

Summit Growth Track

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**101 - DISCOVERING
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
AKA – “SKITTLES CLASS”**

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO CHURCH 101 – AKA “Skittles Class”

We're glad you've chosen to find out more about Summit Church! This class is the basic introduction to our church family. Since we have members from many different church backgrounds, this class was designed to clearly explain who we are and what we believe.

OUR STORY

Pastor Wayne Hanson dreamed of planting a church with a simple goal: to REACH, TEACH, TEND and SEND. With the help of the Summit Dream Team – 32 people launched Summit Church on January 21st, 2007 at the Old True Value Hardware store location in downtown Castle Rock. That first Sunday in spite of a blizzard that shut down Southbound I-25, 154 people showed up and 19 people gave their lives to Christ!

From the beginning, Summit Church focused on being a church for the Un-Churched, building relationships through small groups, prioritizing Kids and Student ministry; but most of all, proclaiming the life-giving message of the Gospel EVERY Sunday. In its first year, over 200 people committed their lives to Christ. At the same time, the church helped in the planting of three other churches and gave over a quarter of its income to missions. After our first year in the Hardware store, we became a mobile church and continue to meet at Castle View High School Auditorium.

Summit Church was intentionally planted in one of the most Unchurched Counties in America. Douglas County, (South Denver Metro) which has 380,000 people and only 88 Bible Believing Churches (meaning only 3-5% of the population are being reached by local churches). Since our launch, Summit has reached over 500 people for Christ and has established an amazing congregation of well over 250+ members. Summit's "launch story" is described in *The Attractional Church*, an inspiring book by the late Billy Hornsby, founder of The ARC.

THE BASIS FOR THIS CLASS:

“...You are a member of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

KEY TRUTHS

1. The church is a _____.
2. God expects you to be a _____ of a church family.
3. A Christian without a church family is an _____.

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS:

That I will commit myself to _____ and to the Summit Church_____.

PART ONE: OUR PURPOSE

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.”

1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT: WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

The purpose statement of Summit Church is derived from the final words of Jesus to His followers. These words are known as the Great Commission.

“Summit Church exists to reach people with the life-giving message of Jesus that they might become fully devoted followers of Christ.”

THE GREAT COMMISSION:

“He said unto them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe...’ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.” **Mark 16:15-20**

“We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Colossians 1:28-29

1. “We proclaim Him” is _____.
2. “Admonishing everyone” is _____.
3. “Teaching everyone” is _____.
4. “Present everyone perfect” is _____.

I. WE PROCLAIM HIM.

“His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known...”

Ephesians 3:10

WEEKEND SERVICES

A. _____

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord." **Psalm 122:1**

"...the Father seeks worshippers... and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

John 4:23-24

B. _____

"But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in...he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, 'God is really among you!'"

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

C. _____

"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." **Ephesians 4:11-12**

D. _____

"Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But who can ask them to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells him?" **Romans 10:13-14 (LB)**

HOW TO WIN PEOPLE TO CHRIST:

1. Accept the personal _____ .
2. Build a personal _____ .
3. Share your personal _____ .
4. Give a personal _____ .

POINTS OF PASSION

"You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

1. Jerusalem – My City.

"Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the home- less and loveless in their plight..." James 1:27 Message

2. Judea and Samaria – My Nation.

"Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him." 1 Corinthians 9:22 LB

3. The ends of the earth – My World.

Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."

Mark 16:15 NCV

WHAT CAN I DO?

1. _____ .

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Matthew 9:37-38

2. _____ .

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' He said, 'Go, and tell this people..." Isaiah 6:8-9

3. _____ .

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

II. ADMONISHING EVERYONE – _____ .

Getting connected at Summit Church means participating in a small group. Some people enjoy a large church because of its focus on others while others want a small, intimate church.

We believe that our church must become larger and smaller at the same time.

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.” Acts 20:20

SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE THREE THINGS:

1. A place to _____ .

“...yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” 1 Corinthians 9:22 LB

2. A place to _____ .

“We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters.” 1 John 3:16 NLT

3. A place to _____ .

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

HOW SMALL GROUPS WORK

1. Free market groups

Our groups are varied as we are; group leaders use their gifts and passions to create a group that allows others to join with them in serving God. Whatever the age, interest, or location there is a group that is just right for you.

2. Three semesters

New groups start and stop three times a year—spring, summer and fall semesters. Each semester is kicked off with an online registration and a new small group directory.

3. Becoming a leader

We believe that everyone has areas of strength and gifting that could benefit others. The first step in becoming a small group leader is to attend the Small Group Leader Orientation. These classes are offered throughout the year to give you an overview of what it takes to start a group. You'll discover that it's easier than you think.

III. TEACHING EVERYONE – _____.

The Summit Growth Track offers the information and experiences necessary to develop you into a fully devoted follower of Christ. From the initial decision to accept Jesus as your Lord to your final destination in ministry, the Growth Track will lead you through a step-by-step process of healing, growth, and leadership.

“Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity...”
Hebrews 6:1

THE SUMMIT GROWTH TRACK

1. _____.

This class is a basic introduction to the ministry of Summit Church and will help you understand church membership.

2. _____.

This class develops the essential habits that every believer needs to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

3. _____.

This class will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life, and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry.

4. _____ .

Attend an orientation or training session in the ministry area of your choice to learn more or to join the Dream Team. God's ultimate goal for our life is to make an eternal difference in the life of another person. The Growth Track is complete when you join or start a ministry team. CHECK your worship Guide for upcoming Growth Track classes.

IV. PRESENT EVERYONE PERFECT – _____.

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly father is perfect." Matthew 5:48

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that purpose.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me." Acts 20:24

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

at Summit Church...

...every member is a _____ .

...every task is _____ .

...every member is a "10" in _____ .

JOINING THE DREAM TEAM – DREAM TEAM 401

1. Training

Attend an orientation or training session in the ministry area of your choice to learn more about how to be involved.

2. Application

Complete and submit the Dream Team application to a ministry leader or the church office.

3. One-on-one

Schedule a meeting with a ministry team leader to share your ideas and complete your training.

PART TWO: OUR BELIEFS

“Watch your life and your doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

1 Timothy 4:16

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH: WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. In essential beliefs, we have unity.

“There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all...” Ephesians 4:4-6

2. In non-essential beliefs, we have liberty.

“Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account of himself to God...So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.” Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22

3. In all our beliefs, we show charity.

“...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.” 1 Corinthians 13:2 (Ph)

I. FOUR ESSENTIAL TRUTHS

1. The _____ is the Word of God.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.” 2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

“We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.” 1 Thessalonians 2:13

God’s Word is the only completely reliable and truthful authority and we accept the Bible as our manual for living. Our first question when faced with a decision is, “What does the Bible say?” We practice daily Bible reading and Bible study. The Bible is the basis for all we believe.

2. _____ is the Son of God.

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

“For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders re- jected has now become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.” Acts 4:11-12 NLT

Jesus Christ, second Person of the Trinity, lived a sinless life on earth and voluntarily paid for our sin by dying on the cross as our substitute. This accomplished salvation for all who receive grace by trusting in Him alone. He rose from the dead and is the only mediator between God and us. He baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit and will return to earth to consummate history.

3. You must be _____ .

“When anyone becomes a Christian he becomes a new person inside. The old passes away, a new life has begun.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 LB

Jesus: “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life.” Matthew 16:25 NLT

God created humans to have fellowship with Him, but they defied God by sinfully going their own way. As a result, we need God’s saving grace to end our alienation from Him. Salvation comes only through God’s grace - not human effort - and must be received personally by repentance and faith. At the end, everyone will experience bodily resurrection and the judgment. Only believers will enjoy eternal fellowship with God.

4. Believers can be _____ and _____ .

“...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...” Acts 1:8

“...be filled with the Holy Spirit” Ephesians 5:18

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” Luke 11:13

We believe the only way possible to live the Christian life is by God’s power within us. Every believer can be filled with the Holy Spirit by simply asking. We seek to practice a daily dependence on God’s Spirit to enable us to do what is right.

PART THREE:
OUR STRUCTURE

“For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace... Everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”

1 Corinthians 14:33 & 40

SUMMIT CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

1. GUIDED BY _____

The Elders refer to the pastoral staff team led by the Senior Pastor. This team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These staff pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church. Summit Church also has non-staff Elders known as Congregational Elders. These elders are nominated by the congregation and covenant together with the congregation and the senior pastor for the development of the spiritual life of the church. These men and their spouses support the church staff as the primary protectors and encouragers of a positive spiritual climate within the church body. They serve in neither a governing nor a corporate capacity, but a spiritual capacity to create and maintain stability in potentially negative situations. All elders are responsible to model a Godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the members, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, mediate disputes, counsel, and represent the church to the community.

