

*I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. - 1 TIMOTHY 3:15*

## FELLOWSHIP

(Start the conversation and get to know more about the people in the group. You can choose to answer one question.)

1. *Have you ever received an item that you did not know how to use at first?  
What did you do about it?*
2. *For this season, what would you say is your biggest goal?*

## MEDITATE AND PROCLAIM

(Scripture to be gleaned from and how we can apply the Word in our lives and encourage others to do the same)

Have you ever asked why the Church exists? The Church is to be a pillar and buttress of truth. In ancient architecture, a buttress supports and reinforces a structure and keeps it in place. The Church, therefore, keeps and guards the truth.

The Church, which is the Body of Christ around the world, is global and universal. The Church has many local churches and Every Nation is a movement of local churches around the world. Each local church and ministry has its own unique purpose and calling. But there are some essentials that you should see in a church to confirm that it is authentic; the Gospel should be preached and Christ should be at the centre. In a healthy church, there is worship, teaching of the Word and also fellowship among God's people. This is not an exhaustive list but these key ingredients should be evident.

What drives the purpose of a church is its core values. Every Nation core values describe how we build. If something is not aligned to these core values, then we will not do it.

## LORDSHIP

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, - COLOSSIANS 2:6*

*Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. - MATTHEW 7:21*

We value obedience to Christ. Because Jesus is "King of kings and Lord of lords," we believe that whole-hearted submission to God's will and His Word is the starting point of the Christian faith and the foundation of all spiritual growth.

Confessing Jesus is Lord implies a submission to His Lordship in every area of life. It is not about following a set of religious traditions. Lordship is a matter of the heart. It is not having a one-time experience with God but developing a lifetime walk with Him.

**DISCUSS: ARE THERE AREAS IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS?**

## EVANGELISM

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. - LUKE 19:10*

We value lost people. Because God's heart is to reach the lost, we seek to build churches primarily through evangelism, not transfer. Evangelism is simply telling others about God's solution for sin; being a witness of His love through forgiveness and His power to make lives new.

*As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled. - MARK 5:18-20*

**DISCUSS: IS YOUR LIFE A WITNESS FOR GOD?**

## DISCIPLESHIP

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

- **MATTHEW 28:19,20**

We value spiritual growth. Because we are called to make disciples, our primary focus is ministering to people, not conducting meetings, administering programs or building buildings.

Making disciples starts with sharing the good news of Christ. Tell others about the hope of your salvation by giving your testimony and proclaiming the Gospel.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.* - **ROMANS 1:16**

**DISCUSS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU TO BE DISCIPLED AND TO MAKE DISCIPLES?**

## LEADERSHIP

*You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.* - **2 TIMOTHY 2:1,2**

Because we are called to raise up spiritual leaders, we prioritise leadership training and deliberately create opportunities for young potential leaders to develop their gifts.

In Pastor Steve Murrell's book "The Multiplication Challenge," he identifies F.A.I.T.H. (faithful, available, involved, teachable, hungry) as the starting point of identifying future leaders.

**DISCUSS: WHICH AREA OF F.A.I.T.H. DO YOU THINK YOU NEED MORE GROWTH?**

## FAMILY

*Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the watchman stays awake in vain.*

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
the fruit of the womb a reward. - PSALM 127:1,3*

Because family is the foundation and validation for all ministry, we refuse to sacrifice our marriage and children on the altars of temporal success. And because we believe God has called us to be a spiritual family, we reject the idea of disposable relationships and choose to walk in love, respect and unity.

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. - EPHESIANS 4:1-3*

**DISCUSS: ARE YOU LEADING YOUR FAMILY TO GROW MORE IN THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST?**

## **PRAY**

(Remember to do this. Pray for one another; for everyone to live out the Word and for any other specific prayer needs)

Pray that God develops in you the values of Lordship, Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership and Family and helps you lead others to grow in these values also.

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