



Saturday afternoon... 17.ix.2022

**Church: the kingdom of God comes alive!**

*Being God's church for the sake of the world!*

Philippians 3:12-14

**I dream of a church...**

***The local church extends the hope of Jesus for the sake of the world***

Engage, win, build and mobilise people for Christ and His church

**'Love God, grow family & Increase hope!'**

*Fellowship with Jesus as the glue!*

*Jesus left behind a community!*

**What are the values that will source your direction?**

Markers for your consideration...

1. Energised by faith
2. Outward-looking focus
3. Seeks to find out what God wants
4. Faces the cost of change and growth
5. Builds community rather than functioning as a club
6. Make room for others
7. Does a few things-and does them well

**Ask and seek what of the Lord?**

What are you aiming for....?

Philippians 3:12-14

***Forget the past, face the future & focus on God!***

Quoteable quotes...

**"Mission is the alerting of people to the universal reign of God through Christ." David Bosch**

**"Missional life starts with a missional conviction about our missional God." JD**

**"We need to raise the bar on discipleship and lower the bar on *doing* church." Neil Cole**

**'The early church grew because everything was reproducible.'** Eddie Gibbs

**"The church is redeemed for God's glory; God is glorified when the church is on mission." Ed Stetzer**

- What three things grabbed your attention?
- What might you do differently because of what you've heard?

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### **Discipleship: depth, calling & service.**

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Philippians 2:19-30

How do we live into the fullness of God?

Imitating what...

**Christ or culture?**

#### **Cultivate a servants heart**

2:19,24... Mark 10:45

In the hands of the Lord...

#### **Endure a servants hardships**

Proven worth – 2:22

Hardship is real...

#### **Receive a servants honour**

1 Samuel 2:30, 2 Timothy 4:8 and Matthew 25:21. 2:29 noted here...

#### **Depth, calling & service look like what?**

What are you communicating?

Quoteable quotes...

**"My fear is that we've reduced discipleship to mentorship. We don't need people to look like us; they need to look like Jesus"** Jared Wilson

"I am neither an optimist nor a pessimist. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!" Leslie Newbiggin

**"Discipleship sums up Christ's plan for the world!"** David Watson

"Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you." Dallas Willard

**"I believe a return to discipleship in the church is the reformation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."** Robby Gallaty

"The entire Bible is a discipleship passage—not just certain verses." Thom Rainer

**"Discipleship is a journey in which we learn gradually to move into the space made available to us by Jesus."** Alison Morgan

"Disciple-making is equipping people to unlearn the patterns of this world, and apprentice them in the way of Jesus, made possible through the Holy Spirit." JD

**'Example is not the main thing in influencing others – it is the only thing.'** Albert Schweitzer

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**Encounter: becoming unswerving people!**  
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Hebrews 10:23-24

*Hold steadfastly!*

**A strong faith... and a sustaining hope...**

*It is finished, and it is done!*

Hebrews 10:23

**Hold tightly without wavering...**

**God's faithfulness**

*Faith, hope and love...*

Hebrews 11:1

Faith and hope...

Rescued, renewed & being remade!

**Faithful in our witness**

Give and receive

Show and share

**Faithful in our perseverance**

Faith will become vision, hope will become possession, but the love of Jesus Christ endures forever.

**"He who promised is faithful!"**

Quoteable quotes...

**"What shall we do and how shall we live?"** Tolstoy

*"Life is lived forward but understood backward."* Kierkegaard

**"His voice leads us not into timid discipleship but into bold witness."** Charles Stanley

*"One faithful witness is worth a thousand mute professors of religion..."*

*Our faith grows by expression . . . we must share it—we must witness."* Billy Graham

**"The life of faith is not done to us but developed in us..."** Eugene Peterson

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