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FOREWORD

The theme for the year 2025 is; 'Unleashed to Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling'. This is the second annual theme in the five-year **Vision 2028** of The Church of Pentecost with the overarching aim, 'Unleashing the Whole Church to Transform their World with the Values and Principles of the Kingdom of God'. As indicated in the Vision document, the first strategic approach of Vision 2028 is strengthening the local church as a nurturing and unleashing centre**.** One way this can be done is to provide an avenue for the local church to follow a pattern of teaching. The focus is to bring members to the level where they see themselves as 'priests' and "ambassadors" of Christ in every sphere of their lives**.**

Given this, the Bible Study outlines have been structured to equip members for the unleashing agenda through discussions of the sub-thematic areas of the 2025 theme. As done in previous years, the Bible study outlines in this manual were developed from scripts presented during the November Heads' Meeting in 2024.

The scripts have been simplified to facilitate a systematic build-up of one's understanding of what it means to live a life worthy of his or her calling. The inductive

approach to the discussions is intended to engage members for reflection and create an atmosphere for lively discussions and mutual exchange of ideas.

In view of the 'Unleashed to Win Souls in All Spheres' project, the Gospel Sunday will be used to train members on how to use three sets of booklets: **One-Minute Witness**, **There's New Life for You**, and **Unleashed to Win Souls** (formerly **Get Ready to Witness**). The lessons are intended to help church members understand their faith, live Spirit-filled lives and witness to the lost in all spheres. The leadership of the National Discipleship and Leadership Development Committee (NDLDC) deserve much commendation for their painstaking efforts that led to the compilation and timely publication of this study manual.

It is key that no one sits on the fence. We are all encouraged to get involved and share our thoughts guided by the word of God.

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INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The theme for the year 2025 is, 'Unleashed to Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling'. In order to ensure a consistent, comprehensive, and in-depth discussion on the theme in small relational groups, the National Discipleship and Leadership Development Committee (NDLDC) has produced a systematic study outline. The first manual, Volume 1, provided study outlines for discussion on ministry interventions enshrined in the Vision 2028 document - **Ministry to Celebrities, Chieftaincy Ministry**, **Schools Outreach Ministry**, **Other Sheep Ministry** and the **E-Church**, among others.

In Volume 2, topics have been gleaned from scripts covering six (6) other sub-themes presented at the 2024 November Heads' Meeting. They are; **Revitalising Worship and Fellowship**, **Living for Eternal Rewards**, **The Practice of Waiting on God through Fasting and Prayer**, **Living Your Faith in the Public Sphere**, **Serving God with our Possessions**, and **Unleashed to Save the Never-Dying Soul**. In view of the 'Unleashed to Win Souls in all Spheres' project, Gospel Sundays from March to October have been designated for training on how to use the **One-Minute Witness**, **There's New Life for You**, and the **Unleashed to Win Souls** evangelistic tools. In addition, other Sundays in

September and October will be used for the training, using the three materials.

It is our hope and prayer that these scripts will further equip every member of the church to play his or her roles effectively in possessing every sphere with Kingdom values and principles. As a Committee, we deem it a great privilege to serve in this capacity. Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to the Chairman of The Church of Pentecost, Apostle Eric Nyamekye, for his keen interest in promoting group Bible study as a medium of equipping the saints for the work of ministry. Much appreciation goes to the General Secretary, Apostle Samuel Gyau Obuobi, the International Missions Director, Apostle Emmanuel Agyemang Bekoe, and the Executive Council for their various forms of support and direction.

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We trust that, as we engage in diligent study of this study material, we will be equipped sufficiently and unleashed to fight the good fight of the faith in every sphere of society to possess the nations for Christ. God bless you.

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2025 WEEK-BY-WEEK TABULAR BIBLE STUDY & HOME CELL GUIDE

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COMMUNION SUNDAY

Week 15

WAITING ON GOD THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING

Main Text: Acts 13:1–3

Memory Verse: *However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting* – Matthew 17:21 (NKJV).

Introduction

The practice of waiting upon God falls in the broad category of spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are those practices found in scripture that promote spiritual growth among Christians. They constitute the habits of devotion and experiential Christianity practised by the people of God since biblical times. There is incredible power in the biblical practice of waiting through fasting, and prayers. The teachings of Jesus Christ underscored this when He said to the disciples, 'This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting'. We shall discuss how waiting through fasting and prayer empowers the believer to live a victorious Christian life.

