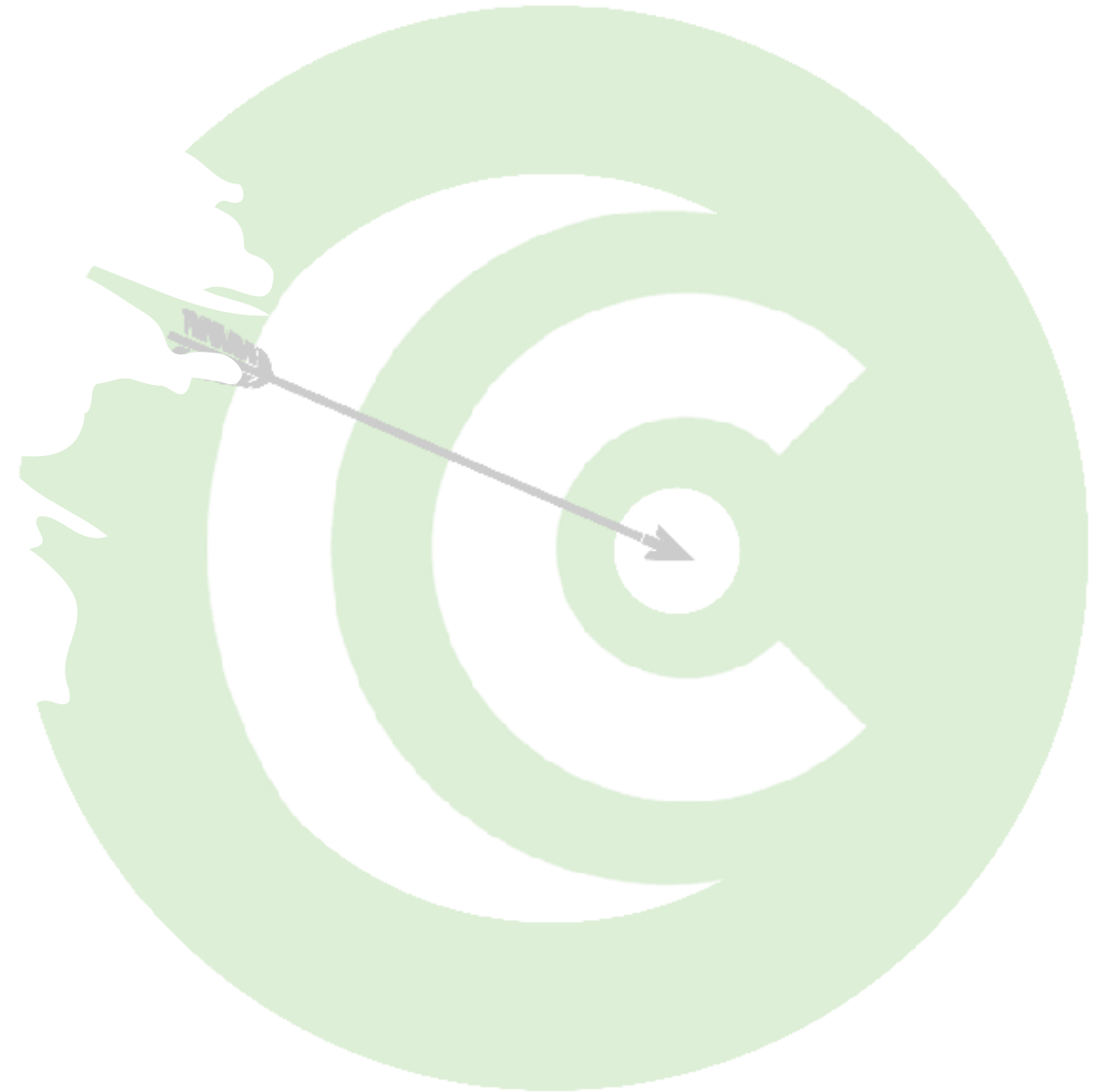


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A Culture of Prayer at Christ's Chapel



