JOURNEYchurch

DISCOVER THE JOURNEY

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

TABLE OF CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION Pages 2-4

OUR BELIEFS Pages 5-7

SPIRITUAL GIFTS Pages 8-15

THE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH Pages 16-20

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP Pages 21-25

INTRODUCTION

JOURNEYchurch

DISCOVER
THE JOURNEY

INTRODUCTION

Acts 2:42-47
And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47. praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

We got to the point where we said, "God, we will go anywhere in the world," and God planted us here for a reason.

Mission Statement:
To reach the lost and equip the found.
To be a spiritual transformation agent in this city.
To be a gate taking force for the kingdom of God.
To rescue a lost generation.

The local church is still God's Plan A.

INTRODUCTION

The reason we believe so much in getting people connected to the church is because this is still what God is doing. No matter what your background, your hurts or your experiences. The local church is Plan A. God wants you to be a part of it. There are so many scriptures that you can't even walk out if you're not a part of some regular local gathering of believers. Without a spiritual family you will live like a spiritual orphan.

God's plan is so much bigger and better than that.

I believe He's calling you deeper today.

We are inviting you to...

- The power of **PLACE**
- The power of **IDENTITY**
- The power of **GENEROSITY**
- The power of **PURPOSE**
- The power of **FAMILY**

OUR BELIEFS

JOURNEYchurch

DISCOVER THE JOURNEY

OUR BELIEFS

THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.

GOD

We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is known as the Trinity.

JESUS

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His complete conquest over the power of Satan, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His sure return.

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling Christians are enabled to live Godly lives full of power.

THE CHURCH

We believe the church consists of all those who truly believe in Jesus Christ and His atoning death, and who trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. We believe that the local church is the vehicle of God working on the earth to establish His Kingdom.

SALVATION

We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for the salvation of the lost, and this salvation is wholly by grace through faith.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12 are available and in operation in the Body of Christ today.

OUR BELIEFS

BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION

We believe in the ordinance of Baptism in water (by immersion) in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, on the authority of the name of Jesus. We also believe in the ordinance of Holy Communion.

HEAVEN AND HELL

We believe in the resurrection of both the lost and the saved. The lost unto eternal damnation and separation from God; the saved unto eternal life in the presence of God.

UNITY OF BELIEVERS

We believe in the spiritual unity of all who believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

JOURNEYchurch
DISCOVER THE JOURNEY

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

<u>THE PROMISE</u>

When Jesus was on the planet He said it would be better if He would leave so He could give them the gift of the Holy Spirit. ***How could it be better?*** We find out why as we look into this.

Acts 1:4-5
And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5. for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The promise of the Father is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

When we get saved we follow that by a water baptism. When Jesus talks about baptism here, He's not referring to water baptism but a baptism in the Holy Spirit. Baptize - to dip or fully immerse. This is like a sunken ship that fills completely. To be baptized with the Holy Spirit means to be filled to overflowing. Usually this experience resulted in people speaking in other tongues or a spiritual prayer language.

This was launched on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-4
When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Basically, every theologian and scholar will admit that this event happened, it was from God, and it was for the church.

From here we see a pattern emerge....

THE PATTERN

3 Baptisms by Robert Morris

1. The Spirit baptizes us into Jesus *[The Body]*

1 Corinthians 12:13
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free —and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

You have the Holy Spirit at salvation because the Holy Spirit is in the process and is fully God.

2. A disciple baptizes us in water

3. Jesus baptizes us in/with the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:11
I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Day of Pentecost - Saved - Water Baptized - Spirit Baptized

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Acts 8:12-17
But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13. Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. 14. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15. who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16. for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Many believers have been saved and water baptized, but not baptized with the Spirit. It's apparent that we don't get everything from the Holy Spirit at salvation - the baptism with the Holy Spirit occurred ***AFTER***.

Saved - Water Baptized - Spirit Baptized

Acts 19:1-6
And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3. And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4. And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5. On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

Saved - Water Baptized - Spirit Baptized

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The Baptism of the Spirit is distinct from salvation and usually resulted in a spiritual prayer language.

THE PURSUIT

When you are baptized in the Spirit to overflowing, the supernatural God can begin to flow out of you in supernatural ways...those are gifts of the spirit at work through you.

