

CONSECRATION

*21 Days
of
Prayer &
Fasting*

January 8-28, 2024



Welcome

Welcome to 2024!

We are so grateful that you are interested in consecrating your life to God!

We are thrilled to see your passion to grow your hunger for God, and grow your spiritual life. I cannot think of a better way to begin this new year, than by investing these first twenty-one days.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER THIS?

In the Word of God, there is a principle of firstfruits. The first of the crops were dedicated to God as an offering. (Exodus 34:26, Proverbs 3:9-10, Nehemiah 10:35) In some situations, the firstborn son was consecrated to God for his use. Jesus' resurrection is described as the "firstfruits of those who have died." (1 Corinthians 15:20) From these examples, we see the value of prioritizing valuable things to our God.

As we dedicate ourselves from January 8-28 as individuals, and as a church family, we are making a statement to ourselves, and more importantly, to God. We are declaring our intention to go deeper in our spiritual lives by subtracting some good things to get the best things. By giving our firstfruits portion of time in 2024 to God, we are asking for His blessing on the rest of the year. This could be wisdom, a more intimate walk with God, fresh revelation, reconciled relationships, material blessings, and others. Be confident that God will "*reward those who earnestly seek him.*" (Hebrews 11:6) We don't do this for the gifts, we do this to honour the Giver of all things.

In order to hunger for God's voice to speak to us, we will gather to worship on Sundays, read The Bible, pray, fast, and bend our ears to discern his "still, small voice." To get into this more intentional place, we will practice these disciplines, while subtracting some good things. We will subtract time scrolling and watching TV. We will subtract some leisure time to spend more time with God. We will subtract some foods and drinks in order to more fully depend on Jesus, the Bread of Life, and source of Living Water. As the Spirit leads, we may be called to subtract sin, some habits, some sleep, some relationships, even some good things that prevent us from experiencing the best things.

Finally, it is important to provide three clarifications. First, you are not doing this as a follower of Jesus to earn anything. The gospel declares that only Jesus can make you right with God, and fill you with the Holy Spirit. We aren't consecrating ourselves to earn God's love, we are doing this to be more surrendered to Jesus who invites us to "walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh." God will reward his children, but it's important that we exert dedicated effort in our spiritual lives without crossing the line into an attempt of earning our salvation. Second, if you are not yet a Christian, a believer in Jesus, then you cannot consecrate yourself until you accept the gift of salvation that Jesus alone can provide. (*Let us know if you have questions about this on Sundays or by contacting our church office. We'd be delighted to serve you!*) A third warning is to not allow any of these next twenty-one days to become self-righteousness. It is a very easy trap to fall into because any

sacrifice makes us look for external rewards. Instead of telling others of your sacrifices, do this out of your gratitude to God. As Jesus said, “*Don’t practice your righteousness in front of others.*” (Matthew 6:1) Don’t allow your heart to turn prideful because of your devotion to God, but rather, may it help you become more humble as you compare your life to the holiness of Jesus who directs us to “be holy as I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15-16)

MORE for 2024

We are wildly expectant that 2024 will be our greatest year, and we want to boldly ask that God would do “*more than we could ever ask or imagine*” for you, the citYzens, and for City Church as a whole. Together, may we experience more of this abundant life that Jesus promised to us. More opportunities to serve him. More impact in our city. More revelation of his love and wisdom. More growth that is both deeper and wider. More healings. More salvations. More baptisms. More tangible encounters with the Living, Almighty God. More of all God wants to do in us, and through us in our great city of Montreal, and to cities around the world.

Before starting this journey together with your City Church family, please review the fasting instructions and schedule. Take some time to pray about what choices you are being led to make so that you can devote yourself more fully to God.

As we start this exciting adventure together, know that your City Church staff team and leadership team are praying for you, and for City Church. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit!

Pastor Chris on behalf of your City Church Team

Schedule

Important Dates

Sunday, January 7: Sunday Kick-off of our Consecration Series

Monday, January 8: First day of 21 days of Prayer and Fasting. *1st Fasting Day.*

Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday of Consecration Series.

Monday, January 15: *Second Fasting Day.* Day 8 of 21 day focus.

Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday of Consecration Series.

Monday, January 22: *Third Fasting Day.* Day 15 of 21 day focus.

Sunday, January 28: End of 21 Days & 4th Sunday of Consecration Series

Fasting Instructions

Fasting is not about punishing ourselves, but rather, disciplining our bodies to be more attune to our relationship with God. Many times, we run to food and drink to try to fill an emotional or spiritual need. Many of us struggle with using food as comfort, or sometimes, an idol that prevents us from running to God.

Before starting a new rhythm like this, it is wise to consult your doctor if you have any health concerns. In addition, if you have struggled with an eating disorder in your past, it may be wisest to fast from something other than food. If you are determined, we encourage you to talk to your healthcare professional and City Group leader.