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Pray

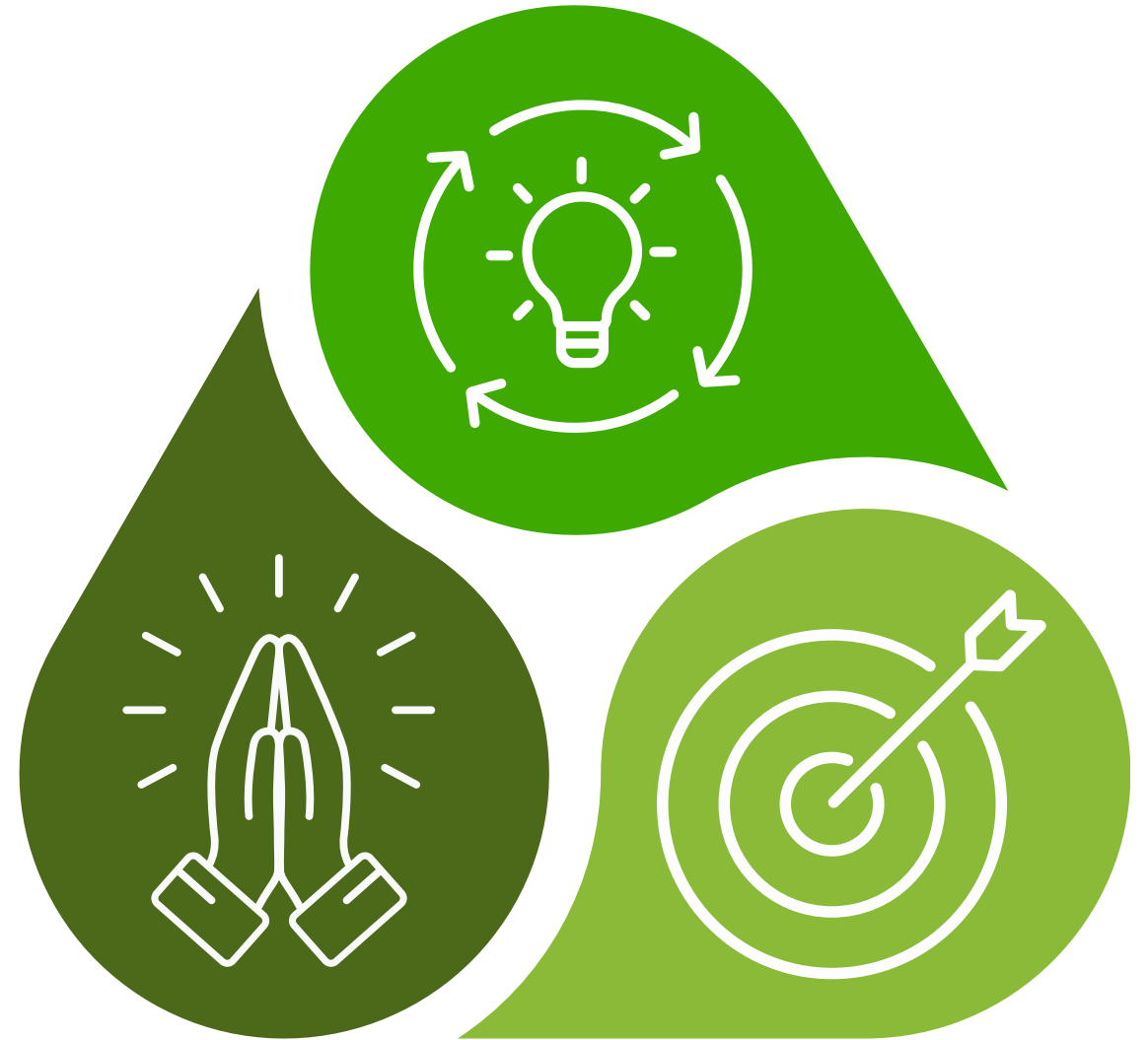
Spend time seeking The Lord's heart and praying in unity.

Plan

Take what The Lord is saying and develop a plan and strategy as a community.

Act

Taking His words (written and spoken) and move forward together as one (John 17).



Training 101 Recap

Developing a Culture of Prayer

Creating fertile soil for God to move and advance His Kingdom. Working together under the same core values to pray as a unified body

Pray, Plan, Act

Praying what's on God's heart, planning next steps, co-laboring with action

Community

Develop round table of friends to create accountability, growth, and encouragement

Spiritual Growth

As we pray, learn, hear from The Lord, and collaborate, we continually grow in spiritual maturity

Vision, Mission & Purpose

Defining what we believe God wants to do through this team and how we will do it

Opportunities to Serve

There are many different aspects to prayer. Find out which role fits you best

Vision

Cultivate a culture of prayer at Christ's Chapel by teaching, training, and equipping God's people to pray together as one body, interceding for our church and communities

Mission

Activating prayer warriors to fulfill their purposes of God through discipleship and collaborative prayer for the purposes of destroying the works of the enemy and advancing The Kingdom of God on earth.

