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# SESSION 1 - OUR FAMILY

## What is the Gospel?

Simply put it is Jesus in my place (2 Corinthians 5:21)

**GOSPEL** – from Lifein6words.com

**G** – God created us to be with Him (Gen. 1:26-28)

**O** – Our sins separate us from God (Isa. 59:2, Rom. 3:23; 6:23)

**S** – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds (Eph. 2:8-9)

**P** – Paying the price of sin, Jesus died and rose again (Rom. 5:8)

**E** – Everyone who trusts in Him alone will have eternal life  
(Rom. 10:9)

**L** – Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever

## Who is Citylight Church?

### **Vision and Mission**

Our passion is to shine the light of Christ in dark and hard places to bring real hope and help to all people.

Our vision is to bring light to the world by planting “community center” churches that are well equipped to be a blessing to local communities both spiritually and physically.

We aim to pursue a holistic ministry (Luke 4:16-21; Isa. 61:1-4) that intends for Sundays to be a launching pad, not a landing place.

# SESSION 1 - OUR FAMILY

## CORE VALUES

### **WE ARE ALL ABOUT JESUS**

*One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)*

The greatest thing in life is knowing Jesus. If we could ask for one thing, it would be to draw closer to Jesus. We fully believe and live by the truth that “in your presence is fullness of joy and at your right hand are pleasures forevermore” (Psalm 16:11). This takes priority over everything else we can be and do. We are a people who earnestly seek Him, who love to dwell in His presence and gaze upon His beauty. In the midst of a hurried and busy culture we will prize taking time to sit at the feet of Jesus (Luke 10:38-42). This is the highest priority in our public gatherings and in our personal lives. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). He is the only Savior (Acts 4:12). He lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and rose again from the dead so that all who believe in Him can have eternal life (1 Corinthians 15:1-3). He is everything to us and we long to know Him more and more.

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### **WE ARE DEPENDENT ON PRAYER**

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

(Colossians 4:2)

Being devoted to prayer is evidence that Jesus is our one thing. It is a primary means by which we speak to and hear from Him. Through His death and resurrection, He has given us access to God, so we boldly and eagerly approach the throne (Hebrews 4:14-16). Prayer is the engine of ministry. It is the means by which anything is accomplished in the mission of God. Prayer was one of the four primary disciplines for the early church (Acts 2:42). Paul teaches us to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:18) and “at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication” (Ephesians 6:18). Jesus prioritized prayer in His life on earth by going away often and for extended time to speak with the Father (Luke 6:12). He taught His disciples to pray persistently and not lose heart (Luke 18:1-8). We never want it to be the case that “we have not because we ask not” (James 4:2). Ministry is a supernatural work and prayer is the way to supernatural power. We believe that prayer has the same power today as we see in the Bible (James 5:17-18) so we pray expecting God to do great things. In a church culture filled with white boards, planning, and strategies to execute, we will be a people who prioritize prayer.

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## CORE VALUES

### **WE ARE OCCUPIED BY THE WORD**

*When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with the word, testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus. (Acts 18:5)*

We want to be found occupied by the Word primarily because we are obsessed with Jesus. The Bible is where we learn about, hear from, and meet with God. We earnestly seek after Jesus by being devoted to His Word. We treasure the Word more than earthly riches (Psalm 119:72). It is our delight (Psalm 119:47) and our meditation day and night (Psalm 1:2). It is the foundation of our public gatherings and private lives. The Word is necessary and not an optional part of our walk with God. Jesus taught us that “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). One of the four main areas of devotion for the early church was the apostles teaching of the Word of God (Acts 2:42). The Word is sufficient for our growth as a follower of Jesus. We believe that “all scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Word of God is a guaranteed method for accomplishing the purposes of God (Isaiah 55:10-11). We love the Word of God and desire to be found “occupied by the Word” wherever we are.