Within The Bible, we see a few reasons why fasting is important. First, many saints in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) fasted such as: Moses before receiving the ten commandments (Deuteronomy 9:9-18), David mourning his child's illness (2 Samuel 12:1-23), Elijah fasted while escaping Jezebel (1 Kings 19:4-8), Esther fasted for the safety of the Jews, (Esther 4:15-17) and Daniel fasted for answered prayer. (Daniel 10:1-3) Secondly, we see it in the life of Jesus. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness after his baptism to face Satan while fasting. In Matthew 6:16, Jesus said, "*When you fast...*" His expectation is that today, we would follow the saints of old in a rhythm of fasting. In one of my favourite stories in John, we see Jesus skipping meals in order to share the Word of God with the Samaritan woman. He said to his disciples, "*I have food to eat that you know nothing about.*" (John 4:32) Jesus, fully man, was able to tap into a deeper level for spiritual breakthroughs while temporarily ignoring physical appetites. It was also an important practice for Jesus' apostles as Christianity spread. (Acts 13:1-3)

Fasting from food is the normative way to express this spiritual discipline. It is a universal appetite that reminds us three times a day of our dependence on God's provision. For that reason, it is a powerful opportunity to see God meets us in fresh ways.

For our purposes, we are inviting you to fast from food each Monday for the next twenty-one days. That will be Mondays, January 8, 15 and 22nd. Again, if you have any health concerns, choose another form of fasting. If you are able, we invite you to eat Sunday night dinner, and then not eat again until Monday dinner, meaning you would skip breakfast and lunch on Mondays. If this is too much for you, consider skipping breakfast or lunch. Don't get hung up on how much you fast as much as your desire to give up something, in order to spend more time with God.

In addition, we invite you to subtract some extras from your food and drink, and your entertainment for the next twenty-one days. We suggest cutting out any alcohol and desserts. Some may pray about removing any caffeine for the duration, or at least limiting it to once per day. The idea to eat very simply of healthy, nutritious, essential foods, rather than eating extras that you don't truly need.

Before starting, prepare your heart and invite God to lead you to the discipline that will be most helpful to consecrating to him over the next twenty-one days. The best disciplines are those that you make with God to honour him, not to please others. Remember, this is an

invitation for a deeper relationship, not earning. It is more grace, not more self-righteousness.

As you pray and ask for his wisdom, is God leading you to a one-day eating fast, including skipping some extra foods and drinks in the next twenty-one days? Is it skipping one meal? Be specific with your commitment before you start so that you can follow through to the end. This discipline should greatly stretch you in the physical realm in order for you to more deeply benefit in the spiritual realm. Don't choose something because it's easy, but because you want to lean more heavily on the grace and endurance of God.

Kinds of Fasting

Food – the normative fast.

Drink—drink only water, or restrict any of: alcohol, sugars, sodas, caffeine.

Media—get off social media or severely restrict it. Limit or eliminate other TV, etc.

Sex—if both are in agreement, for a limited time (1 Corinthians 7:5)

Sleep—“Very early, while it was still dark, Jesus got up....prayed.”

Other—giving up a good, regular appetite to exchange it for prayer and time with God.

About This Guide

We invite you to use this 21 day guide to help you consecrate your life by reading the Word, reflecting, and meditating on what God is saying to you throughout the day.

To get even more out of this experience, talk about what God is showing each day with your family, your roommates, your friends, those you serve with on our Dream Team, and your City Group. Having people encourage you in your pursuit of God will help you stay on track, and will help you benefit from the unique things God is sharing with them too.

Ok, are you ready for more of God in 2024?

Ready...Set...Go!

Day 1 Consecration + Fasting Day #1

Monday, January 8, 2024

What is consecration and why does it matter?

Merriam-Webster

“to make or declare sacred.

to devote to a purpose with, or as if with deep solemnity or dedication.”

Easton’s Bible Dictionary

“the devoting or setting apart of anything to the worship or service of God.”

Consecration is devoting yourself more fully to God. It is being more intentional to give your thoughts, your energy, your gifts, your actions, your whole life to your Creator.

Read

Joshua 3:1-17 in your favourite Bible or Bible app. We recommend a physical Bible to minimize distractions if possible. If you don’t have a Bible, let us know, and we can happily gift one to you, thanks to the generosity of our people.

Reflect

After hundreds of years of promises to Abraham, and the long and winding Exodus from Egypt led by Moses, Joshua was the one given the privilege of helping the children of God (Israel) to inherit the Promised Land. Before they entered this sacred space, Joshua told the people in verse 5 to “*consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you.*” This preparation from normal, everyday people was critical before the miraculous could take place.

