

CHURCH AS GOD’S FIELD

1 Corinthians 3.1-15 // February 25, 2024

GIANTS AND INFANTS

Paul planted the church at Corinth, and Apollos later watered. Yet the Corinthians were not growing in maturity, but rather were remaining as infants in Christ. In our modern day, we have more rich, deep truths at our fingertips than we ever have in the history of the world, yet a large swath of the church is shallow, uncommitted to maturity or deep growth, accountability, and that is unprepared to endure hardships.

Hebrews 5.11-14

And while pastors and teachers have a massive role and responsibility in providing opportunities for growth, the problem of lack of growth is (usually) not the fault of those leaders (it certainly wasn’t in the Corinthians’ case!), but it is our lack of readying ourselves to receive the rain of God’s grace into the plowed, tilled, and planted field of our own hearts.

TRAINING FOR READINESS

Paul is clear: we are to partake in the building of our life. We partake in the cultivating of this field. We must be ready to receive what God desires to give. And if we don’t, the results are devastating.

**Without God, you can’t.
Without you, He won’t.**

1 Corinthians 3.2, 3, 9-15 // Hosea 10.12 // Luke 9.62

**The Christian’s motto should not be to ‘let go and let God,’
but rather it should be ‘trust God and get going.’”**

-J.I. Packer

Proverbs 24.16 // Hebrews 12.11 // 1 Timothy 4.7
2 Timothy 3.16, 17 // Titus 2.11, 12 // Luke 6.40

TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU

Every Jewish rabbi had their own way of interpreting Scripture and their way of how to live it out. They would call this their “yoke.” A yoke is what an ox would wear when he was paired up with another ox so they could pull a plow to till a field, and so this was the rabbi’s set of insights and way of life that they would plow the field of life. If you took on a rabbi’s yoke, you were partnering with him to believe and live as he did.

We are all already bearing a yoke. The burden of guilt or shame, or of comparing ourselves to others, or of trying to force change in our lives. But Jesus invites us to come follow Him as our rabbi, and to partner with Him and take His yoke upon us.

Matthew 11.28-30

NOTES:

This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 67

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **1 Corinthians 3.1-15** What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Matthew 11.28-30**. Considering that Jesus, as a rabbi, invites us to take upon His yoke, and that He invites us to plow the field *with* Him and in *His* way, how does this cause you to consider what it means to follow Jesus and put your hand to the plow and pursue being "trained by constant practice" so that you can prepare your heart to receive the rain from God that brings change and transformation in life?

Your Life Mission

Our aim ought to be to become like our Teacher. As we till the field of our own lives under His yoke, we are changed from one degree of glory to the next, more and more becoming like Him in His character, attitude, and His ways. When this happens, with joy and boldness we will carry with us His aroma and joyfully find ways to invite others into the same life. What relationships or conversations are you needing more joy or wisdom for as you seek the Lord to help you bring the love of the Lord to them?

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

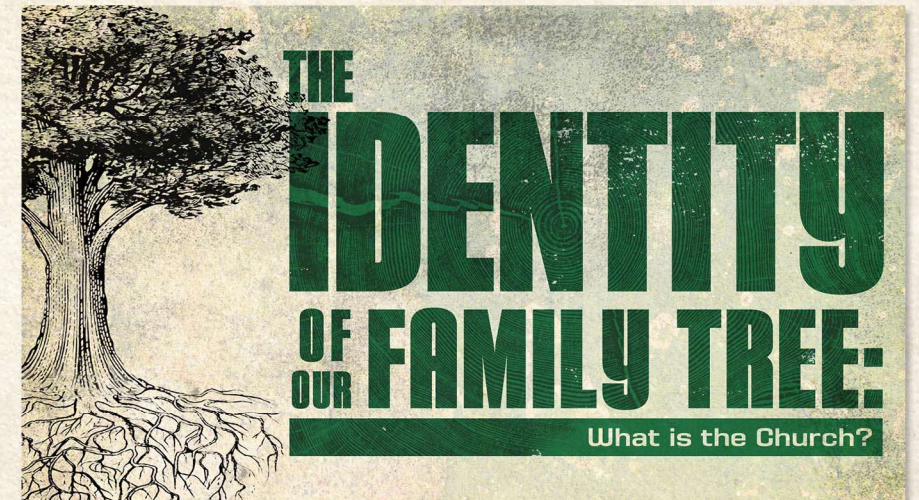
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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