

LEARNING TO PRACTICE THE WAYS OF JESUS AT ONE CHAPEL

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UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

Acts 2:42-47 NIV They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

We face many of the same problems that they did.
That's why we're
Jesus gave us an invitationMatthew 11:28-30 MSG "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."
We want everyone to embrace the of Jesus.
Psalm 68:4-6 (NIV) "Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."
The best description of God's people in the Scriptures is a
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UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

Q: Why do people feel that they have to project a false image at church?

One Chapel is a place whand BECOME.	ere you can BELONG,
"We help people wants them to be."	_ from where they are to where God
Ω: Have you ever felt stu eel like?	ick in your life? HOW? What did that
We think Church SHOULI	D BE a little
Everybody's <u>Welcome</u> – No	bbody's <u>Perfect</u> – Anything is <u>Possible</u>

Q: Where are you in your personal journey with God?

- A. At the beginning
- B. Coming back home
- C. Finding your family
- D. Helping others find their way
- E. Not sure...

Our Goal Together...

- 1. Be with Jesus.
- 2. Become like Jesus.
- 3. Do what Jesus did.

COMMUNITY CONVICTIONS

THREE GUIDING VALUES:

1: (od is present and active all around us.
living, personal presence is personally present, a recognized as obsolete and God, our faces shin transfigured much like the	MSG They suddenly recognize that God is a e, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between using with the brightness of his face. And so we are not Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighted od enters our lives and we become like him.

Weekend Services are for reminding each other that God is present and with us every day.

2. _____: Christianity cannot be practiced as an isolated or individualized spirituality.

1 John 4:12 NIV No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Groups are a place where we can be fully known and truly loved.

3. _____: The mission of Jesus must be practical and practiced.

Matthew 28:19 NIV Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Mark 10:43-45 NIV "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Team One is where we grow in servanthood, and practice ⁶ identifying and meeting people's needs.

COMMUNITY CONVICTIONS

We want to...

- Be WITH Jesus (live our days with Him in His presence)
- **Become LIKE Jesus** (love people who are hurting and broken)
- **DO what Jesus DID** (help people discover God's love by serving)

John 10:10 NIV The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"If we want to receive the life of Jesus, we must take on the lifestyle of Jesus." **– John Mark Comer**

FIVE THINGS WE DO:

at One Chapel.

what Jesus has done, share vision, receive communion, teach, and train.
2: Creating relational community in small groups, where spiritual growth, emotional health, and personal discipleship can take place.
Serving others with our spiritual gifts, abilities, and calents so that the Body of Christ is taken care of, needs are met, and people grow.
1. : Forming a generous culture through the biblical practice of "tithes and offerings," for church strength, planting, missions, and benevolence.
5: Prioritizing the goal of investing in others, mentorng, coaching, and spiritual formation as the focus of all ministries

FRIENDS FOR FREEDOM

What do you think of when I say the word "FREEDOM?"

Luke 4:16-21 NIV He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

John 8:31-32 NIV Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Mark 12:29-31 NIV "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. 30 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

1. FREEDOM is not the absense of something, but the presence of ______.

Does this idea make you think differently about freedom? How?

2. FREEDOM is not only about proximity, but also about

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1 Corinthians 3:18 NIV And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

3. FREEDOM is essentially a	process.
Romans 8:10-11 NIV And if Christ is in sin, but the Spirit is life because of righ who raised Jesus from the dead dwells the dead will also give life to your mor dwells in you.	teousness. But if the Spirit of Hin in you, He who raised Christ fron
Galatians 5:13-15 NIV You, my brother free. But do not use your freedom to in another humbly in love. For the entire command: "Love your neighbor as your other, watch out or you will be destroyed."	idulge the flesh; rather, serve one law is fulfilled in keeping this one rself." If you bite and devour eacl
Galatians 5:22-24 NIV But the fruit of bearance, kindness, goodness, faithful Against such things there is no law. The have crucified the flesh with its passions	ness, gentleness and self-control nose who belong to Christ Jesu
Relationships are both the	and the freedom.
There are TWO obvious places One Chapel:	to GROW in FREEDOM a
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What do you need to do to experience greater spiritual

freedom in your life?

YOUR LIFE PURPOSE

DISCOVER PURPOSE

"We help people move from where they are to where God wants them to be."

Did you have any dreams for your life when you were younger? Share them...Did they come true? Why or why not?

Psalm 139:13-16 NIV You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow

We need to know we're chasing what we're chasing.

ed from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

Ephesians 1:18-19 NIV I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Once you know your sacred purpose, you experience _____ more fully.

