

## The Path of Life for the Building Up of the Church, God's Kingdom

### Meeting 1 – God Needs People with Pure Hearts for His Holy Kingdom

1. The urgency to prepare for the Lord's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming and to receive and possess the kingdom (Dan. 7:18, 22, 27)
  - a. Signs of the season (1 Thess. 5:4-6)
    - i. Times of the Gentiles fulfilled (Luke 21:24)
    - ii. Near the end of the clay feet (Dan. 2:41-43)
    - iii. Peace treaty (Dan. 9:27)
  - b. God needs kingdom people (Zech. 9:9; 14:9; Eph. 5:25; Rev. 1:5-6; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9)
    - i. Rejected twice by Israel (1 Sam. 8:7; John 19:15)
    - ii. In captivity (2 Chron.36:11-21; Rev. 18:4)
2. God is holy (Dan. 4:8-9; Psa. 99:9; Isa. 5:16; Rev. 4:8)
  - a. He wants man to be holy
    - i. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16-18; 6:18-20)
    - ii. Predestined to be holy (Eph. 1:4)
    - iii. God's command to pursue holiness (Heb. 12:14)
  - b. God's house is holy (Psa. 46:4; 48:1; Ezek. 20:40-41)
    - i. Holy priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5)
    - ii. Holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9)
3. God's desire for people who are pure (Dan. 1:8)
  - a. Pure in heart to see God (Matt. 5:8)
    - i. Seek God to know His secrets (Dan. 2:18-23)
    - ii. Ask the Lord because He knows everything (Psa. 139:1-6, 23-24)
  - b. Honorable and sanctified vessels to be used by God's good work (2 Tim. 2:20-21)
  - c. Good heart to bear fruit (Matt. 13:18-23)
  - d. Not defiled to become firstfruits and overcomers (Rev. 14:4-5; 20:6; 1 Thess. 5:23)
    - i. Pure bride of Christ (Rev. 19:7-9)
    - ii. Army with Christ to defeat the beast and his followers (Rev. 19:14)
    - iii. Rule as co-kings in the coming millennial kingdom (Rev. 20:6)
    - iv. Holy city, New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2)

## **Meeting 2 – Satan Strategy to Defile and Ruin Man**

1. Not to be defiled with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine (Dan. 1:8; Eph. 5:15-21)
  - a. Satan's strategy to defile man
    - i. Sin to defile out bodies (1 Thess. 4:3-8)
    - ii. World defiles our hearts (Matt. 13:18-23)
      1. Root of bitterness defile many (Heb. 12:15-16)
      2. Out from our hearts defiles man (Matt. 15:18-20; Mark 7:20-23)
      3. Disqualified from every good work (Titus 1:15-16)
      4. What we say can defile others (James 3:6)
    - iii. Religion to compromise God's house (Dan. 5:1-4)
  - b. A big party in the world and the church (Dan. 5:1-4)
    - i. As in the days of Noah (Luke 17:26-30)
    - ii. Will end in utter destruction (Rev. 18:2-20)
2. Purpose in our hearts to pursue holiness (Dan. 1:8; Heb. 12:14)
  - a. Repenting heart (Dan. 9:5-11; 5:22)
  - b. Overcome by the blood of Lamb – confessing our sins (1 John 1:9; Rev. 12:10)
  - c. Exercise to have an excellent spirit (Dan. 6:3; 1 Tim. 4:7b-8; 2 Tim. 1:6-7)
  - d. Sanctified by the word (John 17:17; Eph. 5:26-27)
  - e. Present your body (Rom. 12:1-2)
  - f. Possess your body to sanctification by fleeing youthful lusts (1 Thess. 4:2-4; 2 Tim. 2:21-22)
  - g. Separate ourselves from the world (1 John 2:15-17; 1 Tim. 6:3-11; James 4:4)
  - h. Good habits (Dan. 6:10; Heb. 10:25)
  - i. He desires the young volunteers (Psa. 110:3)
  - j. Faithful to the end (Dan. 6:4)
3. Practical experience of purity (Dan. 1:9-16)
  - a. Testing of purity to gain confidence in our living God (Dan. 1:9-16)
  - b. Proper testimony before God and man (Dan. 1:17-20)
  - c. Qualified to receive and possess the kingdom (Dan. 7:18)