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## CORE VALUES

### **WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT**

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

(Romans 8:14)

The power of the church is the Spirit of God. We see in Acts the themes of Word and Spirit over and over again. Being occupied by the Word and led by the Spirit are defining marks for the early church and is how they multiplied with great effectiveness. When the people of God proclaim the Word of God empowered by the Spirit of God they will point to the Son of God and glorify God the Father. We do not want to rely on ourselves or do any ministry in the flesh. We are led by and dependent on the Spirit. This means that we want everyone using their spiritual gift. 1 Corinthians 12:7 says “to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” Every believer is endowed with spiritual power to serve the body and the world and we want to equip everyone to make the most of that. This also means that we are open to how the Spirit may want to move in our gatherings, in our service, in our personal lives that is not always according to our plans. We “walk in step with the Spirit” (Galatians 5:26) to pursue holiness and we join the Spirit in His primary work of testifying to Jesus (Acts 1:8). We trust the Spirit to give us assurance and create intimacy in our relationship with God as Father (Romans 8:15-16). We trust Him to guide us into all truth (John 16:13) and so we follow His lead in all things.

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## CORE VALUES

### **WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)*

In Jesus a light has come, and the darkness cannot overcome it (John 1:5). He is the ultimate light of the world (John 8:12). He then calls us as His people to represent Him on earth by being the light of the world. We follow the footsteps of Jesus by taking our light and putting it in dark places. There is no reason to have a light and put it under a basket and no one uses a flashlight outside while the sun is shining. Light is made for darkness. Therefore, we shine our light by taking the hope of Jesus to dark places. We step into and not away from the suffering, the poor, the broken, and the hard hearted. We join Jesus outside the camp (Hebrews 13:13) and follow His calling in ministry to “proclaim good news to the poor...to set at liberty those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18-19). We take the light of Jesus to places and people who will ridicule and reject us. We step into dangerous and hard to reach areas with the Gospel. We shine our light in our workplace, in our families, in our social circles, in our neighborhoods, and everywhere we go regardless of what it may cost us. Our goal is for God to be glorified and this happens as we shine our light through doing good in our local communities and throughout the world. Every follower of Jesus is a light and so we are all called to be the light wherever God leads us.



# SESSION 1 - OUR FAMILY

## CORE VALUES

### **WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

*There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

(Ephesians 4:4-6)

We are all united in Jesus and God has designed us to flourish in community. We need each other (1 Corinthians 12) and therefore are a people “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3). Fellowship was one of the four main areas of devotion for the early church (Acts 2:42). One of the primary emphasis of the New Testament is unity and one of Satan’s primary strategies is to bring about division in the body. If we are too busy fighting one another we will have no energy and time left to fight for souls. Our unity has eternal implications so we will pursue this with all we have. We also know the Gospel is uniquely powerful to create diverse communities of people from different ethnic, cultural or socio-economic backgrounds. The power of the Gospel is to “break down the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:14) between us and God and for that same power to break down the walls we have against one another. The Gospel breaks through cultural and class distinctives to create a people for whom Christ is all (Colossians 3:11). At the end of it all, there will be a people for God “From every tribe and language and people and nation” (Revelation 5:9). Therefore, our work to pursue reconciliation on this earth is a direct overflow of the reconciliation we have with God through Christ. In Christ we are one body who are working together for one mission.

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## CORE VALUES

### **WE ARE SERVANTS FIRST**

*This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. (1 Corinthians 4:1)*

Servant is our only ministry title. It is our position, no matter what we do. Our posture toward one another and the community around us is as their servant. Our ambition is to consider everyone around us more important than us and their needs more significant than ours (Philippians 2:3-4). We follow Jesus “who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6-8). We learn from Jesus that true greatness is servanthood (Mark 10:43-45). In the midst of a culture obsessed with great leadership and being the best, we pursue the way of Jesus.

For more information on our statement of beliefs, visit:  
<https://wearecitylight.org/beliefs/>



## SESSION 2 - YOUR DESIGN

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*The gifts listed are from the four primary passages on spiritual gifts. (1 Cor. 12-14, Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, and Peter 4:7-11)*

We will be sending you an invitation (by email) to take a spiritual gifts assessment.