1 Corinthians 14:1
Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6. and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9. to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10. to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Definitions from Lee Cummings book "School of the Spirit"

REVELATORY GIFTS
Comes from the mind of Christ not our natural mind.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Word of wisdom - the ability to have insight into people and situations that is not obvious to a person using natural human faculties, combined with an understanding of what to do and how to do it.

POWER GIFTS
Supernatural manifestations of God power and miracles.

Gift of faith - The Holy Spirit imparts divine faith and confidence in God's will for a specific need or situation.

Gifts of healings - The reversal of physical, emotional, and spiritual illnesses.

Working of miracles - God provides the ability to demonstrate the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit and confirm the superiority of the reign of the Kingdom of God over spiritual darkness and even natural law.

VOCAL GIFTS
Utterance or speaking gifts.

Gift of tongues - a spiritual utterance given by the Holy Spirit to communicate in a language not previously known or understood by the speaker.

Gift of interpretation of tongues - The ability to understand and then speak forth the meaning of words previously spoken in an unknown language so that others present may be edified.

Public - in church, need an interpretation - purpose is to build all. Private - to build up your faith.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 14:15
What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

Gift of prophecy - the ability to speak forth under the influence of the Holy Spirit a message that brings edification, exhortation, and comfort from the heart of the Father to others. Prophecy is a "now" word from the Holy Spirit.

Prophecy is to the congregation what the personal prayer language is to the individual - both build up in different ways.

You might have heard it said that we shouldn't still pursue these because they aren't needed any more and stopped when the apostles died.

Is there an expiration date in scripture for spiritual gifts? The answer is clearly no...why? We were never told to stop.

Here's one example:

Matthew 28:19
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

We are to pursue *ALL* of the gifts of the Spirit because we were never told to stop.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

THE PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 2:4-5
and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

God wants to give you power beyond your natural ability.

Spiritual gifts are NOT natural abilities... If you can do it without the Holy Spirit then it's not a spiritual gift! God wants to partner with you in miraculous ways to reach the world!

IS IT FOR YOU?

Acts 2:37-38
Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38. And Peter said to them, "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.

3 Baptisms are represented here again...

Acts 2:39
For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

Is God still calling? Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit? You can receive God's grace and still not be walking in His POWER.

At Journey Church we believe spiritual gifts are for today and we want to walk in all that God has for us.

THE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

JOURNEYchurch
DISCOVER THE JOURNEY

THE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

Definition of Church:
The church is the God-ordained local assembly of believers who have committed themselves to be in a loving community with each other. They gather regularly, the Scriptures are taught, they sing, celebrate communion, practice baptism, disciple their members, establish biblical eldership, they pray and give financially to support the church and gospel proclamation to the world. Churches are free to do more, but these are the irreducible parts of a church. Take any away and you no longer have a New Testament church.

<u>The Purpose of The Church</u>
The goal of the Church is to make disciples of all nations and to present the saints complete in Christ. The five-fold ministry of Ephesians 4 governs the Church, the offices of elder and deacon, as well as other offices mentioned in scripture.

Ephesians reveals the significant purpose of the church.

Ephesians 4:11-16
11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

THE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

What the purpose of the church is:

1. To equip the saints for the work of the ministry - There is a misconception at times that the purpose of the church is to minister to all people. "If someone needs ministry, bring them to church and let the pastor minister to them. If someone needs to be healed, bring them to church. If someone needs to get saved, bring them to church." This is all possible of course and it's great when that happens... BUT, the purpose of the church in Ephesians is to equip the SAINTS for MINISTRY.

This is a training ground, a school, a place where you learn who God says you are and what you're called to do. And it's a place where your spirit is filled and fueled and you walk out of here super charged and ready to take on the world. Then you come back the next week and do it all over again.

2. Building up the body of Christ - We learn by BEING the church that we are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world. It brings definition and clarity to our identity and purpose.

3. To mature manhood (TO LEAD INTO MATURITY) - unity here is connected to maturity - God uses para-church organizations like outreach ministries, support groups, mens/womens ministries, etc... but they are not and will never be a substitute for the church.

