

Video - This We Pray (skitguys)

The Church Refocused on Mission Whose Church Is It Anyway?

Mission - a strongly felt aim, ambition, or calling

We Need to Refocus Our Thinking to Line Up With Christ Jesus the Head of the Church

Discussion Question 1 - What are some of the things you have heard people say about who Jesus is?

Who Do You Say I am?

Matthew 16:13-16 NIV

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Personal Revelation Of Christ

Matthew 16:17-18 Message

Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, *really* are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

Given Authority in the Kingdom of God

Matthew 16:19 Message

“And that’s not all. You will have complete and free access to God’s kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven.”

Peter Has His Own Idea of How to Build the Church

Matt.16:22-23

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

The Need to Lay Down Our Life

Matt.16:24-27

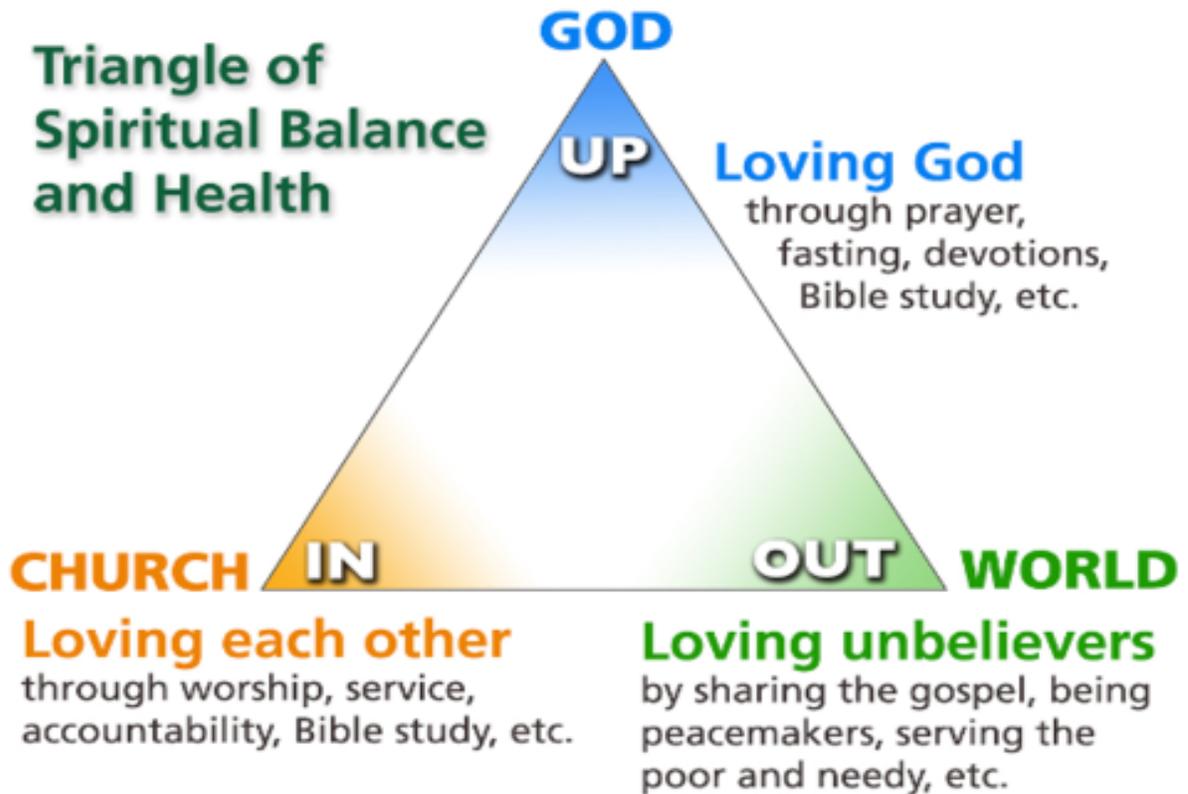
Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Discussion Question #2 - What does it mean to Lay down your life?

Christ Is The Builder of His Church - Doing It His Way

Christ Displayed the Kind of Life we are to live.

- Up - in relationship with the Father
- In - Doing life with His disciples
- Out - Living Out His Mission in the Community



Discussion Question - How much time and attention do you give to each point of the triangle?

It is our desire that each person will be nurturing their personal relationship with God, growing in community with other Christians, and living out their faith in the places where they are every day.

We Call it Connect - Grow - Serve

HCF Pathway to Connection

Connection Point - Guests get connected & meet the pastors

Lunch With Pastor - Vision for Church shared

Rooted - 10 week small group experience

Life Groups - Living out our missional life with others