2. PROTECTED BY _____

The Trustees are members of the Summit Church Family, appointed by the Senior Pastor to oversee the finances and direct the provision of the physical facilities needed by the church. They provide counsel to the Senior Pastor regarding the major financial commitments of the church.

Summit Church Trustees:

Jason and Venessa Petermen

Dean and Candy Tenpas

Mike and Teresa Gentile

John and Jill Struve

Ryan and Christi Hutchison

3. STRENGTHENED BY _____ .

The Overseers are five pastors of respected congregations and ministries who love Summit Church and its pastor and are willing to provide spiritual protection to the church. They may be called in to help in accountability matters relating to the Senior Pastor if requested to do so by the Elders or Trustees.

SUMMIT CHURCH OVERSEERS:

Pastor Chris Hodges, Church of the Highlands, Birmingham, Alabama

Pastor Paul Watson, Downtown Vineyard, Grand Junction, Colorado

Pastor Dean Hawk, Rock Family Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Pastor Peter Haas, Substance Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Pastor Matt Keller, Next Level Church, Ft. Myers, Florida

4. CHURCH FINANCES – “The Skittles Talk.”

*“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.”
Leviticus 27:30*

At Summit Church we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s Body, the church, as God commands. We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard of giving.

Many people love to give to God, but need to have confidence in the methods and purposes used by organizations to which they give. Therefore there are a great number of people willing to give if they are able to see honesty, integrity, and genuine spiritual values reflected in the lifestyles of their church leaders.

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus Christ and is an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. That is why we don’t have people fill out pledge cards or make faith promises. Funds are not “income only,” they are worship, and must not be considered as a business transaction, but as an expression of gratitude toward God.

PART FOUR:
OUR HOPE FOR YOU

“...We hope that your faith will grow and that our work among you will be greatly enlarged.” 2 Corinthians 10:15 NLT

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

I. THE NEXT STEPS

1. Become a member of Summit Church.
2. Join a Small Group.
3. Begin the Growth Track.
4. Serve on the Dream Team.

II. WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A MEMBER

The difference between “attenders” and “members” can be summed up in one word: _____ .

An Attender is a _____ .

A Member is a _____ .

**at Summit Church we recognize the need for a formal membership.
We ask you to commit to membership for 4 reasons:**

1. A Biblical Reason: Christ is committed to the church.

“...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it.”

Ephesians 5:25

2. A Cultural Reason: It is an antidote to our society.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage... our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hop- pers”. Membership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

3. A Practical Reason: It defines who can be counted on.

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

4. A Personal Reason: It produces spiritual growth.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you're not committed to any specific church family.

III. SUMMIT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and being in agreement with the values and ideas presented in the Church 101 class, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Summit Church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members to do the following:

1. I will protect the unity of my church...

...By acting in love toward other members

...By refusing to gossip

...By following the leaders

"So let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 14:19 (Ph)

*"Live in complete harmony with each other - each with the attitude of Christ toward each other."
Romans 15:5 (LB)*

*"Have a sincere love for your fellow believers, love one another earnestly with all your hearts."
1 Peter 1:22 (GN)*

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Ephesians 4:29

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be no advantage to you.” Hebrews 13:17

2. I will share the responsibility of my church...

...By praying for its growth

...By inviting the unchurched to attend

...By warmly welcoming those who visit

*“To the church...we always thank God for you and pray for you constantly.”
1 Thessalonians 1:2*

*“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full.”
Luke 14:23 (LB)*

“So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.” Romans 15:7 (LB)

3. I will serve the ministry of my church...

...By discovering my gifts and talents

...By being equipped to serve by my pastors

...By developing a servant's heart

*“Serve one another with the particular gifts God has given each of you...”
1 Peter 4:10 (Ph)*

“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...” Ephesians 4:11-12

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ...who took on the very nature of a servant...” Philippians 2:3-4, 7

4. I will support the testimony of my church...

...By attending church and small groups faithfully

...By living a godly life

...By giving regularly

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another.”

Hebrews 10:25

“But whatever happens, make sure that your everyday life is worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

Philippians 1:27 (Ph)

“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.” 1 Corinthians 16:2

“A tenth of all you produce is the Lord’s, and it is holy.”

Leviticus 27:30



201 - Developing the Essential Habits of a Healthy Believer

INTRODUCTION: THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLASS

*“...that you may become mature Christians and may fulfill God’s will for you.”
Colossians 4:12b (Ph)*

*“We are not meant to remain as children... but to grow up in every way into Christ...”
Ephesians 4:14-15 (Ph)*

The purpose of this class is to provide the tools necessary to help each believer become a spiritually mature disciple of Jesus Christ.

I. WHAT IS “SPIRITUAL MATURITY”?

Spiritual Maturity is _____ .

“For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him... should become like his Son...” Romans 8:29 (LB)

II. FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY

*“Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.”
1 Timothy 4:7 (Ph)*

1. It is not automatic.
2. It is a process.
3. It takes discipline.

III. UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

“...And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 11:26 (NAS)

1. Mature believers are called _____ .
2. The term disciple comes from the word _____ .
3. The more like Christ I become _____ .
4. The mark of a disciple is _____ .

Jesus said, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:27

5. How often am I to do this? _____ .

Jesus said "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23

6. What is involved in "cross bearing"?
_____ to give Christ first place in my life!

IV. HOW CAN I BECOME A DISCIPLE?

By developing the _____ of a disciple.

"... You have put off the old self with its HABITS, and have put on the new self ... which God is continually renewing in his own image, to bring you to a full knowledge of himself." Colossians 3:9-10

Definition of "habit" (Webster's II Dictionary):

"A continual, often unconscious inclination to do a certain activity, acquired through frequent repetition. An established disposition of the character."

The habits of a disciple are:

1. Bible study & prayer.
2. Fellowship with other believers.
3. Growing spiritually by living a Spirit led life.

4. Giving of yourself.

THE GOAL OF THIS CLASS:

That I will _____ to the habits necessary for spiritual maturity.

HABIT ONE: BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER

Getting a Grasp on God's Word

*"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone."
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (LB)*

I. HOW TO GET MORE FROM MY BIBLE

1. I must _____ its authority

Your attitude toward the Bible makes a huge difference.

"We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe." 1 Thessalonians 2:13

We believe in the closed canon of scripture:

A. There are not, nor will there ever be, any other books, verses or ideas added to the Bible or placed beside it as equal in authority or revelation.

B. All preaching, teaching, prophesying or any other communication being declared in the name of the Lord is to be subject to measurement by the content of the Word of God.

2. I must _____ its truths

A. _____ God's Word

*"Faith comes from hearing the Word of God."
Romans 10:17*

B. _____ God's Word

*"Happy is the one who reads this book ... and obeys what is written in it!"
Revelation 1:3 GN*

How often should I read God's Word? DAILY.

"(The Scriptures) shall be his constant companion. He must read from it everyday of his life so that he will learn to respect the Lord his God by obeying all of his commands." Deuteronomy 17:19 LB

C. _____ God's Word

*"...they accepted the message eagerly and studied the Scriptures everyday ..."
Acts 17:11 Ph*

D. _____ God's Word

"Guard my words as your most precious possession. Write them down, and also keep them deep within your heart." Proverbs 7:2-3 LB

E. _____ on God's Word

"(Those) who are always meditating on His Laws ... are like trees along a river bank bearing fruit ... they never wither and whatever they do prospers." Psalm 1:2-3 LB

Meditation is _____ about a Bible verse in order to discover how to apply its truth to life.

F. _____ God's Word with an open Heart

"Those on the rock are the ones who receive the Word with joy when they hear it, but they have no roots... Therefore consider carefully how you listen." Luke 8:13-18

The word “receive” is dechomai in the Greek It literally means “to welcome”

3. I must _____ its principles

“Once you know these things you will be blessed if you do them.” John 13:17

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”
James 1:22

A. Claim His promises

Battles – 1 John 4:4, Luke 10:19, Rom. 8:37

Money – Philippians 4:19, Psalm 1:1-3

Fear – Psalm 27:1

Sickness – Psalm 103:3

Confidence – 2 Corinthians 3:6

Safety – Psalm 121:8

B. Share it with others

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14

C. How to Apply Scripture:

1st ask: What did it mean to the original hearers?

2nd ask: What is the underlying timeless principle?

3rd ask: How could I practice that principle?

II. TALKING WITH GOD

Always be joyful. Never stop praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17(NLT)

In the beginning we were created to have fellowship with God but because of Adam's fall Jesus sacrificed Himself to make a relationship with God possible.