4. So that we may no longer be tossed to and fro, carried about by winds of doctrine - Part of the purpose is to rally people around sound doctrine, theology and interpretation of Scripture. That's more important now than ever with so many voices, books, YouTube theologians...GOD DIDN'T DESIGN YOU TO BE A LONE RANGER CHRISTIAN

THE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

5. To be held together by every joint building itself up in love - We find in the church that God supplies our needs many times through others. "There are some aspects of the nature of God that we only encounter in relationship with others."

The Structure of The Church

The structure of Journey Church is in place to facilitate growth, ministry and unity under an umbrella of accountability. The structure of the church should not be determined by culture, business practices, or even denominational traditions.

The Church is a Family

We operate on the basis of relationships, rather than rules.

I Peter 3:8 (LB)

"You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds.

The Church is a Flock

This was Jesus' favorite description of the Church. (John 10:1-30; Matthew 26:31; Matthew 25:33). Therefore, it is cared for and led by **shepherds**.

I Peter 5:1-2

"To the elders I say.... Be shepherds of God's flock, serving as overseers..."

The Journey Church Government:

People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with **integrity** and **respect** when making decisions that affect their lives.

Therefore, Journey Church has structured our government simply, yet in a life-giving, biblical manner. **We are a Pastor-led church, with outside accountability, and internal advisers.** We believe in servant leadership, and it is the privilege of the pastoral staff to lead the church in the day-to-day operations.

THE PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

We have three groups that help make this possible:

1. LINC - LINC is an association of spirit-empowered, life-giving churches and ministries advancing God's kingdom cause and building authentic relationships. We best accomplish this through church planting, providing support along with relationship and guidance to developing churches and leaders. [For more information, check out linc.community]

2. Outside Overseers - The Outside Overseers are a group of pastors from other churches who have a deep love for and a relationship with Journey.

3. Internal Elders - The Internal Elders at Journey Church are made up of people who help shape the direction of the church on bigger issues as needed.

4. Ministry Leaders and Staff - This team is made up of our current ministry leaders and staff. They meet to advise and strategize about the present and future ministry of Journey Church. They represent and oversee the implementation of the Church's vision to key ministry areas of the church.

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

JOURNEYchurch
DISCOVER THE JOURNEY

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

When you say "yes" to partner with Journey Church, this is what it looks like...

1. THE POWER OF PLACE
Committing to the holy habit of the **GATHERING**

Acts 2:42
And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:46
And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

What does this mean? Showing up.

"I will be faithful to participate in the life and ministry of Journey Church."

2. THE POWER OF IDENTITY
GROWING in your personal hunger for God

Acts 2:42
And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers

What does this mean? Cultivating a personal revival in your heart and family that spills out into your church family and beyond.

"I will actively pursue a relationship with God, sustained through Bible study and prayer."

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

3. THE POWER OF GENEROSITY
Generously **GIVING** to God and the local church

Acts 2:44-45
And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Jesus said where your treasure is, your heart will be. If you want your heart to be here, then your treasure will be here as well.

What does this mean? It means starting with the tithe.

Tithing is just the first step in generosity. It's like training wheels to learn to open up your life and your hand and to trust God.

"I will participate in the economy and generosity of the Kingdom of God by regular tithing and giving of time and resources."

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

4. THE POWER OF PURPOSE
Using **GIFTS** to serve others with an outward focus

Acts 2:43
And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Notice the word **THROUGH**. They were conduits for God to move through to serve and meet the needs of other people.

What does this mean? It means finding a place to regularly serve others with Journey Church on one of our serve teams.

"I will use my gifting, talents, and ability to bless and serve others as a good steward according to 1 Peter 4:10-11."

5. THE POWER OF FAMILY
Connecting to small **GROUPS** to build deep relationships

Acts 2:46
And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts

What does this mean? Putting down roots with other people in close fellowship with one another in one of our small groups.

"I will seek out godly fellowship and community at Journey Church, which are essential to spiritual health and the Christian life."

BRINGING GOD'S KINGDOM TO KANSAS CITY

As we do these things and keep our mission at the forefront to **REACH THE LOST AND EQUIP THE FOUND** I believe we will see a revival in this city and ultimately the Kingdom of God showing up.

Acts 2:47
...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



JOURNEYchurch

PHONE: **816-368-1540**
EMAIL: **CONTACT@JOURNEYKC.COM**
WEBSITE: **JOURNEYKC.COM**