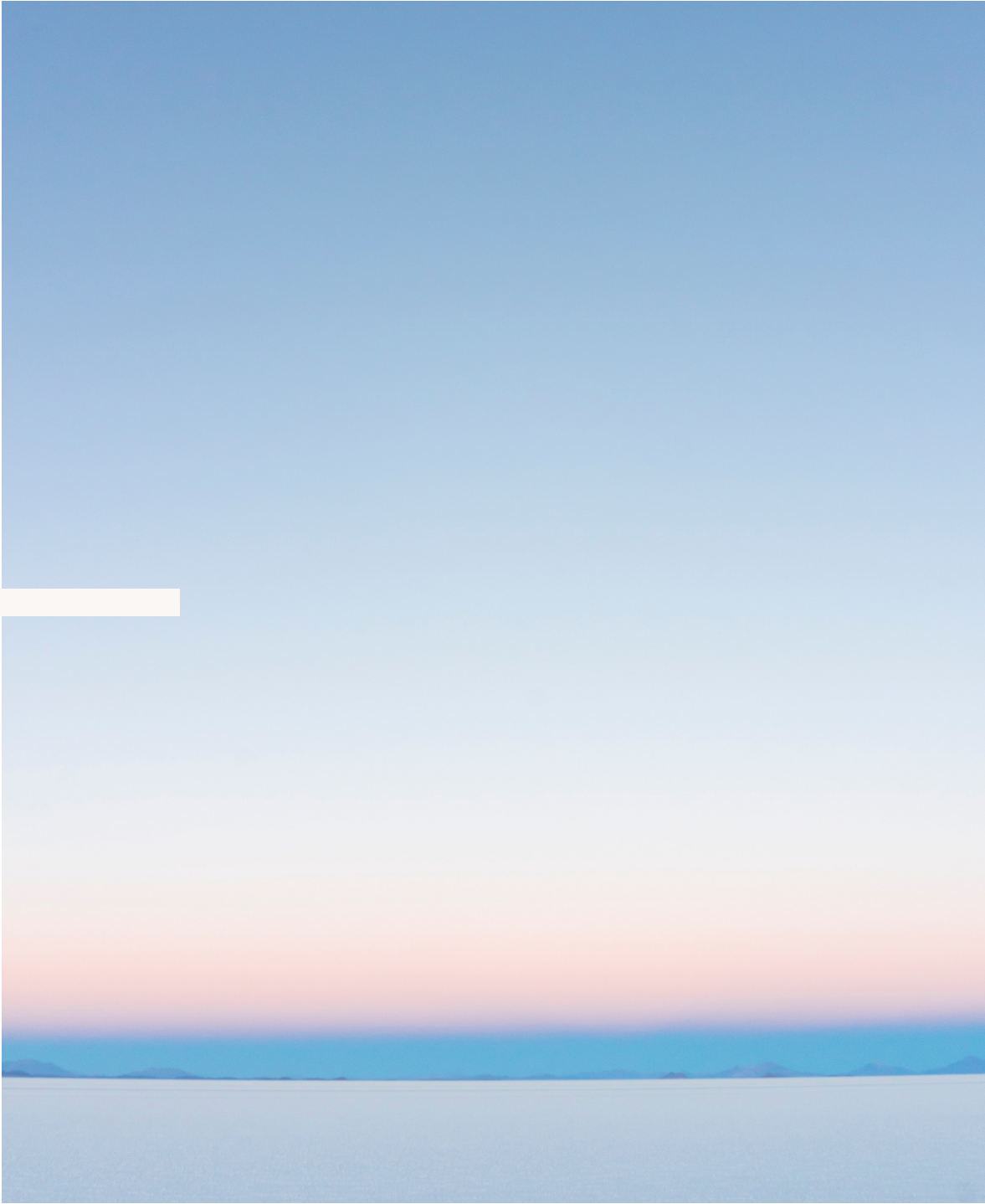


KINGDOM CULTURE



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

FOLLOW. BECOME. DO.

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KINGDOM
CALLING



PURPOSE: TO PARTNER WITH GOD IN THE RENEWAL OF ALL THINGS

KEY VERSES | LUKE 4:18-19

PARTNER WITH GOD

Luke 4:18-19, Matthew 9:35-38, John 14:12-21

In his ministry, Jesus proclaimed and demonstrated the Kingdom of God. Jesus went on the offensive against the rule of Satan. He set people free. This is what it looks like for God's Kingdom to invade earth: People hear good news, are freed from the things that imprison them, healed of sickness, and delivered from demonic oppression. This is the work of the Kingdom. Wherever Jesus goes, these are the kinds of things he does. This is what it looks like for God to become King and for his Kingdom to become tangibly present in the world.