Jesus exemplified a personal relationship with God through prayer, that gave Him great strength.

Every person who has ever been effective in service for God has developed this habit. The only way to be a healthy Christian is to commune with God daily through prayer!

1. The purpose of daily prayer time

A. To _____ devotion to God.

"(Hezekiah) was successful, because everything he did ... he did in a spirit of complete devotion to his God." 2 Chronicles 31:21 GN

B. To _____ direction from God.

"Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me ..." Psalm 25:4 LB

C. To _____ delight in God.

"Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4 KJV

D. To _____ more like God.

"Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him.... With these gifts you can share in being like God"
2 Peter 1:4 NCV

2. How to begin a daily prayer time

A. Select a specific _____ and _____ .

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where he prayed.” Mark 1:35

B. Follow a simple _____ .

How to Spend Fifteen Minutes with God:

1. Read a verse. (4 Minutes)
2. Reflect on the verse. (4 Minutes)
3. Record what God desires of you. (3 Min.)
4. Request from God. (4 Minutes)
5. Resources in the Appendix

“Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.” Galatians 6:9 LB

3. Use the model Jesus gave us

*“This, then, is HOW you should pray ...”
Matthew 6:9-15*

A. Praise: I begin by expressing _____ to God.
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...”

B. Purpose: I commit myself to doing God’s _____.
“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...”

C. Provision: I ask God to _____ my daily needs.
“Give us today our daily bread...”

D. Pardon: I ask God to _____ my sins.
“Forgive us our debts...”

E. People: I pray for _____ people.
“...as we have also forgive our debtors.”

F. Protection: I ask for _____ protection.

“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.” (vs. 13)

HABIT TWO: FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other.” Hebrews 10:25 (GN)

How can a church grow large yet maintain close friendships?

Every member needs to be a part of a _____ .

*“(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house.”
Acts 5:42*

*“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”
Acts 20:20*

At Summit Church, we believe our church must grow LARGER and SMALLER at the same time.

I. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SMALL GROUPS?

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47

Small Groups provide opportunities for:

1. _____ .

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”

2. _____ .
"...and to the fellowship ... they ate together with glad and sincere hearts..."
3. _____ .
"...and to the breaking of bread ..."
4. _____ .
"...and to prayer..."
5. _____ .
"...they gave to anyone as he had need ..."
6. _____ .
"...praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."
7. _____ .
"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

II. SMALL GROUP GROUND RULES

To those in my Group, I commit to...

1. Make our group a priority (Frequency)
2. Share my true feelings (Authenticity)
3. Encourage our spiritual growth (Mutuality)
4. Respect our differences (Courtesy)
5. Support you in times of need (Sympathy)
6. Accept your weaknesses (Humility)
7. Speak the truth in love (Honesty)
8. Forgive when I am hurt (Mercy)

9. Keep your confidences (Confidentiality)

10. Support our purposes (Unity)

“May the Lord make your love to grow and overflow to each other... so that you may stand before him guiltless on that day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns with all those who belong to him.” 1 Th. 3:12-13 LB

“I am giving a new commandment to you now – love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

John 13: 34-35 LB

HABIT THREE: GROWING SPIRITUALLY BY LIVING A SPIRIT LED LIFE

“Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1:4-8

I. HOW WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT FIRST REVEALED?

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

“Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?’

Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ...we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.”
Acts 2:1-17

II. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. The Holy Spirit is a _____ .

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever...” John 14:16

2. The Third Person in the _____ .

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”
John 14:26

III. WHAT DOES SPIRIT LED LIVING PRODUCE IN OUR LIVES?

1. _____ .

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever...” John 14:16 KJV

“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and go- ing on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.” Acts 9:31

2. _____ .

“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘ Where are You going?’ “But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go , I will send Him to you. “And He, when He comes , will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment...” John 16:5-8

3. _____ .

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.” John 16:13

4. _____ .

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jeru- salem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

5. _____ .

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

6. _____ .

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit... Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

IV. LIVING A SUPERNATURAL LIFE

One of the main purposes of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to connect us to the heavenly realms.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 2:6-7

“However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” — but God has

revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below... And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Acts 2:17-21

God desires to give us:

1. _____ .

A dream is a picture you have in your mind of a desired future; that which gets inside of you and is beyond reason and is bigger than you on your own.

2. _____ .

A vision is that which is seen, an awake dream; you see something already done; you see something in “How to Steps”.

3. _____ .

To prophesy is to speak forth biblical truth in the mind and counsel of God that cannot be known through natural means.

V. HOW DO I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. _____ **all barriers.**

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

2. _____ **the Holy Spirit.**

“Now suppose one of your fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? “Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” Luke 11:11-13

3. _____ the gifts.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

HABIT FOUR: GIVING OF YOURSELF

"Just as you excel in everything else... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness...see that you also excel in the grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

I. THREE AREAS OF GIVING

1. Give of your _____ .

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16 NAS

2. Give of your _____ .

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. 1 Corinthians 12:7 NLT

3. Give of your _____ .

If your gift is... giving, give generously. Romans 12:8 NLT

"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either." Matthew 23:23

II. SEVEN BENEFITS OF GIVING

1. Giving makes me become like _____ .

"God so loved the world that He gave his only Son..." John 3:16

2. Giving draws me _____ to God.

"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also." Matthew 6:21

3. Giving is the antidote to _____ .

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put

hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!"
1 Timothy 6:17-19

4. Giving strengthens my _____ .

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing." Prov. 3:5, 9

"Give and it will be given to you ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."
Luke 6:38

5. Giving is an investment in _____ .

"...Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven - it is the only safe investment for eternity." 1 Timothy 6:18-19 LB

6. Giving _____ me in return.

"A generous man himself will be blessed." Proverbs 22:9

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25

7. Giving makes me _____ .

(Jesus) "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35 LB

III. GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

1. Give _____ .

"For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have." 2 Corinthians 9:12

"Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure ..." 1 Corinthians 9:7a

2. Give _____ .

"...for God loves a cheerful giver!" 2 Corinthians 9:7b

3. Give _____ .

"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service ..."
2 Corinthians 8:3-4

4. Give _____ .

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6

"...THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD ... "
2 Corinthians 8:5

ESSENTIAL HABITS OF A HEALTHY BELIEVER

Personally and Corporately

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.
Psalm 33:11

For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep...
Acts 13:36

1. Bible Study & Prayer: _____.

2. Fellowshiping with Others: _____.

3. Growing Spiritually: _____.

4. Giving of Yourself: _____.

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YOUR PLACE
IN THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

OUR HOPE FOR YOU...

Today at Discovery our hope is that you take a step towards understanding how your uniquely designed personality, coupled with the spiritual gifts God has given you help reveal a fulfilling path to your destiny. Proverbs 25:2 says it is God's privilege to conceal things and our privilege to discover them. Together, let's discover all that God has planned for our generation and make a positive difference for the Kingdom.

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand so that we would walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10 NAS

1. Examining Four Personality Types

"D" _____

"I" _____

"S" _____

"C" _____

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Psalms 139:14 NIV

2. Elements that Help to Develop Your Personality

A. _____ History

B. _____

C. _____

D. Life _____

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

3. Exploring the Different Areas of Your Personality

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Today we're trying to discover your...

D. _____

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father." John 14:12 NAS

1. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I am assertive, demanding and decisive	1	2	3	4	5
I enjoy doing multiple tasks at once	1	2	3	4	5
I thrive in a challenge-based environment	1	2	3	4	5
I think about tasks above others or myself	1	2	3	4	5
I am motivated by accomplishment and authority	1	2	3	4	5

2. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I enjoy influencing and inspiring people	1	2	3	4	5
I am optimistic about others	1	2	3	4	5
I tend to be the life of the party.	1	2	3	4	5
I think about motivating people.	1	2	3	4	5
I am motivated by recognition and approval	1	2	3	4	5

3. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I thrive in consistent environments over changing ones	1	2	3	4	5
I prefer specifics over generalities	1	2	3	4	5
I enjoy small groups of people	1	2	3	4	5
I prefer being a member of a team over leading the team	1	2	3	4	5
I am motivated by stability and support	1	2	3	4	5

4. Total _____	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always
I typically do not take big risks	1	2	3	4	5
I love tasks, order and details	1	2	3	4	5
I am right most of the time	1	2	3	4	5
I comply with clearly defined rules	1	2	3	4	5
I am motivated by quality and correctness	1	2	3	4	5