### **Meeting 3 – Perfected by the Living Word of God with our Excellent Spirit**

1. The need to be perfected for the Kingdom
  - a. The goal of Paul's ministry (Col. 1:28)
  - b. To have an abundant entrance into the Kingdom (2 Pet. 1:11)
  - c. To be qualified to reign with Christ in His thousand years kingdom (Psa. 2:8)
2. By His living and powerful word (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
  - a. As spiritual food for our growth in life (1 Pet. 2:1-2; Jer. 15:16; Psa. 119:103)
    - i. Not as dead letters (2 Cor. 3:6)
    - ii. As spirit and life (John 6:63)
    - iii. As the very God Himself (John 1:1; Rev. 19:13)
    - iv. To eat the Lord's Humanity (John 5:39; 6:55-57)
    - v. By means of prayer and supplication (Eph. 6:17-18)
  - b. As the water of life to cleanse us from all spots and wrinkles (Eph. 5:26)
  - c. As a two-edged sword to divide soul from spirit (Heb. 4:12)
  - d. As the creating and upholding word (John 1:3; Heb. 1:3)
  - e. By means of prayer and supplication (Eph. 6:17-18)
3. With an excellent spirit (Dan. 5:11-12)
  - a. We all have received the same spirit of faith (2 Cor. 4:13; 2 Tim. 1:7)
  - b. The need to exercise and use our spirit in our daily living (1 Tim. 4:7-8)
    - i. By turning to our spirit in every situation (Phil. 1:19; 4:6-7; Rom. 10:12)
    - ii. By learning to be led by the spirit (Rom. 8:14)
    - iii. Not grieving the Spirit (Eph. 4:30)
    - iv. Letting his peace rule in our hearts (Col. 3:15)
    - v. Burning in spirit to serve the Lord (Rom. 12:11)

### **Meeting 4 – Absolute and Courageous for God's Kingdom**

1. Being Absolute for the Kingdom
  - i. Our Lord is absolutely for His Kingdom and Church ; Christ as our example (John 2:16-17; Isa. 62:1; Zech. 8:1; Eph. 5:1)
  - b. Consecrated
    - i. The Church is for the Lord's enjoyment and service;

- this is our reason for living (John 4:34)
- ii. We were made to carry out His rule on earth (Gen. 1:28)
- iii. Our bodies are consecrated to God (Rom. 12:1)
- iv. We are being transformed to the image of Christ (Rom 8:29)
- c. Denying of self and taking up the cross
  - i. We are for the Lord's kingdom, not for own lives (Matt. 6:33)
  - ii. We must die on the cross (Rom. 6:11; Gal. 2:20; Matt. 10:38)
  - iii. If we lose our (soul) life now, we will gain it! (Matt. 16:25)
- 2. Being courageous to be absolute every day
  - a. Firstly, we must see the goal: the glorious church, the New Jerusalem, the bride of Christ, God's kingdom in all its glory on this earth! (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 21:1-3)
  - b. Can't be forced. Must be motivated by our LOVE for God and vision of the kingdom. God knows if the truth is in our heart! (Rev. 2:23; Isa. 29:13)
  - c. Compromise is from the enemy
    - i. Fear of man (Luke 12:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:7)
    - ii. Wanting to "fit in" (James 4:4)
    - iii. Wanting to "enjoy life" (Gen. 13:12; 1 Kings 11:4; 1 Tim. 6:9)
  - d. We must be determined to be absolute before the world, religion, and enemy (Matt. 5:14-16; Dan. 1:8)
    - i. Before our friends, coworkers, classmates, bosses in what we say/write, our appearance, actions (Eph. 5:3-4; 1 Tim. 2:9; 1 Cor. 11:14)
    - ii. At home with our family – have fellowship at home; obey your parents ((Deut. 6:6-9; Eph. 6:1)
    - iii. In raising our children – train and admonish children in the Lord; be good examples as parents (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 4:9)
    - iv. Life decisions (Finding job, spouse, what/where to study) – must always be best for the church and not based on own interests (James 4:13-16; 2 Cor. 6:14)
    - v. With the saints – do our actions and speaking help the saints gain the Lord? (1 Cor. 14:26; Col. 3:16)
    - vi. To our government (Rom. 13:1-2)
    - vii. When alone & in our thoughts (Matt. 15:19)

- e. Why do we need courage? Because we will be tempted to compromise!
  - i. The world will hate us (John 17:14-16)
  - ii. Religion will hate us (Acts 7:51-53, 57-58)
  - iii. Your fallen self will oppose (Gal. 5:17)
  - iv. People closest to us may oppose us (Matt. 10:36-39; Psa. 137:7)
  - v. The enemy will be aroused against us (Eph. 6:12; 1 Pet. 5:8)
- f. We lack the strength in ourselves; we can succeed in Christ with the saints IN THE CHURCH!
  - i. Therefore, must be well supplied, nourished, armed (1 Sam. 21:6, 9)
  - ii. Active in church-life, fighting together WITH the saints, supplying each other (Acts. 2:44-47; Rom. 12:11; Eph. 3:18; 1 Cor. 15:58)