MARKS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

THE POOR HEAR GOOD NEWS (BOTH ECONOMIC AND SPIRITUALLY)

PEOPLE ARE FORGIVEN OF SIN (OFTEN MARKED BY TOUCH, INCLUSION, OR TRUST)

FREEDOM FROM THINGS THAT IMPRISON US

BLIND EYES OPENED (BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY)

PEOPLE EXPERIENCE HEALING THAT LEADS TOWARDS WHOLENESS

DELIVERANCE FROM DEMONIC OPPRESSION

Being a disciple is about more than knowing stuff about Jesus. It's about doing the work of Jesus alongside Jesus himself. To be a disciple is to learn from Jesus how to partner with him in seeing people set free. Through Jesus' ministry, people experience the Kingdom. As disciples, experiencing the Kingdom is more than something that happens to us, it is something that happens through us. As we step out in faith, we can partner with the Holy Spirit to do the stuff that Jesus does.

Where have you experienced the Kingdom of God impact your life? Have you ever experienced God work through you to minister to someone else? What did that look like and feel like? What is one step you can take to be grow in awareness of what the Holy Spirit is doing around you?

DISCOVER YOUR CALLING

Ephesians 2:4-10

Kingdom people know who they are and what they have received. Out of an overflow of who we are and what God has placed in us, we can do the good works that God has prepared for us to do. God has made you with unique gifts, talents, and passions. He has placed you at a particular time and place to partner with him to redeem and restore the world. Our individual gifts, passions, and stories uniquely position us to advance the Kingdom of God in particular ways. In Christian tradition, this is often referred to as our vocation.

A vocation, or calling, is a unique and specific calling that God has placed on your life. **It is the place where your gifts and passions align with God's mission to meet the world's need.** This becomes a unique way that we contribute to God's plan to redeem and restore all things. There may be an overarching calling you experience throughout the whole of life or a specific calling that carries you through a season of ministry or life. Regardless, the point is that Jesus is inviting each of us to partner with him to advance his Kingdom through our lives.

Where do your gifts/passions align with God's mission to meet the world's need? What is one step you can take to use your gifts, privilege, power, or life to serve others?

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P R A C T I C E



WITH YOUR GROUP

Tonight, spend some time debriefing the talk together with your group. Then, as the course comes to a close, we want to create space to reflect on the last 7 weeks of Kingdom Culture and to look ahead to building an intentional plan to continue on your journey of growth.

Debrief the Talk | What stood out to you from the talk? This can be something that was encouraging, challenging or new to you. Where do you see your gifts or passions aligning with God's mission to meet the world's needs? How are you using those gifts or passions to serve others in your life currently?

Reflect on the Course | What is something new you learned about yourself as a result of this course? What is something new you learned about God as a result of this course? How has this course challenged or deepened your faith?

Look Ahead | What patterns and rhythms from this course do you want to continue to practice in your life? Spend some time discussing how you can take what you've learned in this course to create an intentional plan for further growth.

O N Y O U R O W N

As GBC, our mission is to build communities to reach every community. Our hope is that every community you build – everything from a small group to a church plant – would embody the culture of the Kingdom of God. That’s why our strategy as a church is to follow Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus does. Below are environments and opportunities for you to grow in maturity as a disciple who makes disciples of others along the way.

Personal Growth | We want to be a church that drops everything to follow Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus does. To that end, we offer a number of pathways for spiritual growth in the form of courses, practices and more. Beyond Kingdom Culture, these include Alpha, Theological Foundations, and Biblical Foundations.

Partnering with God to Serve | Serving is one of the best entry points into finding community at GBC. We believe that God has gifted each one of us with passions that can be used to strengthen the church. Consider how you can use your gifts to partner with what God is doing here at Grace Bible. These opportunities include both serving on our Sunday teams (Usher, Greeter, Security, Production, Families Ministry etc.) and in ministries that meet throughout the week or year (for example, outreach or mission teams).

Authentic Biblical Community | The church is not about a place, name, building, or program—it’s about people. God has called us to be connected to one another in community. These communities become places where we can grow, find belonging, and encourage one another. One of the primary places we can experience community is through our small group ministry. For more information visit...

Reach the One | Mission at GBC is grounded in three statements: love God, love others, and make disciples. We pursue justice and compassion in every community, locally and globally, because God’s heart for his creation is for intentional relationships to bring about restoration. We have strategic ministry partners both locally and globally. For more information, visit...

DAILY TIME WITH JESUS

Day One | Acts 22

Day Two | Acts 23

Day Three | Acts 24-25

Day Four | Sabbath

Day Five | Acts 26

Day Six | Acts 27

Day Seven | Acts 28