Questions for Discussion

1. What direction did the church receive while worshiping and fasting? Verse 1

2. What did they do after receiving the direction? Verse 3
3. How does fasting enhance our waiting experience?
4. What are some common misconceptions about fasting?
5. How can we make fasting and prayer a lifestyle?

Conclusion

The practice of waiting involves a Christian, setting time aside to focus on God through studying His word, fasting, and praying. This period of solitude allows for rest, renewal of strength, and seeking direction from God. For God's people, waiting on God through fasting and prayer embodies devotion, humility, and a desire for deeper intimacy with God. It is a powerful reminder of spiritual priorities, helping believers grow in faith and rely on God. Fasting is not a test for super saints; it is not a means to twisting God's arm—not a magical formula for getting through to God. Fasting is 'feasting on the Lord', looking to Him for comfort, power, strength, guidance, and hope. Fasting and prayers enable us to wait in God's presence. During times of prayer and fasting, our strength is renewed, our hearts are purged and we receive guidance and direction for our lives. Waiting through fasting ensures His abiding presence with us in all life situations.

Week 16

EASTER CONVENTION

Week 17

GOSPEL SUNDAY

REFER TO "GET READY TO WIN SOULS" MANUAL - LESSON ONE

HOME CELL

SIGNIFICANCE OF WAITING ON GOD

Main Text: Isaiah 40:29–31, Acts 13:1–3

Memory Verse: *But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint* – Isaiah 40:31.

Introduction

Waiting on God is a vital spiritual discipline that promotes spiritual growth and renewal. In a world that values speed and instant gratification, waiting on God can seem counterintuitive. However, the Bible teaches that waiting on God is essential for believers. It helps us to draw closer to God, humble ourselves before Him, and draw strength from Him. In this lesson, we shall highlight the importance of waiting on God and discuss how everyone can engage in effective times of waiting on God through fasting and prayers.

Questions for Discussion

1. What were the disciples doing while waiting on God? Acts 13:1-2
2. What are the benefits of waiting, according to the passage? Isaiah 40:31

3. Discuss how one can have an effective time of waiting on God?
4. What are the hindrances to effective waiting?
5. How can you overcome these hindrances?

Conclusion

Waiting on God means intentionally denying oneself of food, drinks and limiting certain aspects of social interactions in order to focus on God, seek His guidance and also engage in personal reflections. During waiting, one must discipline himself or herself to have time for prayer, Bible reading, worship and journaling of lessons from scripture and directions from God. Waiting on God is a powerful spiritual discipline that renews our strength, gives us wisdom, and helps us navigate life's challenges through the direction we receive from God. Busy schedules, distractions from friends, family, and social media are a few distractions that prevent us from having effective times of waiting on the Lord. Overcoming these hindrances requires a lot of determination, planning, and sacrifice. Everyone can and should fast according to his or her strength. Those with medical issues should seek guidance.

Week 18

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Week 19

DORCAS: IMPACTING OUR SPHERES WITH OUR CAREERS

Main Text: Acts 9:36–43

Memory Verse: *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him – Colossians 3:17.*

Introduction

Living out our faith in the public sphere is not only about preaching the gospel but also using our skills, vocation, and knowledge to impact communities for Christ. This can be done through diligence, kindness and a sincere desire to better the lot of humanity. These acts present our Lord to the public in ways that draw many to Christ. Today, we will discuss how Dorcas used her skill and vocation to impact her community for Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. What was the testimony about Dorcas? Verse 36
2. Why did the disciples send for Peter? Verse 37–38
3. How did Dorcas impact her community? Verse 39

4. How can we, like Dorcas, use our careers or vocations to make positive impacts in our communities?

Conclusion

Dorcas was a devout Christian who used her skill as a seamstress to impact her sphere. The testimony about her was that she was always doing good and helping the poor. The disciples in Lydda near Joppa sent word to Peter to visit them immediately because Dorcas had fallen sick and died. When Peter arrived, the widows in the community did not hesitate to let him know the impact she had made through her vocation to exhibit her faith in the community. Like Dorcas, we can also use our careers, vocations and skills to better the lot of people in our spheres of influence. As we exhibit godly virtues such as generosity, compassion and love for others, those acts speak volumes and create lasting impressions to impact our communities for Christ. We must all find means of using whatever vocation or talent the Lord has blessed us with to impact our spheres for Christ.