#### **Love Gifts**

***Administration*** – Also called the “gift of guidance,” this gift is the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry and support those in leadership (“Convergence” by Jon Thompson).

***Helps/Serving*** - The capacity to unselfishly meet the needs of others through very practical service (“Convergence” by Jon Thompson).

***Mercy*** – The special ability to have a genuine compassion for those who are suffering, which results in cheerful deeds to alleviate suffering and reflect Jesus’ love (“Convergence” by Jon Thompson).

***Giving*** – The capacity to give freely, cheerfully, and more regularly to God’s work that comes from a deep sensitivity and conviction to the needs at hand (“Convergence” by Jon Thompson).

## SESSION 2 - YOUR DESIGN

### Word Gifts

**Teaching** -The ability to explain Scripture and apply it to people's lives that leads to the equipping of the church ("Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine" by Wayne Grudem).

**Exhortation** - Also called the gift of encouragement, this gift is the capacity to urge, encourage, and comfort people towards the application of Biblical truth ("Convergence" by Jon Thompson).

**Apostleship** - This is a God-given ability to create new ministries. Those with the gift of apostleship possess an unusual authority, commissioned by God, to lead a church to reach out beyond itself in the mission of the gospel ("Convergence" by Jon Thompson).

**Leadership** - The gift of leadership is the divine element to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God ("Convergence" by Jon Thompson).

**Shepherding** - This gift assumes a long-term responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers by exercising care, modeling maturity, correcting error, and teaching biblical truth ("Convergence" by Jon Thompson).

**Evangelism** - The special ability to communicate the Gospel message in relevant ways to unbelievers ("Convergence" by Jon Thompson).

## SESSION 2 - YOUR DESIGN

### Power Gifts

**Prophecy** – A spontaneous prompting of the Holy Spirit, subjected to the authority of Scripture, who speaks for the upbuilding, encouragement, and consolation of the church (“Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

**Tongues** – Speaking in tongues is prayer or praise spoken in syllables not understood by the speaker (“Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

**Interpretation of Tongues** – The Spirit empowered ability to translate a public utterance of tongues into the language of the congregation (“Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

**Intercession** – The special ability to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers, to a degree much greater than that which is expected of the average Christian (“Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

**Faith** – The gift of faith is that mysterious surge of confidence that rises within a person in a particular situation of need or challenge and which gives an extraordinary certainty and assurance that God is about to act through a word or an action (“The Beginner’s Guide to Spiritual Gifts” by Sam Storms).

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### Power Gifts

***Discernment of Spirits*** – A special ability to recognize the influence of the Holy Spirit or of demonic spirits in a person (“Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

***Healing*** – The gift of healing serves as a sign to authenticate the gospel message, bring comfort and health to those who are ill, equips people for service, and glorifies God as people see physical evidence of His mercy, power, wisdom, and presence (“Systematic Theology: An introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

***Miracles*** – The gift of miracles includes the working of divine power in deliverance from danger, in intervention to meet special needs in the physical world, in judgement on those who unjustly oppose the gospel, in vanquishing demonic forces, and in any other way in which God’s mighty power is evident to help the church and affirm His purposes (“Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine” by Wayne Grudem).

***Word of Knowledge*** – The Spirit-empowered ability to communicate insight into the unfathomable depths of God’s gracious work (“The Beginner’s Guide to Spiritual Gifts” by Sam Storms).

***Word of Wisdom*** – The ability to articulate life-changing insights into God’s mysterious, saving purposes for mankind, both on a global plane as well as in application to individuals (“The Beginner’s Guide to Spiritual Gifts” by Sam Storms).

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### PERSONALITY PROFILE

The Nine Enneagram Type Descriptions

#### ***1 THE PERFECTIONIST***

Ethical, dedicated, and reliable. Motivated by a desire to live the right way, improve the world, and avoid fault and blame.

#### ***2 THE HELPER***

Warm, caring, and giving. Motivated by a need to be loved and needed, and to avoid acknowledging their own needs.