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY

<p>D</p> <p>“D”s are direct and decisive; they are risk takers and problem solvers. They are more concerned with completing tasks and winning than they are with gaining approval from people. Though the internal drive tends to make them insensitive to those around them, “D”s are not afraid to challenge the status quo, and they thrive when it comes to developing new things. They need discipline to excel, and they respond to direct confrontation. The greatest fear of a “D” is to be taken advantage of, and even despite their possible weaknesses—which include an aversion to routine, a tendency to overstep authority, an argumentative nature, and a habit of taking on too much—they place a high value on time and use their innovative thinking to accomplish difficult tasks and conquer challenges.</p>	<p>D/I</p> <p>“D/I”s are curious conclusers who place emphasis on the bottom line and work hard to reach their goals. They are more determined than they are inspirational, yet their high expectations and standards for themselves and those around them typically causes them to make quite an impact, motivating others to follow them. They have an array of interests and can become distracted by taking on too many projects. They often need to focus, prioritize, and simply slow down. Because “D/I”s thrive on activity and forward motion, they like to accomplish tasks through a large number of people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Joshua (Joshua 1), Noah (Genesis 6-9), Sarah (Genesis 16, 1 Peter 3:6)</p>
<p>I</p> <p>“I”s are inspiring and impressive. Enthusiastic, optimistic, impulsive, and emotional—they tend to be creative problem solvers and excellent encouragers. They often have a large number of friends, but they can become more concerned with approval and popularity than with getting results. An “I”s greatest fear is rejection, but they thrive when it comes to motivating others. Their positive sense of humor helps them negotiate conflicts. Though they can be inattentive to details and poor listeners, they can be great peacemakers and effective teammates when they control their feelings and minimize their urge to entertain and be the center of attention. They value lots of human touch and connection.</p>	<p>I/D</p> <p>“I/D”s are persuaders who are outgoing and energetic. They enjoy large groups and use their power of influence to attain respect and convince people to follow their lead. Sometimes they can be viewed as fidgety and nervous, but it comes from their need to be a part of challenges that have variety, freedom, and mobility. “I/D”s could benefit from learning to look before they leap and spending more time being studious and still. They make inspiring leaders and know how to get results from and through people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: John the Baptist (Luke 3), Peter (Matthew 16 and 26, Acts 3), Rebekah (Genesis 24)</p>
<p>S</p> <p>“S”s are steady and more reserved. Because they are stable and predictable, they do not like change, and they thrive in secure, non-threatening environments. They are often friendly and understanding as well as good listeners and loyal workers who are happy doing the same job consistently. With an incredible ability to forgive, reliable and dependable “S”s tend to make the best friends. Their greatest fear, however, is loss of security, and their possible weaknesses naturally include not only resistance to change, but also difficulty adjusting to it. They can also be too sensitive to criticism and unable to establish priorities. In order to avoid being taken advantage of, “S”s need to be stronger and learn how to say “no.” They also like to avoid the limelight, but when given an opportunity to genuinely help others, they will gladly rise to the occasion. They feel most valued when they have truly helped someone.</p>	<p>S/D</p> <p>“S/D”s are quiet leaders who can be counted on to get the job done. They perform better in small groups and do not enjoy speaking in front of crowds. Though they can be soft- and hard-hearted at the same time, they enjoy close relationships with people, being careful not to dominate them. Challenges motivate them, especially ones that allow them to take a systematic approach. Because this personality style tends to be determined, persevering through time and struggles, they benefit from encouragement and positive relationships.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Martha (Luke 10:38-42), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11)</p>
<p>C</p> <p>“C”s are compliant and analytical. Careful and logical lines of thinking drive them forward, and accuracy is a top priority. They hold high standards and value systematic approaches to problem solving. Though they thrive when given opportunities to find solutions, they tend to ignore the feelings of others and can often be critical and downright crabby. Verbalizing feelings is difficult for them, but when they are not bogged down in details and have clear-cut boundaries, they can be big assets to the team by providing calculated “real-ity checks.” The “C”s biggest fear is criticism, and their need for perfectionism is often a weakness, as is their tendency to give in when in the midst of an argument. However, they are thorough in all activities and can bring a conscientious, even-tempered element to the team that will provide solid grounding. They value being correct the most.</p>	<p>C/D</p> <p>“C/D”s are cautious and determined designers who are consistently task-oriented and very aware of problems. Sometimes viewed as insensitive, they do care about individual people but have a difficult time showing it. They often feel they are the only ones who can do the job the way it needs to be done, but because of their administrative skills, they are able to bring plans for change and improvements to fruition. “C/D”s have a tendency to be serious and could benefit from being more optimistic and enthusiastic. Despite their natural drive to achieve, they should concentrate on developing healthy relationships and simply loving people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Bezeleel (Exodus 35:30-36, 8, 37:1-9), Jochebed (Exodus 1:22-2:4), Jethro (Exodus 2,18)</p>

DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONALITY - Continued

<p>D / S</p> <p>“D/S”s are attainers and achievers with an ability to persevere. They are more active than passive, but they possess a kind of calm sensitivity and steadiness that makes them good leaders. They seem to be people oriented but can easily be dominant and decisive when it comes to tasks and project planning. They strive to accomplish goals with fierce determination that comes from strong internal drive, but they could benefit from contemplative and conservative thinking as well as spending more time focusing on relationships.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Daniel (Daniel 1-6), Job (Job 1:5, James 5:11), Martha (Luke 10:38-42)</p>	<p>D / C</p> <p>“D/C”s are challengers and can either be determined students or defiant critics. Being in charge is important to them, yet they care little about what others think as long as they get the job done. They have a great deal of foresight and examine every avenue to find the best solution; they prefer to work alone. Though they fear failure and the lack of influence, they are motivated by challenges and can often be excellent administrators. They can benefit from learning to relax and paying more attention to people.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Malachi (Malachi 4), Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13), Nahum (Nahum 1-3)</p>
<p>I / S</p> <p>“I/S”s are influential counselors who love people, and it’s no surprise that people love them. They live to please and serve, and they tend to be good listeners. Looking good and encouraging others is important to them, as is following through and being obedient. They often lack in the area of organization and can be more concerned with the people involved than they are with the task at hand. However, they can be center stage or behind the scenes with equal effectiveness, and they shine when it comes to influencing and helping others.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2-3), Nicodemus (John 3, 7, 19)</p>	<p>I / C</p> <p>“I/C”s are inspiring yet cautious assessors who are excellent communicators through the combination of concerned awareness and appreciation of people. They excel in determining ways to improve production. They tend to be impatient and critical, and they can also be overly persuasive and too consumed by the desire to win. “I/C”s like to work inside the box, and they could benefit from trying new things and caring less about what others think. This personality type often possesses a gift for teaching; they are generally dependable when it comes to paying attention to details and getting the job done.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Miriam (Exodus 15-21), Ezra (Ezra 7-8), Shunammite Woman (2 Kings 4:8-37)</p>
<p>S / I</p> <p>“S/I”s are inspirational counselors who exhibit warmth and sensitivity. Tolerant and forgiving, they have many friends because they accept and represent others well. Their social nature and desire to be likable and flexible makes them inclined to be overly tolerant and non-confrontational. “S/I”s will benefit from being more task-oriented and paying more attention to detail. Kind and considerate, they include others and inspire them to follow. Words of affirmation go a long way with this personality type, and with the right motivation, they can be excellent team players.</p> <p>-Biblical Examples: Mary Magdalene (Luke 7:36-47), Barnabas (Acts 4, 9, 11-15), Elisha (1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2-13)</p>	<p>S / C</p> <p>“S/C”s are diplomatic and steady, as well as detail-oriented. Stable and contemplative, they like to weigh the evidence and discover the facts to come to a logical conclusion. More deliberate, they prefer to take their time, especially when the decision involves others. Possible weaknesses include being highly sensitive and unable to handle criticism, and they also need to be aware of the way they treat others. Operating best in precise and cause-worthy projects, the “S/C” can be a peacemaker; this makes them a loyal team member and friend.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Moses (Exodus 3, 4, 20, 32), John (John 19:26-27), Eliezer (Genesis 24)</p>
<p>C / I</p> <p>“C/I”s pay attention to the details. They tend to impress others by doing things right and stabilizing situations. Not considered aggressive or pushy, they enjoy both large and small crowds. Though they work well with people, they are sometimes too sensitive to what others think about them and their work. They could benefit from being more assertive and self motivated. Often excellent judges of character, they easily trust those who meet their standards. They are moved by genuine and enthusiastic approval as well as concise and logical explanations.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Miriam (Exodus 15-21, Numbers 12:1-15), Ezra (Ezra 7, 8)</p>	<p>C / S</p> <p>“C/S”s are systematic and stable. They tend to do one thing at a time—and do it right. Reserved and cautious, they would rather work behind the scenes to stay on track; however, they seldom take risks or try new things and naturally dislike sudden changes in their environments. Precisionists to the letter, they painstakingly require accuracy and fear criticism, which they equate to failure. Diligent workers, their motivation comes from serving others.</p> <p>Biblical Examples: Esther (Esther 4), Zechariah (Luke 1), Joseph (Matthew 1:1-23)</p>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GROWTH

If you are a “D” – Dominant, Direct, Task oriented, Decisive, Organized, Outgoing, Outspoken

- A. Strive to listen to other people more attentively.
- B. Try to be less controlling and domineering.
- C. Develop a greater appreciation for the opinions, feelings and desires of others.
- D. Put more energy into personal relationships.
- E. Show your support for the other team members.