Week 20

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

Main Text: John 4: 5–15, 25–30

Memory Verse: *Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction* – 2 Timothy 4:2

Introduction

There are countless people in the marketplace with no church connection. Walk around on Sunday mornings and you will see many people who do not join any church for service. Workplace ministry offers a bridge that reconnects them to church. There are many people outside the church seeking answers to burgeoning questions. Some are unbelievers and others backsliders. Marketplace ministry offers the opportunity for one-on-one ministry as Christians engage work colleagues, friends, the incarcerated, needy, sick, and dejected with the gospel.

Questions for Discussion

1. Where did Jesus meet the woman? Verses 5 and 6
2. How did Jesus take advantage of the setting to minister?

3. What barriers did Jesus break to minister to the woman? Verse 25
4. How can we take advantage of ministry opportunities everywhere?
5. How would you apply the lessons in your sphere?

Conclusion

Jesus' encounter with the woman shows how we can take advantage of ministry opportunities everywhere. The complexity of today's world has made it crucial for Christians to find ways to integrate their faith into their daily lives. The marketplace ministry enables all members of the church to see themselves as agents of change wherever they go. Also, it provides opportunities for members of the church to be involved in ministry in every sphere of society – business, sports, entertainment, etc. Cumulatively, the 'little positive changes' represent major strides towards transformation of nations. Jesus broke social, cultural, and religious barriers to interact with the Samaritan woman. Likewise, we must break the stereotypes and influence the spheres of governance, entertainment, media, arts, education, and business with Kingdom principles and values. A strategic approach to providing ministry in all these spheres will enable the church to transform these sectors.

Week 21

GOSPEL SUNDAY

REFER TO **"GET READY TO WIN SOULS"** MANUAL - LESSON TWO

HOME CELL

MODELLING INTEGRITY IN THE BUSINESS WORLD

Main Text: Daniel 6: 1–6, Jeremiah 9:5

Memory Verse: *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven* – Mathew 5:16.

Introduction

Some people have the erroneous impression that one cannot be honest and succeed in business. They reckon that, Christians must take off their garments of integrity and moral values in the marketplace if they want to make it in business. In Jeremiah 9:5, the prophet bitterly laments the terrible judgements about to be inflicted upon Judea. The people had accepted dishonesty as part of life and would never defend the truth. Gladly, the story of Daniel (Daniel 6: 1–6) depicts a practical demonstration of Kingdom principles at the work place. We shall therefore glean lessons from the story through discussions.

Questions for Discussion

1. In what way did Daniel distinguish himself? Verse 4
2. What does their testimony of Daniel in verse 5 say about him?

3. What challenges do honest Christians encounter in the marketplace?
4. Why should we continue to model integrity in spite of the challenges?
5. How will this affect our evangelistic efforts?

Conclusion

Daniel was exceptional in the discharge of his duties. According to the passage, he was faithful and no error was found in him. These qualities set him apart from the rest such that the king planned to promote him. We are God's hope of restoring lost virtues in every sphere of society. When Christians demonstrate integrity in the marketplace, the witness of the faith becomes more authentic. Also, the evidence of our inward transformation is made manifest to all. Overtime, we will be able to transform our sphere with Kingdom values and principles. If you want to be a person of integrity in the marketplace, you will encounter a myriad of challenges. Nevertheless, we must stand strong and pay the price for the transformation of our sphere. The Lord will vindicate us and show forth his glory in our spheres.

Week 22

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Week 23

GOD REWARDS

Main Text: Mark 10:28–30

Memory Verse: *It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him* – Hebrews 11:6.

Introduction

A reward generally refers to blessings or benefits one receives in recognition of a good or excellent service, effort, or achievement. This definition implies that rewards are earned through an effort or activity. A search through the scriptures reveals that God rewards. He rewards us for everything we do, however insignificant we may see it to be. In today's study, we shall consider two kinds of rewards believers can receive from God as they give up everything to serve Him.

Questions for Discussion

1. Reading from verse 28, what was Peter's concern?
2. What was Jesus' response to Peter's worry? Verses 29 and 30

3. Identify the two kinds of rewards that Jesus reveals in His response.
4. Discuss the difference between rewards to be given in the present age and in the age to come.
5. What does it mean to give up everything to serve or follow the Lord?