#### ***3 THE PERFORMER***

The Success-Oriented, image conscious and wired for productivity. Motivated by a need to be successful and avoid failure.

#### ***4 THE ROMANTIC***

Creative, sensitive and moody. Motivated by the need to be understood, experience their oversized feelings and avoid being ordinary.

#### ***5 THE INVESTIGATOR***

Analytical, detached and private. Motivated by the need to gain knowledge, conserve energy, and avoid relying on others.

#### ***6 THE LOYALIST***

Committed, practical and witty. Worst-case scenario thinkers who are motivated by fear and the need for security.



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### **7 THE ENTHUSIAST**

Fun, spontaneous, and adventurous. Motivated by a need to be happy, to plan stimulating experiences, and to avoid pain.

### **8 THE CHALLENGER**

Commanding, intense, and confrontational. Motivated by a need to be strong and avoid feeling weak or vulnerable.

### **9 THE PEACEMAKER**

Pleasant, laid back and accommodating. Motivated by the need to keep the peace, merge with others and avoid conflict.

For more detailed information on each of the nine enneagram types, visit: <https://www.enneagraminstitute.com/type-descriptions>

We will be sending you an invitation (by email) to take an enneagram test to help identify your type.



## SESSION 3 - YOUR PURPOSE

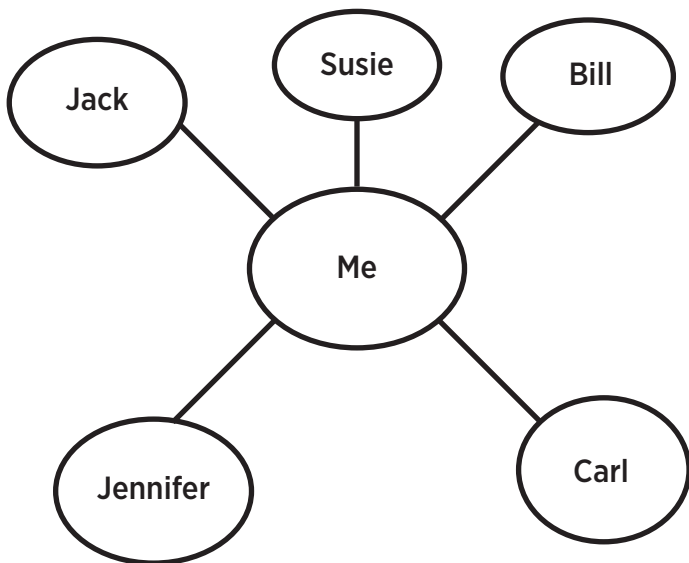
### Own The Mission

**Disciple** – An active follower of Jesus Christ

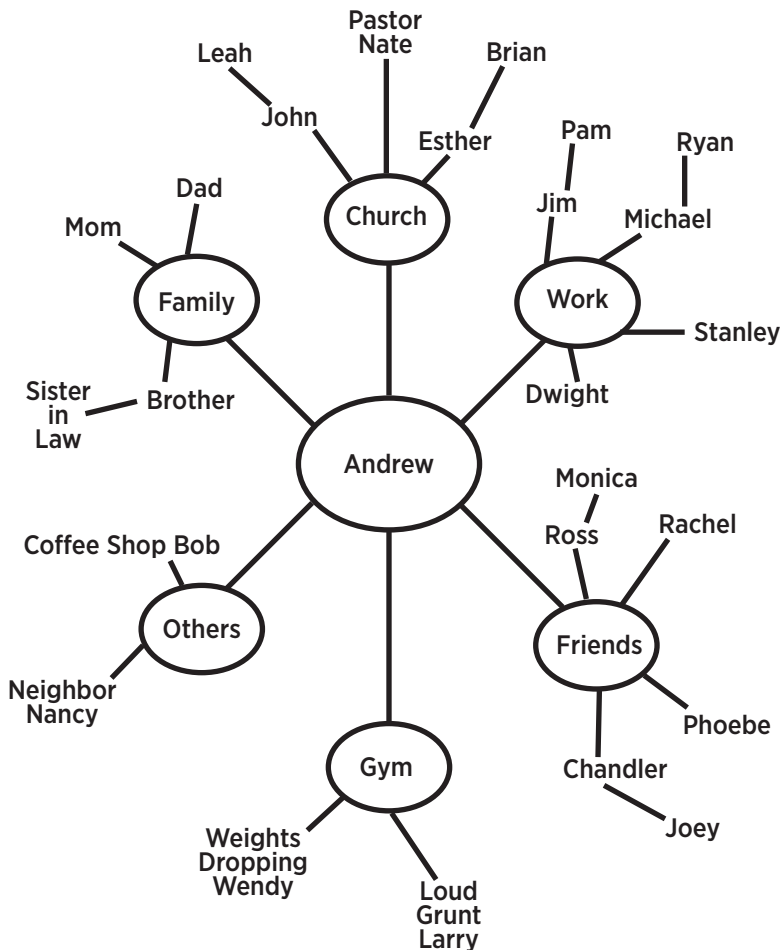
**Disciple Making** – Intentionally Influencing someone towards Jesus