Teaching

Knowledge

- Social Covenant
- Prayer Ministry Guidelines
- Kingdom Advancement Training
- Other resources

Training

Experience

- Praying for one another
- Coaching in deliverance and prophetic
- Intercession groups
- Encounters
- Sozos

Equipping

Actual tools

- Group discussions
- Applying the tools
- Practice and feedback
- Collaborative prayer and growth

Kingdom Advancement Training Outline

Acts 2 Model

How can we advance the Kingdom together and experience the fruit and results of the early church?

Social Covenant

As we function in covenant, we can begin to build on a solid foundation preventing common ministry hurts and hangups.

Renewed Mind & Spiritual Growth

We need to know how God intended us to function and how to continuously grow in spirit and in truth.

Collaboration - Results

We cannot do this alone. As different body parts perform different functions, together we can see great results



Acts 2 Ministry Model

- As we seek to develop God-inspired vision, we must recognize a few things that can prevent us from seeing possibilities and opportunities. These “blinders” may include denial, complacency, past successes, past failures, personal agendas, and generalized assumptions or preconceptions.
Thoughts – feelings – actions. If we don’t know how our mind functions in the first place, then it’s impossible to renew it. A church that has had financial problems but is finally secure may be hesitant to take financial risks. A pastor who is an outstanding teacher may rely on his ability to draw a crowd instead of building a great team of leaders and volunteers. A church that has just gone through a building campaign may be too exhausted to do anything but rest for a season. In these and many other instances, people can lose their vision to do what God has called them to do.
- The Acts 2 process is partly about eliminating these blinders. This is why honesty in the assessment phase and being Spirit-led are critical to effectiveness. There needs to be an emphasis on being willing to change. This starts with reflection. ***We cannot see our blind spots ourselves and due to our self defense system, we may not think we have any. This is why being in social covenant with others is so important.***
- We must exchange blinders for spiritual lenses because how we perceive things shapes our current reality. Learning to look at life and change in the light of God’s Word will help us see what God has purposed for us. Learning to listen to Him through His Word, the witness of the Holy Spirit, and godly counsel will help us discern His vision (***pray, plan, act***).

Excerpts from “A Spirit Empowered Church: an Acts 2 Ministry Model

Acts 2 Ministry Model

- A church's set of core values gives its members a sense of direction and awareness of what matters most to their church. The values drive priorities; shape behaviors, attitudes, and actions; direct processes; govern relationships; and articulate what the church stands for. More than mission or vision, core values tell those inside and outside the congregation what is distinctive and foremost about that church or ministry. ***What are we trying to accomplish and how are we going to accomplish it? What values are at the core of that directive from The Lord?***
- Churches focus their energies on their core values because these are most dear to their calling and vision. Similarly, values establish priorities for how churches go about ministering to people. ***Firm foundations are important to build a solid structure. It takes time, patience, pruning, discipline and change but the results and fruit are worth the effort.***
- Sometimes we fail to realize that the same Holy Spirit who directs us in the moment can also inspire us during the planning stages. Worship services are terrific examples of this. Most worship leaders will plan the songs they are going to sing even though they want their worship to be Spirit-led. The compromise is having a plan but remaining flexible; if the Spirit spontaneously puts a song on the worship leader's or pastor's heart, we must be able to flow with the change. ***Preconceived notions on how things should look like can hinder us from growth and revival. God always provides opportunities for us to learn and grow.***
- A vision without a plan to carry it out is nothing more than a dream. However, when we create our plans under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we position ourselves to catch God's plan for us and our churches.

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Social Covenant

Foundations of fruitful environments

- Treating each other with respect, honesty, encouragement, dignity, patience, grace etc. requires intentionality and practice. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Fruit shows relationship with YHWH as opposed to gifts.
- Love involves discipline, correction, pruning, and accountability. However, this must be done in the correct way.
- Growth doesn't happen just by hearing a sermon or learning something new. It comes by practicing and living it out.
- We all have our wineskins and are only ready for certain truths. When we are open and humble, we can learn new things. How we are approached sometimes determines our "soil" and willingness to accept something new.

Conflict resolution and communication

- We all have our differences, perspectives, lenses, theologies, ideas and opinions. 90% of our days consist of "auto pilot" where we make decisions and respond instantly based on those perspectives.
- Conflict resolution - don't allow external factors to change the Jesus in you. Our core values should not change based on situations.
- Matthew 18 (read entire chapter to understand context)
- Six step apology (represents repentance)
- Setting these foundational principals to a culture of prayer is what allows us to usher in the power of God and sustain revival through our obedience and ability to abide together.