Conclusion

Jesus, responding to Peter's worry about benefits to be derived in following Him, gives an indication of two kinds of rewards believers can receive from God. He stated emphatically that those who sacrifice for the gospel would receive rewards in this present age and in the age to come. Rewards received in the present age are **earthly rewards**, and those to be received in the age to come are **eternal rewards**. **Earthly rewards** are temporary and limited to this life while **eternal rewards** are permanent in nature and extend beyond this life into eternity. Earthly rewards are material and can be lost or taken away from a person, unlike eternal rewards, which cannot be lost or taken away. Finally, yet importantly, earthly rewards are subject to decay and destruction, whereas eternal rewards are lasting and enduring. In a world where many people are influenced by the desire for temporary successes, it is crucial to emphasise that our true rewards are not earthly but eternal.

Week 24

FAITHFULNESS: A REQUIREMENT FOR ETERNAL REWARDS

Main Text: Matthew 25:14–23

Memory Verse: *His master replied, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness'* – Matthew 25:23.

Introduction

Faithfulness is vital to living for eternal glory. It is the quality of being reliable, trustworthy, steadfast, and taking one's responsibilities seriously. This applies to every task, duty, and relationship in which we are involved.

One word that perfectly defines faithfulness is **loyalty**. **Loyalty** can be defined as sticking to a task and doing the very best you can with it. It also means sticking to a person and remaining true to him or her no matter the inconveniences that come with that decision. This virtue must be found in all of us as stewards of God's mysteries (1 Cor. 4:2). In our study today, we shall discuss faithfulness as a requirement for receiving eternal rewards from God.

Questions for Discussion

1. How does Jesus illustrate the Kingdom of heaven? Verse 14

2. What do you think was the master's expectation after entrusting them with talents?
3. Why did the master commend and reward the first two servants? Verse 20–23
4. In which areas of life should the Christian exhibit faithfulness?
5. What makes it difficult for people to be faithful in the areas of life identified?

Conclusion

In the parable, Jesus illustrated the kingdom of heaven with the story of a master who entrusted his money to his servants and went on a long journey. The first two who received rewards on their master's return received them because they were faithful to what he had entrusted to them. Likewise, if we look forward to receiving eternal rewards from God who is our master, then we must be willing to serve Him in all faithfulness. Serving the Lord in faithfulness implies making him our priority and valuing our relationship with him beyond all other things. It also means living a life worthy of the holy calling we have received from him (Eph. 4:1, Gal. 1:24, 1 Thess. 4:7). We must also be faithful to one another – spouses, business partners, employers, and employees. We must honour our commitments, agreements, vows, and promises even in times of adversity.

Week 25

SERVING GOD WITH OUR POSSESSIONS

Main Text: 1 Chronicles 29:1–14

Memory Verse: *All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.* – Acts 4:32.

Introduction

The Vision 2028 of The Church of Pentecost seeks to "Unleash the Whole Church to Transform their World with the Values and Principles of the Kingdom of God." This mission requires us to willingly and purposefully mobilise every resource entrusted to us by God in service to Him. Our possessions, whether big or small, are a vital part of our lives, and how we use them can either honour or dishonour God.

Serving God with our possessions means recognising that everything we have belongs to Him, and using our resources to advance His kingdom and bring glory to His name. In this study, we will explore the need to serve God with our possessions, and how this principle can transform our lives and our relationship with God.

Questions for discussion

1. What was King David's attitude towards his wealth and possessions in 1 Chronicles 29:1–10?

2. What was David's motivation for giving generously to the construction of the temple in verse 11–14?
3. In what practical ways can we serve God with our possessions in our daily lives?
4. What challenges hinder our ability to serve God with our possessions?
5. How can we balance our responsibility to provide for ourselves and our families with our call to serve God with our possessions?

Conclusion

Serving God with our possessions demonstrates our love and devotion to Him. David's attitude towards his wealth and possessions was one of humility and recognition of God's sovereignty. He acknowledged that everything he had belonged to God. David's motivation for giving generously was in recognition that his wealth and possessions were a blessing from God. Serving God with our possessions extends beyond material wealth; it involves offering every aspect of our lives to His service. These include our spiritual gifts, talents and skills, homes, time, money, and intellect.

Serving God this way comes with its challenges. Many face financial constrain or societal pressures, greed,

fear, false teachings, and a lack of trust that make it difficult to prioritise serving God. We can overcome these challenges by cultivating a heart of gratitude, recognising God's sovereignty over our possessions, and trusting in His provision and care. By recognising that everything we have belongs to God, we can use our possessions to serve Him and others, while also providing for our own needs.

