CELEBRATION, COMMUNITY AND CONNECT: A RESTORATION OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

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TEXTS: Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

INTRO: We need the power of the Holy Spirit to advance God's Kingdom and build His Church under His Lordship. Jesus said, *I will build My Church*, through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might, not by power [that is, by your power], but by My Spirit, says the Lord." (See Psalm 127:1). That is why Harvest Rock Church will continue to pursue personal and corporate revival.



But we need the Holy Spirit to win souls (Acts 1:8 and John 14:12). Finally, true revival will bring about Reformation of the Institutions in Society that will lead to social transformation. The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

John 16:7 "Nevertheless 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 depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

I. <u>CELEBRATION</u>: Our Weekly Celebration Worship Service

A. WORSHIP

- 1. John 4:23 "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- 2. God is seeking worshippers. Worship is one of our core values.
- 3. We want to have a good 30 minutes of worship.

B. WORD

- 1. Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teachings... ("They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching," NASB)
- 2. Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers.

C. WORKS

- 1. John 14:12 "Most assuredly, 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 My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*."
- 2. This is a time of altar ministry. We want to give an invitation for salvation because you never know who will be there, but our service is not primarily to reach seekers.
- 3. We want to pray for the sick and those spiritually oppressed by the devil.
- 4. We want to encourage people with a prophetic word and ministry.

II. <u>COMMUNITY</u>: This Will Be Our Monthly Community Outreach



- A. Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- 1. We want to have a community outreach based on different social groupings, like ethnic groups, Seven Mountain Groups, and interest groups.
- **2.** This is based on "panta ta ethné" (Matthew 28:19), and we want to reach them as a community and not just individually.

B. WELCOME

- 1. There will be lots of prayer before the outreach and even group prayer on the day of the outreach.
- 2. There may be special music.
- 3. But we want to encourage food, e.g., breakfast, BBQ picnic, banquet dinner.

C. WORD

- 1. Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."
- 2. We want to present the good news and Kingdom messages that are relevant to the social grouping. I.e., Business Mountain: having a motivational speaker. Government Mountain: having someone like Senator Shannon Grove. Or the Donut Man for the children's community outreach, etc.

D. WORKS

- 1. Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel... 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- 2. We want to pray for the sick and minister prophetically. We will be equipping you to move in power evangelism and prophetic evangelism.
- **3.** The focus is on the lost seekers.

III. CONNECT

- A. Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age."
- 1. A Connect Group is a discipleship group consisting of 3 to 12 people.
- 2. Jesus didn't say, "Make converts" but "Make disciples." (Formally, Life Groups)
- B. WELCOME: Ice Breaker



- **C. WORSHIP:** If there is no one to lead worship, the Connect Group Leader can use YouTube.
- D. WORD: An anointed, inductive Bible study focused on Jesus with the goal of becoming like Jesus in character and power.
- 1. Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

E. WORKS

- 1. A closing time of prayer for one another and the Community Outreach List.
- 2. **Community Outreach List:** Praying for your lost friends and relatives that you want to invite to the Community Outreach.
- 3. Mark 11:17 "My house will be a house of prayer for all nations" (panta ta ethné)
- 4. Please meet at least twice a month but no more than three times per month.