- By evangelism: 2 Corinthians 5:20 – “Therefore as ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”
- By example: 1 Corinthians 11:1 – “Imitate me as I imitate Christ”
- By intentional investment: 2 Timothy 2:2- “What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

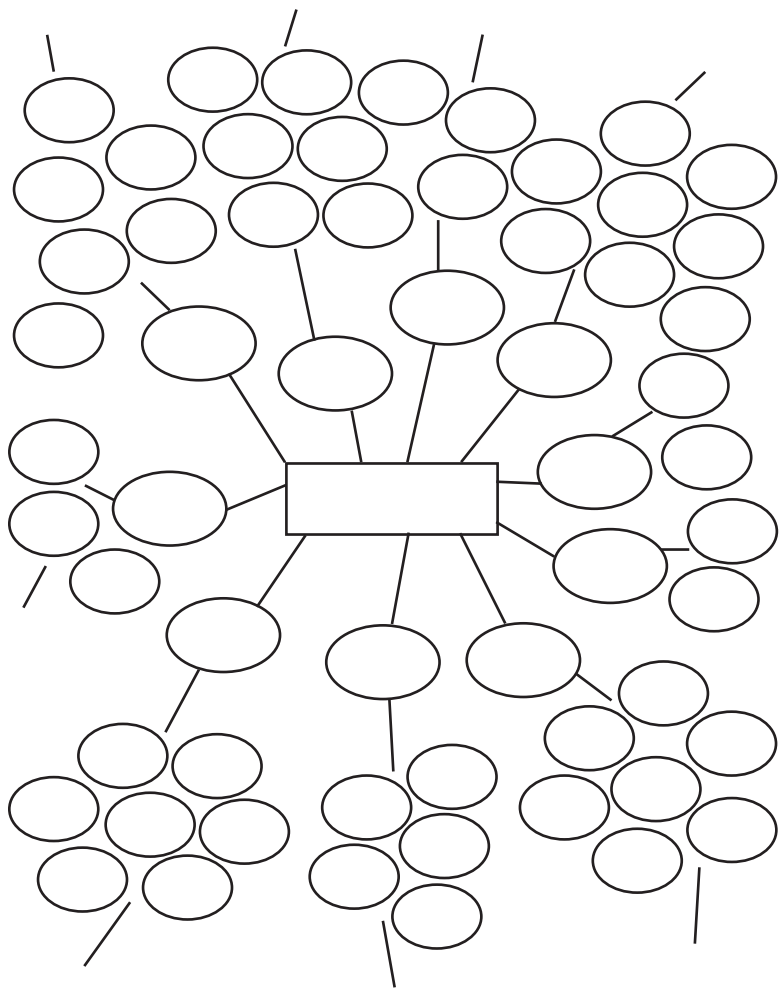
### My City Map



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### Back to the Basics

The essentials of discipleship are Bible reading, prayer, and evangelism.