Week 26

GOSPEL SUNDAY

REFER TO **"GET READY TO WIN SOULS"** MANUAL - LESSON THREE

HOME CELL

STEWARDS OF GOD'S RESOURCES

Main Text: Luke 12:16–21

Memory Verse: *The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it*– Psalm 24:1.

Introduction

There is no ambiguity that God owns everything because He is the creator and sovereign ruler over all creation, thus, everything in existence, including the natural world, all living beings, and every material resource belongs to Him. In a culture often fixated on ownership, it is essential to understand our role as stewards rather than owners.

Being a steward means recognising that our resources, time, and talents are gifts from God, and we are called to manage them responsibly. This perspective encourages us to honour Him with what we have been entrusted with and fosters a heart of gratitude and generosity. Today, we shall discuss how to wisely manage God's resources while acknowledging His sovereignty in our lives.

Questions for discussion

1. What was the rich man's plan for his abundant harvest in Luke 12:16–19?

2. How did God respond to the rich man's plan in Luke 12:20?
3. How does the concept of being a steward rather than an owner challenge your perspective on your possessions?
4. What are some things in life that people tend to consider 'their own', rather than recognising God's ownership?
5. How can you apply the principle of stewardship to your daily life, whether in your finances, relationships, or time management?

Conclusion

The parable of the rich fool in Luke 12:16–21 teaches us that our possessions are not our own. They are entrusted to us by God to be used for His glory. His folly was displayed by his ignorance that all that he had and the abundance, came from the Lord; he was self-centred and wanted his possessions for his own use instead of using them to honour God. As we reflect on the rich man's plan to store up his abundant harvest for himself, we are reminded that creation is not independent or self-owned but exists because of God's will and power. He is the sustainer of all things. We are only caretakers or custodians of what we have.

We must apply the principle of stewardship to the daily

management of our finances, time, talents, material possessions, careers, and even our very lives. Let us strive to be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us, always recognising that everything we have ultimately belongs to God.

Week 27

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Week 28

CALLED TO HOLY LIVING

Main Text: 1 Peter 1:13–19

Memory Verse: *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy* – 1 Peter 1:16.

Introduction

A people redeemed by God are marked by a kind of lifestyle that gives them a unique identity (Acts 11:26). Living a life of holiness in the midst of a perverse society in the light of the saving grace of God is the calling we have received (1 Pet. 1:13–16). Thus, God's call to holy living is not just a suggestion, but a command. In this study, we shall explore what it means to be called to holy living and how we can live out this calling in our daily lives.

Questions for Discussion

1. How are believers supposed to wait for the coming of Christ? Verse 13
2. What is the cardinal mark of obedience according to the passage? Verse 14
3. What does holy living entail?
4. How can one live a holy life in this generation?

5. What are the benefits of holy living to the individual and the Church?

Conclusion

The Christian walk is not only about abstaining from vice. Thus, every Christian must be conscious and intentional about exhibiting Christian virtues such as humility, gentleness, patience, love and the pursuit of peace. According to the passage, Christians are supposed to wait for the glorious appearing of Christ by being sober minded and alert. They are to renounce their old ways and seek to do good by renewing of their minds. Practising holy living involves making every effort to live in peace with others, purifying ourselves from sin, and perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. Invariably, the moral attributes of God are revealed in a person through holiness. Without holiness, the beauty of Jesus is absent in the Christian community and by extension, the society. The reality of a life-changing encounter with the living Christ is made manifest to the world when we live holy lives. This makes our evangelistic pursuits fruitful as people see the authentic display of godly character in our daily lives.

Week 29

UNLEASHED TO FLOOD THE EARTH

Main Text: Genesis 7:6–12

Memory Verse: *The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord* – Romans 6:23.

Introduction

The call to "possess the nations" embodies the Church's mission to flood the earth with the transformative power of the Gospel. The scripture passage unveils a defining moment in biblical history when God opened the waters of the deep and the floodgates of heaven to cleanse the earth of its wickedness. This act of divine judgment marked the beginning of a new era, highlighting God's redemptive plan that culminates in Jesus Christ. In the same way, the Church today is called to unleash the dual message of God's judgment and redemption thereby offering opportunity for repentance and renewal to a world burdened by sin.