If you are an “I” – Influential, Interested in people, Witty, Easygoing, Outgoing, People oriented

- A. Weigh the pros and cons before making a decision; be less impulsive.
- B. Remember to help with tasks more.
- C. Exercise control over your actions, words and emotions.
- D. Focus more on details and facts.
- E. Remember to slow down your pace for other people.
- F. Talk less; listen more.

If you are an “S” – Steady, Stability, Analytical, People oriented, Introverted

- A. Consider how change is healthy. Try to change more willingly.
- B. Be more direct in your interactions.
- C. Focus on overall goals of your family or group rather than specific procedures.
- D. Deal with confrontation constructively.
- E. Develop more flexibility.
- F. Try to show more initiative.

If you are a “C” – Compliant, Competent, Task oriented, Goal oriented, Introverted

- A. Concentrate on doing the right things – not just doing things right.
- B. Be less critical of others’ ideas and methods.
- C. Respond more quickly to accomplish others goals.
- D. Strive to build relationships with other people and family members.
- E. Be more decisive.
- F. Focus less on facts and more on people.

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*"Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant."
1 Corinthians 12:1 NIV*

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE NOT

1. _____

We all have natural abilities that we've learned from those around us regardless of Christian faith. Many times our natural abilities and strengths are redeemed by the Lord to become spiritual gifts.

2. _____

We are all called to have character and our gifts should produce the nature of Jesus Christ in each person. A person should not say he has the "gift of peace" when we are all encouraged to develop that characteristic. Spiritual gifts offer opportunities for us to exemplify Christ.

3. _____

Spiritual gifts often lead to titles or positions but a person may have the gift without the role or the role without the gift. Regardless we should serve whenever we are given the opportunity. Working in the area of your gifting will allow you to "be" the person that God has called you to be rather than just "doing" good things.

4. _____

Spiritual gifts are endowments given by God to His people for accomplishing His purpose on the earth. Spiritual gifts are given for the glory of God.

*"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts... try to excel in gifts that build up the church." 1
Corinthians 14:1 NIV*

HOW DO I RECEIVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

- A. Accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.
- B. Acquire faith and truth in the area of spiritual gifts.
- C. Apply yourself to learning about spiritual gifts.
- D. Ask for the Lord to give you spiritual gifts.

*"Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour."
Matthew 8:13 NIV*

SPIRITUAL GIFTS QUESTIONS

1. I like organizing services and events.
2. I enjoy starting new churches.
3. I enjoy working with my hands.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray for the lost daily.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. Believing God for our daily needs is important to me.
8. Influencing others for the kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing the little things that others do not.
11. I enjoy having people come to my house.
12. I enjoy spending hours in prayer for other people.
13. Education is very important to me.
14. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
15. My heart hurts when I see others hurting.
16. I believe God will use me to enact His miracles.
17. I enjoy sharing the gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
18. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and or instrument.
19. Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes.
20. The willful sin of others really aggravates me.
21. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
22. I enjoy creating outlines of the Bible.
23. God has used me to interpret a heavenly language.
24. I enjoy the book of Proverbs more than any other book in the Bible.
25. I am passionate about managing details.
26. I prefer to pioneer new ministry projects.
27. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
28. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
29. I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved.
30. I try to come across loving and caring.
31. Asking God for a list of big things is exciting to me.
32. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
33. I believe miraculous healing is for this day and age.
34. Helping others is one of my highest achievements.
35. Creating a warm and welcoming home is important to me.
36. I am burdened to pray for situations in the world.
37. People seek me out to learn more about the Kingdom of God.
38. I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary.
39. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
40. Miracles often happen when I'm nearby.
41. Living in another country to benefit the gospel is exciting to me.
42. I desire to serve the church through worship.
43. I enjoy connecting, caring, and coaching others.
44. Confronting someone with sin in their life is not hard.
45. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
46. I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth.
47. I pray in tongues daily.
48. When I study scripture God gives me unique insights.
49. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
50. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
51. Building something with my hands is very rewarding to me.
52. I can pinpoint issues or problems before others.
53. I enjoy sharing the gospel with a total stranger.
54. I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people.
55. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
56. Making more money means I can give more.
57. God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick.
58. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
59. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
60. People often describe me as a prayer warrior.
61. I enjoy knowing biblical details and helping others to understand.
62. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
63. I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate.
64. I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power.
65. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
66. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
67. I enjoy walking with someone in times of distress.
68. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of the truth.
69. I like to do small things that others pass over.
70. I prefer to teach the Bible topically rather than verse by verse.
71. Praying in the Spirit is encouraging and important to me.
72. When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions and choices.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS RATINGS

			Total	Gifts
1.	25.	49.		A.
2.	26.	50.		B.
3.	27.	51.		C.
4.	28.	52.		D.
5.	29.	53.		E.
6.	30.	54.		F.
7.	31.	55.		G.
8.	32.	56.		H.
9.	33.	57.		I.
10.	34.	58.		J.
11.	35.	59.		K.
12.	36.	60.		L.
13.	37.	61.		M.
14.	38.	62.		N.
15.	39.	63.		O.
16.	40.	64.		P.
17.	41.	65.		Q.
18.	42.	66.		R.
19.	43.	67.		S.
20.	44.	68.		T.
21.	45.	69.		U.
22.	46.	70.		V.
23.	47.	71.		W.
24.	48.	72.		X.

GIFT DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

The following contains definitions of the Spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts as expressed in the Gifts Questionnaire.

A. ADMINISTRATION

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30, Acts 6:1-7, I Cor. 12:28

B. APOSTLESHIP

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. Acts 15:22-35, I Cor. 12:28, II Cor. 12:12, Gal 2:7-10, Ephesians 4:11-14

C. CRAFTSMANSHIP

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications. Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11, II Chronicles 34:9-13, Acts 18:2-3

D. DISCERNMENT

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations. Matt. 16:21-23, Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18, I Cor. 12:10, I John 4:1-6

E. EVANGELISM

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born again Christian. Acts 8:5-6, Acts 8:26-40, Acts 14:21, Acts 21:8, Ephesians 4:11-14

F. EXHORTATION

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22, Romans 12:8, I Tim. 4:13, Heb 10:24-25

G. FAITH

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Acts 11:22-24, Rom 4:18-21, I Cor. 12:9, Hebrews 11

H. GIVING

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44, Romans 12:8, II Cor. 8:1-7, 9:2-7

I. HEALING

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, & by the laying on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses. Acts 3:1-10, Acts 9:32-35, Acts 28:7-10, I Cor. 12:9, 28

J. HELPS

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. Mark 15:40-41, Acts 9:36, Romans 16:1-2, I Cor 12:28

K. HOSPITALITY

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church. Acts 16:14-15, Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23, Heb 13:1-2, I Peter 4:9

L. INTERCESSION

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace believing for profound results. Heb 7:25, Col 1:9-12, Col 4:12-13, Jas 5:14-16

M. KNOWLEDGE

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring clarity and to understand situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God. Acts 5:1-11, I Cor. 12:8, Col 2:2-3

N. LEADERSHIP

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea. Romans 12:8, I Tim. 3:1-13, I Tim. 5:17, Hebrews 13:17

O. MERCY

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matt 9:35-36, Mark 9:41, Romans 12:8, I Thess. 5:14

P. MIRACLES

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12, Rom 15:18-19, I Cor. 12:10, 28

Q. MISSIONARY

The gift of missions is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality; while in most cases living in that culture or nation. Acts 8:4, Acts 13:2-3, Acts 22:21, Romans 10:15

R. MUSIC / WORSHIP

The gift of music / worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God. Deut. 31:22, I Sam. 16:16, I Chronicles 16:41-42, II Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12, Psalm 150

S. PASTOR / SHEPHERD

The gift of pastor / shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues. John 10:1-18, Eph 4:11-14, I Tim 3:1-7, I Peter 5:1-3

