congregation of the valley church, and the corporate church _____**
- **Being a spiritual _____ where homes and relationships are nurtured, and each person has a vital role**

- **Recognizing spiritual authority & covering through _____ relationships**
 - Pastoring is by _____ – it’s important to be connected to the local church and submitted to a pastor and congregation that will feed and challenge you.
 - *“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Hebrews 13:17)*

Generations - bridging generations together

- *“You, O LORD, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation.” (Lamentations 5:19)*
- *“We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.” (Psalm 78:4)*

- **Fulfilling God’s purposes as generations of all ages _____ together**
- **Understanding that our children & _____ are the church of today and leaders of tomorrow**
- **Building for future generations and focusing on long-term _____ planning**
 - We have to be able to reach the generations
 - The message is sacred, the _____ is not

Diversity - reflecting our local community, and affecting the nations

- *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below’ ” (Acts 2:17-19)*

- **Including believers from different cultural, _____, social, generational and educational backgrounds**
- **Being a people of every cultural background joined together in a united sense of divine _____**

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Integrity - pursuing the Lord with clean hands & pure hearts

- *“Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.” (Psalm 24:3-4)*
- It’s not about how high you jump on Sunday, but how straight you walk on Monday.
 - **Living a _____, holy, Christian lifestyle in a culture that is desperately looking for authenticity**
 - **Displaying the _____ of Christ not only in the church but also in the world**
 - **Having a spirit of _____ in all we do**
 - *“Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.” (Daniel 6:3)*
 - Both corporately and individually

Equipping - growing up believers as “trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord”

- *“To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” (Isaiah 61:3)*
 - **Reproducing _____ spiritually in others**
 - **Developing and releasing _____ for the work of the ministry**
 - *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:10-12)*
 - **Training and _____ leaders**

Connecting to the harvest

Evangelism - going beyond the four walls

- *“Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; his branches run over the wall.”*
(Genesis 49:22, NKJV)
- *“Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall.”*
(Genesis 49:22, NIV)
- Jesus’ strategy for winning cities:
 - _____ them
 - *“But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ”* (Luke 10:5)
 - _____ with them
 - *“And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.”* (Luke 10:7)
 - Minister to their _____
 - *“And heal the sick there...”* (Luke 10:9a)
 - Then _____ the gospel to them
 - *“...and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ”* (Luke 10:9b)
 - **Demonstrating God’s love through “lifestyle _____” in neighborhoods, schools and the marketplace**
 - **Touching the community with _____ expressions of Christlike love**

Missions - being worldview Christians with a local church emphasis

- *“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”*
(John 4:35)
 - **Sowing _____, people and resources to the nations**
 - *“Another parable He put forth to them, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field’ ”* (Matthew 13:24)
 - *“The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.”* (Matthew 13:38)
 - **Establishing and strengthening _____ churches globally**
 - We always work with the _____ church when on the mission field
 - *“So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.”*
(Acts 16:5)