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OUR CHURCH

CONNECTING OUR HEART TO OUR MISSION



ONE THING THAT SPOKE TO YOU
FROM THE LATEST SERMON

OUTCOMES

Understanding and living
out our mission.

OUR MISSION

LEADING PEOPLE TO COME
ALIVE IN THEIR FAITH IN JESUS

THREE QUESTIONS

LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What areas in your life do you find you need 'real rest'?
2. Who is within your sphere of influence that you can lead to Come Alive?
3. What is one thing you can do this week to spark your faith journey?

OPENER

We want to invite you to read our mission, and to discuss what it means to Come Alive in faith in Jesus; and what that might mean for us as a church.

Who do you know that models an alive faith in Jesus?

GOD'S WORD

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." - Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

DISCUSS

What is the difference between 'tired – worn out – burned out' and 'real rest' that Jesus offers? What is the significance of walking in 'grace', and how is it different to 'being a good person'?

Read John 10:1-10. What does the devil want to rob us of? Who is the 'shepherd' and how does knowing his voice relate to today? How do we hear his voice, and what does it look like in the day-to-day? How did Jesus model this relationship with the Father?

How can we as a church lead others to come alive in their faith in Jesus?



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'SOAP' JOURNALING

WE RECOMMEND THE 'LIFE JOURNAL' READING PLAN

- Available on the Olive Tree Bible Study App
- Visit our website and download pdf version.

Journaling is one way to take what you have read and to turn it into life-giving action. We recommend the S.O.A.P journaling method:

S – Scripture

O – Observation

A – Application

P – Prayer

MEDIA RESOURCE

SERMON SERIES: 3 HABITS TO FUEL YOUR FAITH

- Daily Life Journal
- Living Generously
- Life Group

Download from our website,

www.newvinelakes.com.au

Sermons

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Habits that will help you come alive in your faith:

1. Daily Life Journal

Making room for the Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word, and to your spirit, and responding to His leading with your whole heart.

2. Live Generously

Pulling together to financially release the church to reach more people and help them come alive in their faith. Intentionally growing in the gifts God has given you to serve and build up the church, and to lead people to faith in Jesus.

3. Life Group

Connecting *regularly* with friends in a Life Group, where you can be real about life and spur one another on in faith.

What would it look like if every person in our church chose to apply these 3 habits into their life? How would it impact the mission of our church?

YOUR NOTES

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MOVING TOGETHER TOWARDS OUR VISION



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Taking a personal step towards making our vision become reality.

OUR VISION

A GROWING GATHERING OF PEOPLE IN LAKE MACQUARIE, HUNGRY FOR THE PRESENCE OF GOD, CARRYING HIS PRESENCE TO THE CITY AND BEYOND.

SUPPORT MEDIA

Watch Todd White clip.

THREE QUESTIONS

LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How can you guard against losing hunger for His Presence?

OPENER

We want to invite you to read our vision, and to place yourself in the room of what it might look like to be there.

What might it look like in ten to fifteen years if our vision became realised?

GOD'S WORD

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it." – Habakkuk 2:2 ESV

WHAT I SEE

I see a worship centre established in the heart of the North-East side of the Lake, that has become the heart of the community for life and hope. Everyday people are encountering God, even before we meet them; and lives are being transformed in the power of Jesus' name, by His Spirit. People are coming to know the voice of the Spirit, taking hold of His leading by faith and perseverance, and bearing much fruit that displays His kingdom. I see the worship centre crowded with people hungry for the things of God, overwhelmed by His presence. People from all kinds of backgrounds are being baptised in the Holy Spirit. There is so much favour on the church in wisdom and prophecy that there is unusual prosperity and miracles of faith. The men in our church are courageous for Jesus and are leading the way spiritually. We have sent out new start-up churches, and helped revitalise other existing churches. We have established a leadership and worship college. We have a worship and prophetic ministry that is being sent out helping establish new ground for the Kingdom.



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DISCUSS

2. Describe what it would look like for you in 12 months with a growing hunger for God's Presence?
3. How could God's Presence make a difference in your work or home environment? What is your responsibility in this?

Read Psalm 84. Why was the psalmist so hungry for the Presence of God? How does this relate to our world?

Read Exodus 33:15-16. Moses could not conceive going on without God's Presence, and interceded for His Presence to go with them. Is it possible for believers today to live as though they go on without His Presence? What causes people to no longer hunger for God's Presence?

Read John 7:37-38. How did Jesus model this kind of thirst and hunger with his relationship with the Father God? What does it mean to drink of the Spirit? What stories do you remember where people hungered after what Jesus had to offer? What might it look like today?

READING MATERIAL

RECOMMENDED READING

"Hosting the Presence" – Bill Johnson

OUR SHORT-TERM STRATEGY

(2016-17)

- ▶ Introduce clear Next Steps for new people
- ▶ Develop a structured approach to outreach
- ▶ Intentional Youth to Young Adults development
- ▶ Develop a method of identifying and training leaders

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EMBRACING VALUES THAT SHAPE US



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Embracing the same values that guide our mission.

STORIES REVEAL VALUES

The stories we tell reveal what we value.

QUESTIONS REINFORCE VALUES

What am I doing personally to help us improve as a church? (values framed in a compelling question)

THREE QUESTIONS

LET'S MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Which value do you most align with? Which

OPENER

We want to invite you to read our values, and to explore how this kind of culture could bless you.

What is a value you have identified in our church?

GOD'S WORD

"All the believers were one in heart and mind." – Acts 4:32 NIV

OUR VALUES

- **COME AS YOU ARE**
Welcoming people to be real about life and faith. Read Ephesians 2:8-9.
- **ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIP**
Deepening trusted relationships with others, where faith can grow. Read Proverbs 27:17.
- **FAMILIES MATTER**
Engaging the whole church family in faith. Read Matthew 19:14.
- **WALK IN THE SPIRIT**
Discipled by Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. Read Galatians 5:25.
- **EMPOWERED FOR MISSION**
Taking the message of Jesus to others in the power of the Holy Spirit. Read John 15:26-27.



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value are you most challenged by? Why?

2. Which value is the Holy Spirit most leading you to grow in and model this year?
3. Who is under your influence, and how would they be impacted by these values being modelled?

DISCUSS

How do these values help move away from a religious experience, and toward a real tangible experience of God's Presence?

What is one thing that captures your heart in our values? Have you seen this modelled; and how?

What would it look like if your friends and family were touched by these values?

GROUP RESOURCES

LOOKING FOR THE NEXT STUDY TO MAKE YOUR GROUP TIME EVEN EASIER?

Other Lakes Studies:

1. 3 Habits to Fuel Your Faith
2. Your Journey
3. What We Believe

Recommended Resources:

1. Authority to Heal, Randy Clark
2. The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind, Bill Johnson
3. Basic Training for Prophetic Ministry, Kris Vallotton

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