### **Meeting 5 – Repentance and the Prayer for the Kingdom**

- 1. Repentance for the kingdom (Daniel 9:4-19)
  - a. For departing from the Lord's precepts and judgments
  - b. For not heeding the Lord's voice/speaking
  - c. For disobedience/rebellion against God
- 2. Prayer for the Lord's mercy, forgiveness and righteousness (Ps. 51)
  - a. For cleansing (Psa. 51:1-2, 7)
  - b. For dealing with the sin in us (Ps. 51:5; Eph. 1:7)
  - c. For a clean heart and a steadfast spirit (Ps. 51:10)
- 3. Prayer for our spiritual condition
  - a. For a new heart and spirit (Ezek. 36:26-27)
  - b. For keeping our hearts clean and holy (Dan. 1:8)
  - c. For wisdom to rule and judge (1. Kings 3:6-9; Eph. 1:17-18)
  - d. For spiritual strengthening (Eph. 3:16-19)
  - e. For light (Eph. 5:8-14)
- 4. Prayer for the Lord's kingdom
  - a. For His name's sake (Jer. 14:7; Ezek. 36:22-24)
  - b. For His city (Dan. 6:10; Isa. 62:6-7)
  - c. For His people (Gen. 18:22-32)
  - d. For the saints (Eph. 3:14-19)
  - e. For His building (Ps. 127:1; 51:18-19)
  - f. For the unity/oneness (Eph. 4:1-3, 13)
  - g. For His glory in the church (Eph. 3:20-21)

## **Meeting 6 – The Importance of Oneness in God's Kingdom**

1. God's Kingdom cannot be divided (Luke 11:17)
2. Christ cannot be divided (1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:3-6)
3. God wants His people to be one without division (Gal. 3:28, John 17:11, 20-23)
4. The oneness is visible and practical (Acts 2:46-47; 4:32; 1 Cor. 12:12-20)
5. God's principle and wisdom in His word to keep the oneness – One city one church (Acts 8:1; 11:22; Rev. 1:11)
6. Experiencing the oneness:
  - a. In Christ:
    - i. The source of our oneness – in Christ (John 1:3; Eph. 1:10-11; Col. 1:15-20)
    - ii. The Head of the church – submit to Christ and grow into Him (Eph. 5:23-24; 4:14-15)
    - iii. Put on the new man (Eph. 2:15-16; 4:20-25; Col. 3:8-11)
  - b. In the Holy Spirit:
    - i. To know Him (Eph. 1:17-18)
    - ii. To be taught by the Spirit (1 John 2:26-27)
    - iii. To pray (Eph. 6:18)
  - c. Through the cross by denying our soul life (Matt. 16:24-26)
7. The goal of the oneness is for the kingdom

## **Meeting 7 – Bearing Fruit for the Kingdom**

1. The Lord has chosen us to bear remaining fruits (John 15:16; Psa. 126:6)
2. The Lord desires all me to be saved (1 Tim. 2:1-4)
3. We are debtors to preach the gospel to all men (Rom. 1:14)
4. Every Christian is qualified to preach the gospel
  - a. From the 1<sup>st</sup> day of his salvation (Phil. 1:5)
  - b. By way of testimony (John 4:28)
5. Should not be ashamed of the gospel (Rom 1:16; Mk. 8:38)
6. We need to be fishers of men (Matt. 4:19)
7. The full gospel of the kingdom (Acts 26:18)
  - a. Turn people from darkness to Light
  - b. From the power of Satan to God
  - c. Receive the forgiveness of sins
  - d. Receive an inheritance

Chorus

Lord, we are for Your kingdom.  
Rule now within our hearts.  
We aim to reach perfection;  
Let our Father's nature, fill our every part.

1. So near is now the heav'nly kingdom.  
We would repent from all our ways.  
Help us, that we'll be poor in spirit,  
Ready for Your kingdom at the end of days.
2. Blessed, those who show others mercy,  
God's mercy sure they shall obtain;  
They mourn for many of the captives  
In the land of Shinar – God's comfort they will gain.
3. Blessed are those who thirst and hunger  
For righteousness of God, our Lord;  
They shall be satisfied in spirit;  
Filled with life eternal – God is their reward.
4. Blessed, whose hearts are pure and single;  
The living God they all shall see.  
What'er they do, where'er they go –  
Sons of God they're known –  
Peace of God there'd be.
5. Blessed are those who're persecuted  
For righteousness and for His name;  
The world may hate them and revile them,  
Yet remain they faithful –  
The kingdom's theirs to claim.
6. Rejoice and be exceeding glad,  
Ye faithful ones of God divine;  
For soon the King of Kings shall come,  
With Him we shall reign, in His kingdom shine.

## Schedule

### Saturday

6:45	Rise, Shine & Be Ready
7:30 – 8:00	Morning Watch
8:15	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Morning Meeting
11:00 – 12:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Morning Meeting
12:30	Lunch
1:30 – 3:00	Recreation Time
3:30 – 5:00	Group Fellowship
5:30	Dinner
7:00 – 9:00	Evening Meeting

### Lord's Day

6:45	Rise, Shine & Be Ready
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11:00 – 12:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Morning Meeting
12:30	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00	Recreation Time
3:30 - 5:00	Group Fellowship
5:30	Dinner
7:00 – 9:00	Lord's Table Meeting & Overflow

### Monday

6:45	Rise, Shine & Be Ready
7:30 – 8:00	Morning Watch
8:15	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Morning Meeting
11:00 – 12:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Morning Meeting
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Pack up, clean up, leave for home