Wherever God's PURPOSE is not known, _____ is inevitable.

Myles Monroe in his book "In Pursuit of Purpose" says... "Without purpose, life is an experiment or a haphazard journey that results in frustration, disappointment and failure. Without purpose, life is subjective, or it is a trial and error game that is ruled by environmental influences and the circumstances of the moment."

YOUR LIFE PURPOSE

What kinds of things do you think people use to abuse themselves?

Your purpose will always be about
HOW DO I DISCOVER MY PURPOSE?
1. My life
Romans 12:1-3 MSG So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as a offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you ca do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you finto it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always draggin you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.
2. My gifts and
Romans 12:6-8 NIV We have different gifts, according to the grace give to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordanc with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give gene

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

ously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

3. My .

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4. My . Matthew 28:18-20 NIV Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jeremiah 29:11 NIV For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Mark 12:28-30 NIV "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."" What do you need to do to connect to your greater life purpose? **NOTES**

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COME, FOLLOW ME!

Mark 10:17-22 NIV And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother." And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Jesus' great call to us is simply, "Come, follow me."

FOLLOWING means ______ everything.

Q: Is there something in your life that keeps you from following or surrendering to Jesus?

Luke 14:25-33 MSG "...Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple. ..."

1 John 2:4-6 NIV Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Are you living your life as Jesus lived His life?

Q: What is the greatest challenge to living like Jesus in the 21st century ATX?

The problem: We don't BELIEVE Jesus has something

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Mark 10:23-31 NIV Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." 28 Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

He simply wants us to know that "___________ all things are possible!!!

FOLLOWING JESUS at ONE CHAPEL

1. We are , not Converts

Matthew 28:19 NIV Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

disciple – (mathétés) means learner, pupil, follower. "Be with Jesus. Become like Jesus. Do what Jesus did." - John Mark Comer

A disciple is not a convert to a belief system – James 2:19 NIV You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.

Disciple: A life-long learner, follower, and friend of Jesus who helps others become a life-long learner, follower, and friend of Jesus.

Bottom Line: A disciple is someone who has a deeply *personal* 19 and surrendered *relationship* with Jesus.

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2. We are	, not Experts
they saw the courage of Peter	at Christianity – Acts 4:13 NIV When and John and realized that they were were astonished and they took note that
Ordinary: idiotes (id-ee-o'-ta unlearned person, an <u>idiot</u> –	ace); an ignoramus, an ignorant or 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NIV
God doesn't call the prepare	ed, but He prepares the called.
	us into a relationship where we tion, power, love, and wisdom, WITH Him!
3. We are	, not Alone
down his life for us. And we oug and sisters. If anyone has materia in need but has no pity on them,	we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid ht to lay down our lives for our brothers I possessions and sees a brother or sister how can the love of God be in that per- re with words or speech but with actions
Love is the way that we <u>KNO</u> Jesus.	<u>OW</u> Jesus AND the way we <u>SHOW</u>
Bottom Line: We must practic	ce the ways of Jesus TOGETHER!
Q: What do you need to do to	help others follow Jesus?

What have you learned and how has this group been helpful to you?

John 1:14 NIV Grace = Favor & _____ Truth = Obedience & ____

WHAT WE BELIEVE: One Chapel proclaims the Nicene Creed as our statement of faith. This creed dates to the 4th century A.D. when the Church Fathers came together and composed this formative and definitive statement. The Nicene Creed has stood the test of time as a unifying and centering statement for over 1700 years and has set the standard for what Christians from every stream of the Body of Christ believe. It is more than an intellectual checklist of doctrine; it is a confession of worship that forms us as the people of God and draws us together into the life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen, and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy worldwide and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Did you know the Nicene Creed before One Chapel? What occurs to you about it?

CONCENTRIC CIRCLES OF BELIEF

Essentials: Christians everywhere can agree.

- The Bible is God's Word
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- You must be born again.
- You can be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led



Interpretations: Respected points of view on the Scripture. **Deductions:** Conclusions that may or may not be true. **Preferences:** Style, personality, traditions, and sentimental activities.

What are the implications of the Concentric Circles of Belief?

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WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS:

John 4:24 NIV Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

: Sc readings.	ongs, hymns, corporate prayers, and Scripture
who we are.	: Agreement with God about who He is and
and resurrection.	: Remembering and celebrating Christ's death
:correct and instruct	Exploring the Bible as God's words to train, us.
people in communit	: Engaging God's presence as well as God's y.

We want to be rooted in **HISTORY** with room for **MYSTERY**.