Renewed Mind & Spiritual Growth

- Our minds function a certain way and if don't understand how we are influenced and obtain our perspectives/lenses then we won't know how to renew that process.
- Thoughts – Feelings – Actions
- Everything takes constant practice. If you are used to thinking a certain way for 30 years, changing that doesn't happen overnight.
- Cognitive dissonance – state of discomfort felt when two or more modes of thought contradict each other. It's a conflict of your subconscious beliefs with the information you are being presented with. (Pharisees) Sometimes we think it's faith.
- Not everything is the enemy, a spirit, or demonic activity. Anytime we feel uncomfortable or hesitant we tend to lean on those thoughts rather than consider it's a stretching of our wineskin.
- When the disciples were in a storm operating out of fear, they thought Jesus was a ghost. Sometimes we attribute Godly things to demonic activity because we are unfamiliar.
- When we aren't used to pruning, homework, practice and correction it's easier to blame a spirit or say we don't need it rather than change or admit we need to learn.
- It's a subconscious process that we have to overcome and restructure in order to renew our minds to accept new truths and continuously grow.
- Rebuilding a neuropathway takes time and visualization.
- Our feelings can confuse us and are not always true. Sometimes we use our feelings to validate our ideas, habits and status quo. Don't think more highly of yourself than you ought too.
- Dopamine reacts in your brain to make you feel good. Sometimes we go after a feeling rather than truth.
- Epinephrine / Adrenaline triggers our self-defense system and prevents any new information from landing on good soil.
- Feelings are the language of the body and thoughts are the language of the mind.
- You have 6,000 - 70,000 thoughts in day. Some say 80% are negative and 90% are repetitive. When you govern the emotions and your "state" then you can control your mind and you are not conformed by the pattern of the world.
- An emotion can just be record of a past memory.

Renewed Mind & Spiritual Growth

- Spiritual growth is not just about gaining new information. It's mostly about self-reflection and pulling out weeds so that we can handle the blessings we asked for.
- Aligning ourselves with the core values helps us to function properly allowing pruning and discipline to bear fruit.
- Meditate on The Lord and who he says you are and how He created you to be. *There is balance to walking in His truth and still being able to process emotions. If you bypass the processing stage, you are suppressing those issues. That is not faith, it's avoidance.* Even Jesus grieved before He moved into 'Your will be done'.
- When you pray you leave a different person than when you went in. Perhaps the situation didn't change but your perception changed. The Lord's prayer - ACTS adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication.
- Forgiving others is key because you are disconnecting from the patterns of the past and unforgiveness is always mentioned as hindrances to answered prayers.
- Kingdom originals speak into God's original creation and purpose. Counterfeits are something the enemy uses to try to mimic an original or to deter you from having access to the original.
- Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing (understand your inheritance). He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul (you can't do it yourself - dissociate from your 'wants' and your situation). He guides me along the paths of righteousness for his name's sake (righteousness can be a state of being). Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me (He provides comfort even through trials. Jesus was asleep in the boat. It doesn't say "help me avoid the valley" as the valley equips you). You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows (after the valley and after a renewed mind state). Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life (declaring and believing), and I will dwell in the house of The Lord forever (eternal mindset).
- Spiritual beings having a human experience. Our perspective has to be outside of 3D parameters. The faith of a child.

Collaboration - Results

- We need a person(s) in our life that can bump us back on track when we veer off track. And someone to challenge us and keep us growing and not stagnant or focused solely on our perspective or body part.
- To achieve our Kingdom potential, we need a renewed mind, spiritual growth and collaboration.
- We need people that love us enough to disagree rather than enable us.
- Under Social Covenant we trust each other enough to tell them what's on our heart and reveal parts of ourselves that need work.
- The body is more powerful and effective together, and that includes prayer. Everyone functioning in their lane as intended (family model).
- John 17 – Jesus' last prayer for us before crucifixion. May we be one as He and The Father are One.
- Joint anointing – when two or more are aligned despite their differences there are powerful results.
- When an entire group of people have learned to trust each other's position and function together even when they don't agree on everything, it opens up the environment for God to move.

Next Steps

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- Walk in Social Covenant with someone else and practice together
- Take the time to self reflect and see where there are opportunities for growth
- Allow personal feedback in your life
- Practice renewing and reprogramming your thought process when it doesn't align with The Kingdom.
- Try a six-step apology within the next few weeks
- After these steps have been taken, see how it has affected your intimacy with The Lord and your prayer life.