### **Bible Reading**

- **What does this text say about God?** (i.e. characteristics, how He works in the world, what He loves/hates, etc...?) How does it lead me to worship Him?
- **What does this text say about how God relates to His people specifically or the world in general?**
- **What does this text say about how God relates to me?**
- **What does this text tell me to do?**

In addition to the 4 questions provided, use the chart below to help you think through the text. It illustrates basic Bible reading and this will help you ask the right questions. Every time you read the Bible you need to look down (get the details/facts right), look back (view the text in context of what has come before it), look up (the Bible's main purpose is to reveal God to us so this is the most important aspect of your reading), and look forward (to see what the Lord wants you to do or change in light of the text and also to think about how the Gospel of Jesus impacts the text).

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### LOOK UP

- What does this teach me about God?
- What are His characteristics?
- What does He love/hate?
- How does He relate to people?
- How does this lead me to worship Him?

### LOOK BACK

- What has happened previous that might help understanding?
- What is clear in this text?
- How does that help me understand the parts that may be more confusing?

### LOOK FORWARD

- Where does this lead?
- What outcome is coming?
- How does the Gospel resolve/impact the issues here?
- Where does this lead me?
- How should I respond to God in light of these truths?
- What does it teach me to do?

### LOOK DOWN

- What is going on here?
- Who is speaking and to whom are they speaking?
- What are the people and places involved?
- What are the details?

# SESSION 3 - YOUR PURPOSE

## Prayer

Overview Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Basic Outline - **He is worthy, we are needy.**

Core Value #2 - Colossians 4:2 - steadfast, alert, thankful

## ACTS Model

Adoration

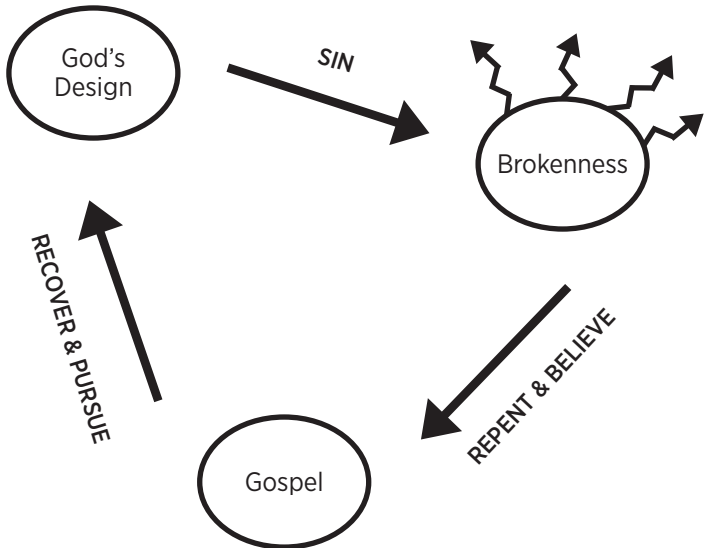
Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

## Evangelism

3 Circles





## SESSION 3 - YOUR PURPOSE

### **Romans Road**

Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift if God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 5:8 – “but God showed His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 10:9 – “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

### **Testimony Training – 3 Questions to ask yourself:**

- What was my life like before Jesus?
- What was my life like when I encountered Jesus?
- What is my life like with Jesus today?

### **Cross Cultural Ministry**

At Citylight Church we want to help people experience the person of Christ in their heart language and cultural context and learn the depths of God’s character and kingdom. Revelation 7:9-17 looks forward to a Kingdom that will contain different languages, tribes, and people groups declaring God as Savior.

The world largely communicates in two different styles: hot culture climate and cold culture climate. Here are some characteristics:

- Relationship vs. Task Orientation
- Indirect vs. Direct Communication
- Group Orientation vs. Individualism
- Inclusion vs. Privacy



## SESSION 4 - OUR TEAMS

### Lighthouses

*A local place for spiritual growth and community engagement*

We desire to see Citylight Church's Lighthouses really be an actual light in the community around them. We pray they foster a culture of discipleship that experiences fellowship, seeks to bless their communities through serving and sharing the gospel, and raises disciple making leaders that they may display the marvelous light of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:9) and fill the city with His teaching (Acts 5:28).