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OUR STRUCTURE - Three Elder Roles:

- **1. Overseers** (Apostolic Elders): Offering spiritual guidance, leadership expertise, relational support, and accountability for the Lead Pastor.
 - Brady Boyd New Life Church, Colorado Springs, CO
 - Rob Brendle Denver United, Denver, CO
 - Tom Lane Gateway Church, Southlake, TX
 - Britt Hancock Mountain Gateway, Dripping Springs, TX
- **2. Pastors** (Staff Elders): Providing leadership, vision, and spiritual direction for the equipping, empowering, and releasing of ministry within the church.
 - Ross Parsley
 - David Campos
 - Darren Shaw
 - Zach Silver
 - Brent Parsley
 - Rob Stennett
 - Lore Cottone
 - Heather Bradley
 - Zach Parsley
- **3. Directors** (Non-staff Elders): Giving guidance, direction, and approval for the purchase of facilities and the major financial decisions of the church. The Board of Directors approve the yearly budget.
 - Thomas Fedorko
 - Steve Streitmatter
 - Gaylon Boyd
 - Spero Stavros
 - (Open position)

ONE CHAPEL'S COMMITMENT TO YOU:

In responding to your trust, and in submitting to you as your servant and pastor, on behalf of the pastoral staff and the Board of Directors, we welcome you to the One Chapel Church Family. In doing this we affirm these commitments:

Instruction: First, we commit ourselves as pastors to teach and feed you the pure Word of God (John 21:16). We believe in the absolute need of knowing and growing in the word of God. We will give ourselves to nourish you, with the goal of training you to feed yourself, so that you become the person God wants you to be—a person who then helps others follow Jesus.

Correction: Second, in that same regard, we are committed to counseling, challenging, and correcting you, should you ever drift from "the truth as it is in Jesus." The Bible directs pastoral leadership to "correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." (2 Timothy 4:2). We are committed to doing everything lovingly possible to help you love and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

Intercession: Third, we commit ourselves to pray for you. The Bible says we are to "shepherd the flock" and to "watch out for your souls" (1 Peter 5:2; Hebrews 13:17). We will uphold you in consistent prayer as we continually lead this church family into loving and serving God, and one another.

Protection: Fourth, we commit ourselves to standing by you in any time of need, burden, or personal crisis. In the early Church, no one said that the things they had were selfishly, solely their own (Acts 4:32). By that, we understand that according to New Testament life, any material need you may have is ours to bear with you also. You will never be alone if you will let us know when hard times arise.

Devotion: Finally, we commit ourselves to loving you. Jesus said that this trait should mark His disciples (John 13:35), and we intend

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to live out that divine order of love. Its essence is not so much in affection as in commitment. Affection depends upon personal acquaintance; and given time, we may enjoy such growth in the purity and beauty of getting to know you better. But regardless of how close socially we may or may not become, we are always personally committed to you. Should you ever feel you have been hurt, neglected or misunderstood, you will know it is unintentional, because we will never do anything to violate you in any way. Our total commitment is to love, serve and help you become the person God created you to be.

We embrace you as part of this church family! You are both loved and received.

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FAMILY MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1: I WILL _____ THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By acting in love toward other members
- ...By refusing to gossip
- ...By following the leaders

Romans 15:19 "So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and on the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 15:5 "Live in complete harmony with each other...each with the attitude of Christ toward each other." 1 Peter 1:22 "Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts." Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..."

2: I WILL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By praying for its growth
- ...By inviting the unchurched to attend
- ...By warmly welcoming those who visit
- **1 Thessalonians 1:2** "To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly." **Luke 14:23** "Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." **Romans 15:7** "So, warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified."

3: I WILL _____ THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By discovering and using my gifts and talents
- ...By being equipped to serve by my pastors
- ...By developing a servant's heart
- 1 Peter 4:10 "Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you..." Ephesians 4:11-12 "God gave...some to be pastors and teachers to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." Philippians 2:3-4, 7 "Each of you should look not only to your interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the 28 very nature of a servant..."

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4: I WILL THE TESTIMONY OF MY CHURCH

- ...By attending faithfully
- ...By living a godly life and continuing to grow spiritually
- ...By regular, generous financial giving

Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... but let us encourage one another." **Philippians 1:27** "But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ." **1 Corinthians 16:2** "Each one of you, on the first day of each week, should set aside a specific sum of money in proportion to what you have earned and use it for the offering." **Leviticus 27:30** "A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's, and it is holy."

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Head to <u>onechapel.com</u> for more info on groups, teams, ministries, and more!