

BRING – BUILD – SERVE

Practice “First Principles” in Daily Living

Living out the Gospel Together
in

THE REAL POWER and PURPOSE
for
WORSHIP and SERVICE

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QUESTIONS

What brings the church back together after Covid?

What motivates our worship together?

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FIRST PRINCIPLES

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- ✱ Principle #1: GOSPEL CENTERED LIFESTYLE
- ✱ Principle #2: CHURCH CENTRIC LIFESTYLE

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FIRST PRINCIPLES – THE GOSPEL

- ✱ Principle #1: GOSPEL CENTERED LIFESTYLE
- ✱ Believers were convinced, convicted and transformed
 - ✱ *By the truth of the Gospel*
 - *On the Person and work (the Cross, Resurrection, Return) of Christ*
 - *Acts 2:22-24, 32-33*
 - ✱ *By personal commitment and relationship to Jesus Christ*
 - *Acts 2:36-38*
 - ✱ *By the presence and power of the Holy Spirit*
 - *Acts 2:38-39*
 - ✱ *By the change in life value and purpose*
 - *Acts 2:40*

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FIRST PRINCIPLES – THE CHURCH

- ✱ Principle #2: CHURCH CENTRIC LIFESTYLE
- ✱ Believers live out their faith and discipleship
 - ✱ *In and through the Church*
 - Acts 2:41
 - ✱ *In shared commitment to church-wide priorities*
 - *The Word - Fellowship (Partnership) – Worship - Prayer*
 - Acts 2:42
 - ✱ *In sharing lives and building Church unity*
 - Acts 2:44-45
 - ✱ *In large Church gathering and small groups at home*
 - Acts 2:46
 - ✱ *In reaching the community through the Church*
 - Acts 2:47

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RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Heb. 10:19-25

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20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

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* Response to Christ: the absolute superiority and sovereignty and supremacy of Christ

* *The superior provisions of Christ (context of Hebrews)*

- *Greater than: angels (glory), Moses (Law), Joshua (rest), Aaron (priesthood). Better covenant, better sacrifice.*
- *The motivation for response is the surpassing greatness of Christ*
- *The warning on neglect is the serious affront to the Cross*

* *The great accomplishments of Christ*

- *Access to God's presence by His blood sacrifice*
- *Removal of the veil of separation*
- *On-going priestly intercession*
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- Response to Christ: the absolute superiority and sovereignty and supremacy of Christ
 - *Response to Christ in Faith (19-22)*
 - *Foundation: the sanctifying work of the Spirit*
 - *Reasons: Christ's blood and resurrection life and priesthood*
 - *Action: Draw near to God*
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 - *Response to Christ in Hope (23)*
 - *Foundation: God's revelation in His Word*
 - *Reason: God's faithfulness*
 - *Action: Hold fast to commitment to God*
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 - *Response to Christ in Love (24-25)*
 - *Foundation: Fruit of love among the saints*
 - *Reason: Christ's return is near*
 - *Action: Hold one another accountable on worship and service*
 - *25 Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together.*

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RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE

- Response to Christ's absolute greatness through corporate worship
 - *In the totality of relationship: Faith, Hope and Love*
 - *Reasons: Christ's blood and resurrection life and priesthood. God's faithfulness. Christ's return.*
 - *In corporate worship of the church family*
 - *Together as the church family – "Let us ", 3 times*
 - *Actions: Draw near to God - Hold fast to commitment to God - Hold one another accountable on worship and service*
 - *Corporate worship is the key indicator of heart response to Christ*
 - *Warning connects to reality of transformation (faith, hope, love) and judgment (26-32)*
 - *Lack of commitment to corporate worship is a serious spiritual red flag in light of the doctrines of Christ*
 - *We commit one another to love, service and accountability expressed in worshipping together*

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Focus

Response to Christ in Worship and Service

Quick check in:

- How are you drawing near to God, knowing the doctrines of Christ?
- Why habit of skipping Church is such a serious problem of the heart in view of the doctrines of Christ?
- How do Faith, Hope and Love manifest in our lives?

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✱ DISCUSS & PRAY:

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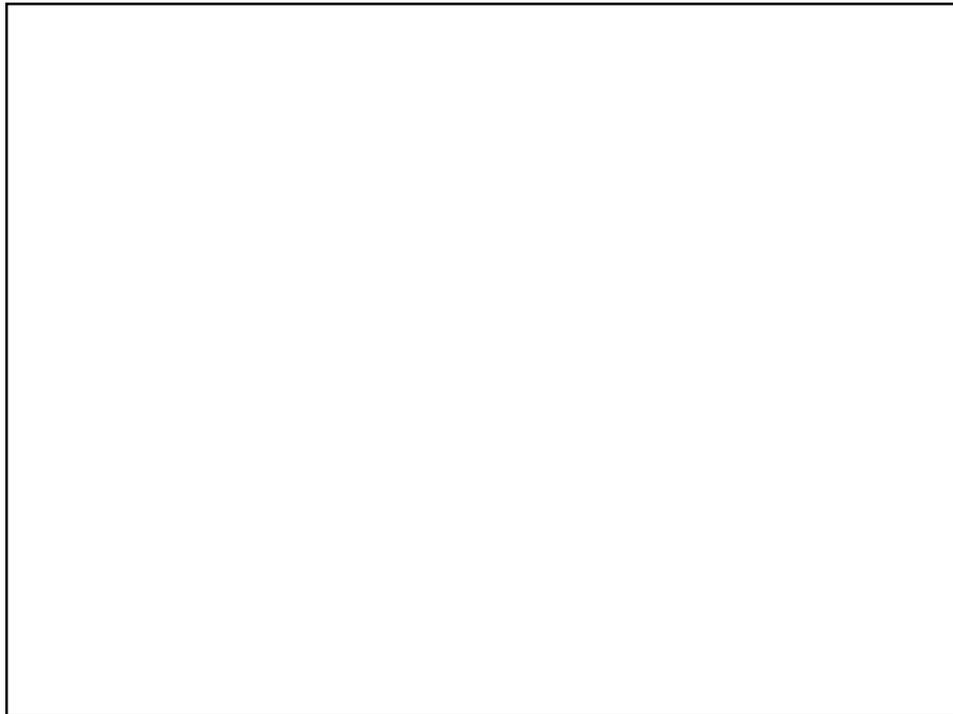
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