Questions for Discussion

1. What does the opening of the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven signify? Verse 11.
2. How does the flood in Noah's time reflect God's judgment and renewal?

3. What dual message is the Church called to unleash, according to Romans 6:23?
4. In what ways can the Church act as God's instrument to heal the world?
5. How can individual believers actively participate in spreading the gospel?

Conclusion

The flood in Noah's time symbolised both judgment and renewal, serving as a foreshadowing of the spiritual cleansing made available through Jesus Christ. This dual act of judgment and redemption reveals God's intention to rid the world of sin while providing a path to salvation. The Church, as God's chosen vessel, is called to unleash this transformative message of hope and accountability to the world. Believers are to become active participants in spreading the gospel, offering the assurance of salvation while warning of the consequences of sin. Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Church can flood the earth with the message of Christ, bringing spiritual renewal to a broken world. This is not just a collective mission but an individual responsibility, requiring every believer to live out and proclaim the gospel in their daily lives, becoming agents of God's redemptive work.

Week 30

GOSPEL SUNDAY

REFER TO **"GET READY TO WIN SOULS"** MANUAL - LESSON FOUR

HOME CELL

LIVING IN GENUINE REPENTANCE

Main Text: Galatians 1:13, 22–24

Memory Verse: *They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me* – Galatians 1:23–24.

Introduction

The cardinal mark of a repented soul is a change of heart and mind which affects a person's daily decisions as he or she strives to please God in all he or she does. After apostle Paul's conversion experience (Acts 9:1–31), he demonstrated that change to the admiration of the church and the communities he lived in such that they praised God on account of him. This must be the testimony of all who profess genuine repentance. Our discussion today will help us identify factors that can keep us living in genuine repentance as we seek to live a life worthy of our calling.

Questions for Discussion

1. What was Paul's lifestyle before encountering Christ? Verse 13
2. What accounted for that lifestyle? 1 Timothy 1:13

3. How can we know if a person has genuinely repented? Verses 22 and 23
4. Why is it important to keep living in genuine repentance?
5. What must we do to keep living in genuine repentance?

Conclusion

Paul's lifestyle before conversion was marked by devotion to Judaism, self-righteousness (Phil. 3:4–6) and persecution of the believers (Acts 7:58–60). According to him, he did this out of ignorance but received grace through the mercies of God. However, when he met Christ, there was a complete and visible change of heart, devotion and deeds. The community around witnessed this and praised God for the transformation they saw in the life of Paul. People must see genuine repentance in our daily decisions and actions. It will be difficult for the world around us to hold our 'Christ' in high esteem if they cannot testify to His transformational power in our lives. Living in genuine repentance involves renewing our minds with the word of God, regularly examining ourselves, repenting of our sins, asking for forgiveness, and striving for perfection in all aspects of life.

Week 31

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Week 32

REVITALISING WORSHIP THROUGH SMALL GROUPS

Main Text: Acts 2:42–47,4:32–35, 20:20

Memory Verse: *Everyday, they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate with glad and sincere hearts* – Acts 2:46.

Introduction

One practical way to revitalise worship (church life) in the local church is the use of pastoral care in small groups. Small groups provide the space for members to connect and create deeper, meaningful, and engaging relationships. This increases their desire to be part of larger church gatherings such as mid-week services, Sunday services, and conventions. In addition, small groups offer members the support and encouragement they need on their faith journey. They also foster deeper community engagement and accountability within the church, enhance pastoral care, and develop leaders to help grow the local church. We shall discuss how the early church used small groups to facilitate teaching, fellowship, prayer and draw lessons for our context today.

Questions for Discussion

1. What was the early church's approach to fellowship, teaching and care for one another? Acts 2:42–47, 4:32–35, 20:20
2. In your view, how did small groups contribute to the growth of the early church?
3. What elements make small groups effective in revitalising worship in the local church?
4. What benefits have you experienced from small groups in the church?
5. How can we leverage on these benefits to foster deeper relationships and promote spiritual growth?