T. PROPHECY

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan. Acts 2:37-40, Acts 7:51-53, Acts 26:24-29, I Cor. 14:1-4, I Thess. 1:5

U. SERVICE

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ. Acts 6:1-7, Romans 12:7, Galatians 6:10, II Tim. 1:16-18, Titus 3:14

V. TEACHING

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians. Acts 18:24-28, Acts 20:20-21, I Cor. 12:28, Eph 4:11-14

W. TONGUES (and Interpretation)

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately. Acts 2:1-13, I Cor. 12:10, 14:1-14

X. WISDOM

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing the fruitful outcome and character of Jesus Christ. Acts 6:3,10, I Cor. 2:6-13, I Cor. 12:8

PASSION ASSESSMENT

NARROW YOUR PASSIONS DOWN BY ASKING YOURSELF SEVEN QUESTIONS:

1. The People Question: Who am I most interested in?

2. The Action Question: What do I like to do the most?

3. The Strengths Question: When I am doing _____ I feel the strongest.

4. The Serving Question: How can I help someone solely for their benefit?

5. The Interest Question: What God-honoring things interest me the most?

6. The Opportunity Question: What opportunities do I have before me?

7. The Nostalgia Question: When in my life did you feel the most fulfilled?



What is my personality type and leadership style?

_____ (D, I, S, C) _____ (People or Task Oriented)

What are two primary spiritual gifts or natural abilities I have?

1. _____

2. _____

What two areas am I experienced in and / or most passionate about?

1. _____

2. _____

Based upon the answers above, what is one step I can take to start finding fulfillment in these three areas?

A. My Family _____

B. My Faith / Church _____

C. My Field of Opportunity / Job _____

THE NEXT STEP:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..."
Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

1. _____ **your feelings.**

- A. Your gift may tie in directly with your temperament and personality. The same God who gives spiritual gifts also made up our total being.
- B. Know your potential strengths and weaknesses.

2. _____ **the opportunities.**

- A. Look for needs.
- B. Based upon your gifting find out where you can be useful.
- C. Do it.

3. _____ **and grow in your gifts.**

- A. Study the Bible.
- B. Research other material on spiritual gifts.
- C. Get to know people who are using their spiritual gift.
- D. Share openly with others the gifts that you have, think you have, or would like to have.

4. _____ **your results.**

- A. Your spiritual gift should work.
- B. Gifted people get results. If you have the gift of healing, sick people will get well.

5. _____ **on feedback from the Church family.**

- A. If you think you have a spiritual gift and you try to exercise it, but no one else in your church thinks you have it, you probably do not.
- B. It needs to be confirmed. Feelings are important, but they are far from infallible.
- C. When members of the Body confirm one another's gifts, more can be accomplished because everyone begins to see where they fit and how their gifts work together.

6. _____ **a small group or join a team.**

- A. Join the Dream Team.
- B. Start a Small Group.

7. _____ **the process today.**

- A. Where do I go from here? Read the Dream Team 401 section of the Growth Track book.
- B. Attend Dream Team 401.



**401 – JOINING
THE SUMMIT
DREAM TEAM**

JOINING THE SUMMIT CHURCH DREAM TEAM

OUR VISION

“We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Colossians 1:28-29

SUMMIT GROWTH TRACK

Upon completing the Summit Growth Track our hope is that it has been a catalyst to help you find...

1. A Church Family to Partner With

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

2. A Friend to Live a Life of Faith With

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:1-4

3. A Spiritual Foundation to Grow With

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14

4. A Fulfilling Place on the Summit Team to “Make a Difference” With

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:8-9, 13

JOINING SUMMIT CHURCH DREAM TEAM

1. Receive training in the ministry area of your choice
2. Fill out the Dream Team Leadership Application
3. Meet with a ministry leader to finalize your place on the team

DREAM TEAM OPPORTUNITIES:

Small Group Leadership - This team is the heart of Summit Church, because we believe that real life change happens in the context of relationships. Small groups are the greatest opportunity for you to connect with others, fulfill your passion and live out a life of ministry.

Prayer Force team - This is an organized team of trained intercessors who cover every area of Summit Church with prayer from ministries, services, events, pastors and staff they have an emphasis on attracting the Lord's presence through worship.

Preschool - Join this team in leading children into a dynamic relationship with Jesus. Each week, children experience Bible Story time, music, crafts, and other hands-on activities during church services. The goal is provide a fun and safe, God-centered environment where children can play and learn.

Bulletin Prep Team - This team of friends is having fun putting together the Bulletins so others can take notes, keep up with current events in the Church and worship God with their giving.

Summit Kids - This team helps create a place where each and every week children are boldly exposed to the love of Jesus. Invest in the lives of children by serving in a ministry that is both energetic and effective through small groups, worship, videos and skits.

Greeters - This team loves on people and enjoys making them feel welcome. They serve by opening doors and handing out bulletins in order to welcome guests into an experience with the Lord.

Student Ministries - VOLTAGE is a one generational meeting that combines Middle School and High School students together into a powerful and unique worship experience. We strongly believe that this generation of students can do more, see more, and be more, than any other before it. From engaging services, to age appropriate small groups, retreats and missions trips, it's our goal to connect you with a ministry that will change your life. It's time to join the movement. Its time to get powered up with VOLTAGE. Voltage JV (Our Middle School discussion group meets Sunday Mornings during service after worship).

Parking Team – (In development) This team is a fun and rewarding ministry opportunity for friendly people who enjoy being outdoors, look good in uniform, and enjoy telling people where to go.

Internship Home Sponsors – (In development) This team provides a “home away from home” to students / church planting trainees participating in our internship program. The families provide support, encouragement and comfort to the student placed in their home.

Ushers - This team prepares people for a positive worship experience by welcoming guests and members, assisting with seating, communion and the offering.

Summit Worship - This team leads the church into worship, either vocally or instrumentally. Use your musical abilities and talents to lead people into a dynamic worship experience with God.

Events - This team plans and implements special events at Summit Church, from setting up at our monthly events to serving during outreaches throughout the year.

Service Production - This team runs sound, lights and video production for all services. You can serve by filming any of the week's services or special events, assisting with video set up or assisting with lights and sounds.

Hospitality / Coffee Ministry - This energetic team serves coffee while greeting and welcoming guests and members to Summit Church. We are the official “hosts and hostesses” of Summit Church. There are opportunities to serve through food preparation, running coffee ministry and table setting.

Summit Resources / Info Center - This team assists guests and members as they place orders for messages on CD, stocking our bookstore and resource library. This team also assists guests and members with questions while also providing information on service times, small groups and events at Summit Church.

SERVOLUTION and missions/outreach - This team is involved in countless ministries across the Douglas County / Denver Metro area with a focus on bringing God's love to our community.

Computer Check-In - This unique team focuses on checking children and new families into Summit Kids and Summit Preschool/Nursery. This team is the first impression many families have of Summit Church, so come ready to make them feel welcome.

First responders medical team – (In development) This team of health care providers helps to triage and administer basic care in an event of an accident or urgent situation during services.

LEADERSHIP HONOR CODE

As an essential part of the Summit Church Leadership family, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to work in a Servant/Leader position here at Summit Church.

While serving the Body of Christ as a leader at Summit Church, you pledge to present a good appearance at all times. In both attire and behavior, you should strive to demonstrate Biblical standards in all situations.

As Christians, the way we present ourselves to others is of vital importance to the way others perceive Christ. Our conduct should never be an embarrassment to Christ, but should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and Servant/Leader.

Exemplifying the highest moral commitment, Summit Church leaders are to maintain a disciplined life of Bible reading, prayer and fasting. You must also refrain from such things as:

1. profanity
2. smoking or chewing tobacco
3. gambling
4. indulging in much wine or other alcoholic beverages
5. dishonest gain
6. illegal drugs
7. pornography
8. sexual immorality, and
9. all behaviors which might cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble.

By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become Servants/Leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in the Summit Church family. We should regard it as an essential part of our development, not as an imposition or restriction.

APPENDIX 1:

SUMMIT CHURCH STATEMENT OF FAITH

HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal (I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11).

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory. (John 1:1,14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5- 6; I Timothy 2:5).

VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God (Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 23-25; Luke 1:27-35).

REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

REGENERATION

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (John 6:44, 65).

SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22).

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation (Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9).

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11).

JESUS' BLOOD

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death (I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29).

JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead (John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelations 3:20).

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth (Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6).

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of biblical parameters. (Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; II Timothy 1:5-16, 4:14; I Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10).

THE CHURCH

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' great commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23).