### **Foundational ideas:**

- Minimum of once a month group meeting with once a week contact
  - Could meet weekly, biweekly, or monthly
  - People make disciples not programs or places
- Basic structure if there are 4 meetings a month (2 in a house, 1 in public, 1 service project)
  - Flexibility is key
- Service projects will be group initiated and will involve local ways to reach your community. They will fit within our main categories for local and global outreach.
- Groups don't close they multiply
- 3-6 months: Leaders will identify an apprenticeship or start the group with an apprentice

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- 12 months: Group seeks to multiply and send out leaders to start new group
  - Goal is movement oriented, not static
- Content of study
  - Sermon based
  - 5 sermon questions and 5 passage questions
- Accountability and metrics for each group
  - Is everyone being disciplined and making disciples? (My City Map)
  - Is everyone abiding in the Word?
  - Is everyone consistent in prayer?

### **Potential Lighthouse Leaders will:**

- Serve as an apprentice for 3-12 months
- Complete Basic Training
- Go through Lighthouse Leader Training
- Interview with a pastor

### **Serving the world**

We seek to follow the model Jesus laid out for ministry and lighthouses will be the primary place where this every day, everywhere ministry gets done. We expect all Citylight members to be active in these three categories that Jesus taught.

Acts 1:8. - Here, there, and everywhere!

- Jerusalem and Judea - Your local spheres of Influence
- Samaria - Crossing cultures locally
- Ends of Earth - Crossing cultures globally

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### **Breakdown of 59 “One Another’s” in NT**

#### **Love – 33%**

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

#### **Unity – 33%**

“bearing with one another and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive” (Col. 3:13).

#### **Humility – 15%**

“... Outdo one another in showing honor” (Rom. 12:10)

#### **Care – 19%**

“... but that the members may have the same care for one another; if one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together” (1 Cor. 12:25-26)

### **Light Teams**

- Citylight Light Teams are a way for you to use your skills, gifts and passions to serve others and be the light of the world. These are the various ways you can serve in either the church or our local community.

# SESSION 4 - OUR TEAMS

## CITYLIGHT STRATEGY

### CITYLIGHT SERVICES

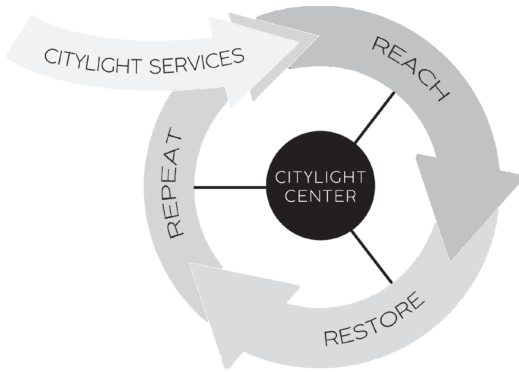
(Hebrews 10:24-25)

- Sunday Light Team
  - Kids
  - Music
  - Hospitality
  - Set Up & Tear Down
  - Tech
  - Service Elements
  - Media
  - Prayer
- Basic Training

### REACH

(Isaiah 61:1-2)

- Community Light Team
  - Events
  - Partnerships
  - Trips
  - Foster/Adopt
  - Deliveries
  - Entrepreneurs
  - Mentors
  - Youth & Y.A.



### REPEAT

(Isaiah 61:1-4)

- Personal
- Ministry
- Church (Plant)
- Lighthouse
- Church

### RESTORE

(Isaiah 61:3)

- Lighthouses
  - Co-ed
  - Mens
  - Womens
  - Youth
  - Young Adults
- Counseling
- Interns

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### Giving

*Because I am enriched I get to be generous. (2 Corinthians 9:11 )*

- Giving sees that God comes first (Col. 1:15-20)
- Giving surrenders what is eternally the Lord's (2 Sam. 24:24)
- Giving sows more life in you and through you (2 Cor. 9:6)