Conclusion

The early church used small groups to facilitate discipleship and pastoral care when it experienced astronomical growth. They shared meals, prayed and worshipped together fostering deep relationships and a sense of community. Some elements make small groups effective in the revitalisation of worship (church life) of the local church. These include the presence of a mature (Spirit-filled, proactive, periodically trained, teachable) ***leader***; availability of a ***manual*** with content interrelated to the growth of the group into the likeness of Christ and commitment to Christ-centered

activities. In addition, there must be a 'looking-out for-one-another' approach – promotion of fellowship, mutual support, and encouragement ***beyond*** scheduled group meetings. Also, group members must have ministry ***mindset*** in actively serving the larger church and reaching out to souls – Bible Study and Home Cell groups could share evangelism vision weekly, share testimonies of successes weekly, pray for the lost weekly, and go out for evangelism outreach in pairs or groups of three (3), every two (2) to four (4) weeks.

Week 33

REVITALISING FELLOWSHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Main Text: Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:24–25

Memory Verse: *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now, that the day of his return is drawing near* – Hebrews 10:25 (NLT).

Introduction

One practical way to revitalise fellowship in the local church is through intentional and structured small group interactions. Fellowship strengthens believers by providing a sense of belonging, accountability, and mutual edification. When members experience genuine Christian community, they are more committed to church gatherings and activities. Fellowship fosters spiritual growth, encourages discipleship, and provides emotional and spiritual support. The early church modelled this by devoting themselves to communal living, prayer, and breaking of bread. We shall discuss how the early church utilised small groups and intentional fellowship to revitalise church life, strengthen unity, and draw lessons for the local church today.

Questions for Discussion

1. What was the early church's approach to fellowship? Acts 2:42–47, 1 John 1:3
2. Why are believers encouraged to stay committed to fellowship? Hebrews 10:25.
3. What benefits have you experienced from active Christian fellowship?
4. What challenges militate against fellowship in the local church?
5. How can the local church bring about strong fellowship among members?

Conclusion

The early church cultivated a thriving fellowship through teaching, prayer, and shared life, fostering unity and spiritual growth. This strong sense of community strengthened believers in their faith and contributed to the church's expansion. Fellowship is vital for the survival of the Christian. Strong fellowship in the local church brings unity, retains converts in the church and influences outsiders towards faith in Christ Jesus. Historically, The Church of Pentecost was noted for having a strong bond fellowship among members. In our time, we must assess the state of fellowship among members and institute measures to revitalise it. A strong arm of spiritual, emotional, and

social support should be extended to one another. We must intentionally make time for social events such as weddings, child naming ceremonies, graduation programmes, hospital visitation and funerals. Beyond scheduled gatherings, fellowship should extend to new converts and newcomers, fostering inclusivity. It should go beyond close friendships, strengthening unity, promoting spiritual growth, and ensuring no one feels isolated.

Week 34

REFER TO **"GET READY TO WIN SOULS"** MANUAL - LESSON FIVE

Week 35

GOSPEL SUNDAY

REFER TO **"GET READY TO WIN SOULS"** MANUAL - LESSON SIX

HOME CELL

REFER TO **"GET READY TO WIN SOULS" M**ANUAL - LESSON SEVEN

Week 36

COMMUNION SUNDAY

SAVING THE NEVER-DYING SOUL

Main Text: Mark 8:36–37

Memory Verse: *For what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?* – Mark 8:36.

Introduction

The never-dying soul is of eternal value, far surpassing all the treasures of the world. Jesus emphasised this when He posed the question: *What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?* This teaching underscores the importance of valuing souls, both our own and others, and prioritising their salvation above worldly pursuits.

Believers are called to recognise that the soul is the most precious treasure one can present to God. Winning souls requires personal sacrifices, just as the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated through His life and ministry. This study explores the eternal worth of the soul and the commitment required to save it for the glory of God.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why does Jesus place such a high value on the soul? Verses 36 and 37.
2. How does this passage challenge the pursuit of worldly gains?
3. What sacrifices are believers expected to make to save souls?
4. How does Jesus' example inspire us in soul-winning efforts?
5. In what practical ways can believers invest their time, energy, and resources to save souls?

Conclusion

The value of the soul is eternal, making it the most precious treasure to God. Jesus' words in Mark 8:36–37 remind believers to prioritise the salvation of souls over material pursuits. As followers of Christ, the ultimate goal is to bring souls to the Lord, recognising that one soul is worth more than all the wealth and achievements of the world. This calling demands personal sacrifices, dedication, and the use of all available resources. Through the example of Jesus Christ, believers are encouraged to give their best to soul-winning, understanding that it is the greatest investment one can make for eternity. Let us commit to this mission, bringing glory to God and rejoicing in the eternal value of the never-dying soul.

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