TWO SACRAMENTS:

Water Baptism: Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38).

The Lord's Supper: A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

HEALING OF THE SICK

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; I Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29).

GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others. Spiritual (John 3:3-11; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10). Mental and Emotional (II Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3). Physical (Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24). Financial (Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19).

RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21).

HEAVEN

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4).

HELL

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8).

SECOND COMING

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7).

APPENDIX: 2

QUESTIONS ABOUT TITHING

1. What is tithing? “Tithe” means “a tenth part.”

2. What is the difference between a Tithe and an Offering?

A “tithe” is giving the first tenth of my income.

An “offering” is anything I give in addition to my tithe.

3. Why should I tithe?

Because God commands it.

“A tenth of all you produce is the Lord’s.”

Leviticus 27:30

Because Jesus commended it.

“Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn’t leave the more important things undone either.”

Matthew 23:23

4. Tithing demonstrates that God has first place in my life.

“The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God in first place in your life.”

Deuteronomy 14:23 LB

5. Tithing reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God!

“Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”

Deuteronomy 8:18

6. Tithing expresses my love to the Lord.

“Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.”

Deuteronomy 16:17

7. God says that refusing to tithe is stealing from Him!

“God says ‘Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!’ But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ God says ‘In tithes and offerings ... Bring your whole tithe to My house.’” Malachi 3:8-10

8. Tithing gives God a chance to prove He exists and wants to bless you!

“Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse. Test me in this” says the Lord, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won’t have room enough for it! Malachi 3:10

9. What should I tithe? The first part of what I earn.

“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income.” Proverbs 3:9-10

10. Where should I give my Tithe? Where I worship. *“Bring your whole tithe to My Storehouse (Temple).” Malachi 3:10*

11. When should I Tithe? Weekly. *“On the first day of every week, set aside some of what you have earned and give it as an offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.” 1 Corinthians 16:2 LB*

APPENDIX: 3

HOW TO START AND MAINTAIN GOOD HABITS

Step One: Desire

You must start with a strong desire. You must be internally motivated. External motivations don't last. If you start only half-heartedly, you will never make it to the success point.

Step Two: Decide

Begin right now! Don't wait. Don't procrastinate. You don't slide into a new habit. "One of these days" never arrives. You must have a starting point. It's easier to break a bad habit today than it will be tomorrow!

Step Three: Declaration

Announce your intentions publicly. Make a covenant or resolution. The power of a vow is awesome. It is particularly powerful if you put your commitment in writing.

Step Four: Determination

Never allow an exception until the new habit is securely rooted in your life. Each lapse will be fatal. A single slip unwinds many turns at first. Continuity and success at the start is essential. Never be swayed by "just this once". The act of yielding weakens the will and reinforces your lack of self-control. It takes 3 weeks to become comfortable with a new habit and it takes another 3 to 4 weeks (doing it daily) for it to become a part of your life.

Step Five: Just Do It!

Whenever you feel the slightest urge or prompting to practice this new habit - DO IT THEN! Don't wait. Seize every opportunity to reinforce your habit. Those feelings will not last, so whenever you feel inclined to perform your new habit, do so!

Step Six: Double Up

Get a partner who will support you and encourage you. Find someone who is willing to hold you accountable and check up on you especially in the early days before the habit is firmly rooted in your life.

Step Seven: Depend on God

Rely on God's power to help you establish the habit. Remember, Satan does not want you to develop habits that help you grow spiritually and make you like Christ so he will do all he can to tempt you, cause you to slip, or discourage you. Pray!

APPENDIX: 4

WARFARE PRAYERS

1. Is Your Yoke Broke?

2 Cor 6:14-7:1, 10:3-5, Rom 12:1,2

"Heavenly Father, I bow in worship and praise before you. I cover myself with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ as my protection. I surrender myself completely and unreservedly in every area of my life to you. I take a stand against all the workings of Satan that would hinder me in my prayer life. I address myself only to the true and living God and refuse any involvement of Satan in my prayer. Satan, I command you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave my presence with all your demons. I bring the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ between us. I resist all the endeavors of Satan and his wicked spirits to rob me of the will of God. I choose to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I pull down every thought that exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ and loose into myself a sound mind, the mind of Christ."

2. General Confession and Prayer

Rom 10:10, James 5:16, I John 1:7-9, 3:8

"Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are the Son of God. That you are the Messiah come in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil. You died on the cross for my sins and rose again the third day from the dead. I now confess all my sins and repent. I ask you to forgive me and CLEANSE me now from all sin. Thank you for redeeming me, cleansing me, justifying me and sanctifying me in your blood."

3. Forgiveness Prayer

Matt 6:14, 15, Lev 19:18

"Lord, I have a confession to make. I have not loved, but have resented certain people and have unforgiveness in my heart. I call upon you, Lord, to help me forgive them. I do now forgive (name them, both living and dead). I ask you to forgive them also, Lord. I do now forgive and accept MY- SELF in the name of Jesus Christ."

4. Occult Confession Prayer

Deut 18:10-13, Gal 5:20

"Lord, I now confess seeking from Satan the help that should come from God. I now confess as sin (name all occult sins) and also those sins I cannot remember. Lord, I now repent and renounce those sins, and ask you to forgive me. I rebuke Satan. I count all things of Satan as my enemies. In the name of Jesus Christ, I now close the door on all occult practices, and I command all such spirits to leave me in the name of Jesus Christ."

(Here is a very brief list of occult practices, channeling, astral projection, crystals, precognition or fortune telling, telepathy, clairvoyance, telekinesis, ouija board, tarot cards, good luck charms, seances, involvement with Edgar Cayce, Jean Dixon, Shirley McLain, communication with the dead or any spirit of a human being, dead or alive (this is really communication with demons impersonating people) mind control, witchcraft, fourleaf clover, rabbit foot, wishbone, E.S.P., transcendental meditation, hypnosis, mind altering drugs, yoga, incense, dungeons and

dragons, pendulum, palm reading, automatic handwriting, horoscopes, signs of zodiac, voodoo, magic, levitation, water witching, tealeaf reading, secret organizations like Freemasons, the worship of or praying to any other than the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

5. Pride

Prov 11:2, 16:18. 26:12, I Tim 3:6

“Father, I come to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I know pride is an abomination to you. I renounce anything that would cause me to have pride in my heart in dealing with other people. I renounce these and turn away from them. I humble myself before you and come to you as a little child.” (Study Prov 6:16-19. Also, remember that fasting is a means by which a person humbles himself before the Lord).

6. Unbelief and Doubt

John 16:8,9, Romans 11:20, 21, Heb 3:7-19

“Father, I renounce unbelief and doubt as sin, and ask you to forgive me from these. I ask you, Father, to replace them with great confidence in your Word and great faith and trust in you.”

7. Negative Spiritual and Emotional Ties

I Sam 18:1, I Cor 6:15, 16

“Father, I break and renounce evil spiritual and emotional ties that I have had or may have and with (lodges, adulterers, close friends, husbands, wives, engagements, cults, and binding agreements between buddies). I renounce these evil ties. I break them, and wash them away with the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

8. Generational Bondage Prayer

Ex 20:4-6, 34:7, Num 14:18

“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I now renounce, break and loose myself from all psychic powers, bondages, or bonds of physical or mental illness upon me, my family or family line as the result of parents or any other ancestors. I thank you, Lord, for setting me free.”

9. Loosing of Curses, Spells, Etc. Prayer

Num 14:18, James 3:9

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I now rebuke, break and loose myself and my children from any and all evil curses, charms, vexes, hexes, spells, jinxes, psychic powers, bewitchment, witchcraft, and sorcery that have been put upon me or my family line from any persons or from any occult or psychic sources, and I cancel all connected and related spirits and command them to leave me. I break the power of any negative word that has ever been spoken against me or anyone in my family. I thank you, Lord, for setting me free.”

10. Loosing from Domination Prayer

Deut 23:2, 18:10-12, Gal 5:20

“In the name of Jesus Christ I now renounce, break and loose myself from all demonic subjection to my parents, grandparents, or any other human beings, living or dead, who have dominated me in any way. I thank you, Lord, for setting me free.”

11. Come to Jesus Delivery Prayer

Matt 18:18, Isa 11:2, I Cor 4:4, 6:19, 20, I John 4:1

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command Satan and all his demons to loose my mind. I ask you Father to send angels to cut and sever all fetters, bands, ties, and bonds, whether they be by word or deed. I now ask the Lord, to loose the Spirits of the Lord, listed in Isaiah 11:2, (the Spirit of the Lord, the Fear of the Lord, Counsel, Might, Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding) into me and my family. I come to you, Jesus, as my deliverer. You know all my needs (name them). I now loose myself from every dark spirit, from every evil influence, from every satanic bondage, from every spirit in me that is not the spirit of God, and I command all such spirits to leave me now in the name of Jesus Christ. I confess that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, because of the blood of Jesus."

12. Restoring the Soul Prayer

Ps 23:3, Heb 4:12

"Father, I thank you that as I am being set free by your power and learning to stand firm against the power of the devil, that my soul is being restored and returned to its proper place within me. I rebuke the devil for trying to destroy my life, and I command all spirits that have attacked my soul to loose it and let it go. I set my mind, will and emotions one hundred percent toward the service of the Lord Jesus Christ."

13. Blood of Jesus Prayer

"Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanses me continually from all sin. Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made holy, set apart unto God. My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit. I am redeemed, cleansed, sanctified, totally set free from the bondage of the devil by the blood of Jesus. Therefore, Satan has no part in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus. I renounce Satan. I loose myself from him and command him to leave me, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!"

APPENDIX: 5

THE LORD'S PRAYER

I. OUR FATHER WHICH ARE IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

1. Picture Calvary and thank God you can call Him Father by virtue of the blood of Jesus.
2. Hallow the name of God, corresponding with the five benefits in the new covenant, and make your faith declarations:

<u>Benefit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Sin	Jehovah Tsidkenu	Righteousness
	Jehovah M'Kaddesh	Who sanctifies
Sickness	Jehovah Rapha	Our Healer
Security	Jehovah Nissi	Banner of victory
	Jehovah Raah	My shepherd
Spirit	Jehovah Shalom	My peace
	Jehovah Shammah	Who is there
Success	Jehovah Jireh	Our provider

II. THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE (Binding and Loosing)

1. Nation, State, County and City
2. Church
 - A. Pastors
 - B. Group Leaders
 - C. All believers in Summit Church
 - D. Lost people in Summit Church
3. Your Family
4. Yourself

III. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

1. Your requests to God
2. Asking God to prosper you

IV. FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

1. Ask God to forgive you
2. Forgive and release others
3. Set your will to forgive those who sin against you

V. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

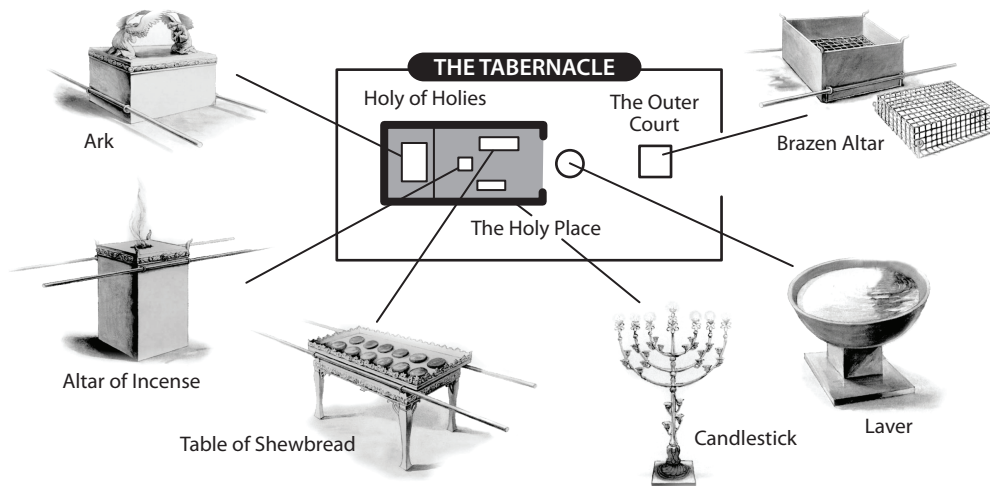
1. Put on the whole armor of God
 - A. Helmet of Salvation
 - B. Breastplate of Righteousness
 - C. Loins Gird about with Truth
 - D. Feet shod with of the Gospel of Peace
 - E. Shield of Faith
 - F. Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God
2. Pray a hedge of protection around you

VI. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY

1. Make your faith declarations
2. Return to praise and worship

TABERNACLE PRAYER

"If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14



The Outer Court

The Brazen Altar - The Cross

It Provided:

1. Salvation
2. Healing
3. Redemption from the curse
4. A new nature
5. Provision

Table of Shewbread - The Word

1. Asking for fresh revelation of the Word

Altar of Incense - Worship

1. Worship the Names of God

The Laver - Washing - Cleansing/preparing

1. Repentance from any known sin
2. Offering our body
3. Offering our mind
4. The fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23

Holy of Holies

Mercy Seat (Ark) - Intercession

Pray for:

1. Those in authority - spiritual, civil, family, workplace
2. My Family
3. My Church - pastor, small group, members, and vision/mission
4. My City, Nation, and World
5. My Needs

The Holy Place

The Candlestick - The Holy Spirit

1. Isaiah 11:2 - The Seven Spirits of the Lord
 - a. Spirit of the Lord
 - b. Wisdom
 - c. Understanding
 - d. Counsel
 - e. Might
 - f. Knowledge
 - g. Fear of the Lord
2. The Gifts of the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

APPENDIX: 7

STEPS FOR DISCOVERY 301

How to take the simpleDISCoverly Personality Assessment:

Step 1: Answer each question in boxes 1-4 honestly by circling the number that best describes you. Allow yourself 2 1/2 minutes to complete this step.

Step 2: Add the total of circled numbers in box 1 and write the number on the total line. Do the same in box 2, 3, & 4.

Step 3: Identify the box with the highest totaled number and the second highest totaled number which will specify your dominant personality traits. Box 1= the “D” personality. Box 2= the “I” personality. Box 3= the “S” personality. Box 4= the “C” personality. Write your dominant personality traits sequence in the top right hand corner (DI, ID, SC, CD and so on).

Step 4: Read the description of your dominant personality trait (D, I, S, C) and the description of your two highest personality traits together (DI, ID, SC, CD and so on).

How to take the simpleGIFTS assessment:

Step 1:

Answer the Spiritual gifts questions honestly with the corresponding number 1 almost never – 2 seldom – 3 sometimes – 4 frequently – 5 almost always. Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions.

Step 2:

Add each line left to right and place the totaled number in the total column.

Step 3:

Identify your highest totaled number with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents.

Step 4: Read about your gifts.

APPENDIX: 8

ANSWER KEY

CHURCH 101

Pg 4: Spiritual Family, Member, Orphan, Christ, Family
Pg 6: Evangelism, Pastoral Care, Discipleship, Ministry
Pg 7: Celebration, Inspiration, Preparation, Salvation,
Pg 8: Responsibility, Relationship, Story, Invitation, Pray, Go,
Pg 9: Give, Small Groups, Connect, Protect, Grow,
Pg 10: Growth Track, Church 101, Essentials 201, Discovery 301
Pg 11: Dream team 401, Dream Team, Minister, Important, Some Area
Pg 14: Bible, Jesus Christ
Pg 15: Born Again, Spirit-Filled, Spirit-Led
Pg 28: Elders, Trustees,
Pg 19: Overseers
Pg 22: Commitment, Consumer, Contributor

ESSENTIALS 201

Pg 28: Being like Christ,
Pg 29: Disciples, Disciplined, The more God can use me, Cross Bearing, Daily, Whatever it Takes, Habits
Pg 30: Gravitate, Accept
Pg 31: Assimilate, Hearing, Reading, Studying, Memorizing, Meditating, Focused Thinking, Receiving
Pg 32: Apply
Pg 33: Give, Get, Gain, Grow, Time, Place
Pg 34: Plan, Love, Will, Provide, Forgive, Other,
Pg 35: Spiritual, Small Group, Bible Study,
Pg 36: Fellowship, Communion, Prayer, Support, Praise, Outreach
Pg 38: Person, Trinity, Comfort, Conviction
Pg 39: Guidance, Power, Character, Spiritual Gifts
Pg 40: Dreams, Vision, Prophecy, Remove, Request.
Pg 41: Release, Time, Talents, Treasure, God, Closer, Materialism
Pg 42: Faith, Eternity, Blesses, Happy, Willingly, Cheerfully,
Pg 43: Sacrificially, Expectantly, Weekend Services, Small Groups, Growth Track, Dream Team

DISCOVERY 301

Pg 46: 3%, 11%, 69%, 17%, Family, Training, Mentors, Experiences, Public, Private, Un-Perceived, Potential

Pg 51: Natural Aptitudes Strengths or Abilities, Character Traits, Titles and Positions, For Show

Pg 60: Investigate, Identify, Invest, Inspect, Insist, Invent, Initiate

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