We are now about a week into 2024. We are much like Israel, standing on one side, readying ourselves for the other. Where do we need to prepare ourselves? Where is God asking us to consecrate ourselves fully for his purposes?

Pray

Father, search my heart. I am willing to give myself more fully to you this year, but I need your help. I know that my excitement will drop, and I will get distracted. I believe that you have more for me in 2024. I believe these twenty-one days are a necessary commitment to honour you. Show me what I need to stop doing to obey you. Show me what you love about me. Reveal yourself to me once again. Holy Spirit, speak to me, for your servant is listening....

Closing Thought

“The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God’s help, I aim to be that man.”

(D.L. Moody, American Evangelist and Pastor)

Day 2 Sacred Things

Tuesday, January 9

Read Joshua 7:1-13 in your favourite Bible.

Reflect

As soon as Joshua and the children of Israel crossed the Jordan, they faced numerous enemies. The Promised Land wasn't just given to them; they had to fight and claim it city by city, one battle at a time. Jericho was the first city, and as such, it was consecrated to God as holy. They were not to take spoils from this city for themselves, but to take the gold, bronze and iron and dedicate it for God's treasury. (6:17-19) Some of the people disobeyed this order and the whole nation suffered a catastrophic defeat in the next battle. Many died because of Achan's sin.

Consecration isn't just a private thing; it influences people around us. It isn't simply about our quiet time with God. Consecration is also about our possessions, our entertainment choices, and things that we rely on that can replace God.

Where do we need to obey God right now? What is something we are holding to that God wants us to drop?

Pray

God, you alone are holy. I kneel before you and ask you to show me if there is anything I need to let go of. Am I trusting in something or someone, other than you? Thank you for providing Jesus to forgive my sin. I confess my sin to you, and ask you to forgive me and set me free. Holy Spirit, come and direct my thoughts, my attitudes and actions that I may honour You.

Closing Thought

"A man by his sin may waste himself, which is to waste that which on earth is most like God. This is man's greatest tragedy and God's heaviest grief."

(A.W. Tozer, American Pastor who served in Toronto)

Day 3

Firstfruits

Wednesday, January 10

Read Genesis 4:1-7 in your favourite Bible.

Reflect

In their normal relationship with God, both of Adam and Eve's sons brought an offering to their God. There was no law for doing this at this time; it just appears to be a normal response from men to their Creator. However, their offerings were very different. Cain brought "some of the fruits of the soil" while Abel brought "fat portions from the firstborn of his flock." God warmly received Abel's offering but didn't look favourably on Cain's. Out of that reaction, Cain's heart turned jealous and led to the murder of his brother.

Abel's offering was costly, while Cain's was what we'd describe as leftovers. Abel consecrated his offering from the firstborn and the fat portion, both of which were the choicest of sacrifices.

As you are on day three of twenty-one, you are endeavouring to consecrate your life to God for 2024. You are spending extra time and energy to give God more of your life which is a worthy goal.

Where are you giving your best to God? Where are you sacrificing?
Where are you giving him leftovers? Where are you giving other things first place?

Pray

Gracious God, you deserve everything. You created everything—the heavens and the earth. Thank you for creating me, sustaining me, and blessing my life. Show me where you are asking me to devote my best to you. Help me, by your Holy Spirit, to close the gap between where I am, and where you are calling me to sacrifice. You alone are worthy, King Jesus. Amen.

Closing Thought

"Consecration refers to the way we dedicate ourselves to the things of God through specific sacrificial acts. The more of ourselves we set apart exclusively for God's use, the larger our capacity to flow in God's supernatural power."

(Jordan Seng, American Author and Pastor)

Day 4

Awesome God

Thursday, January 11

Read Exodus 19 in your favourite Bible.

Reflect

Before God gives the children of Israel the ten commandments, God prepares the people with consecration. After reminding them of all that God did to free them from Egypt through miraculous deeds, God is going to transform them from slaves to a distinct nation. They will receive a new identity, and a new law to distinguish themselves from every other nation. Most of all, God himself will be their leader.

Because of the ministry of Jesus, we don't have to hide our faces from the awesome power of God as Israel did here. But before we forget this scene, picture the sights, smells, sounds, and shaking of the ground as God's power is unleashed on Mount Sinai.

Is it possible that you have lost the vision of God's awesome power? When was the last time you just sat still and revelled in the holiness, power and majesty of God? While we rightly value the closeness of God through Jesus, we should also remember that God stands above all. He is sacred. He is holy. He is "other" than you and me.

Pray

Awesome God, I bow in your presence. I imagine myself trembling as the thunder and lightning boomed from the place where you met Moses. You alone are God. You alone are worthy of my life. Reveal yourself to me in a new way today. Show me a different side so I can worship you in a fresh way. Jesus, thank you for coming to you as a baby to save us from our many sins. Thank you for dying for me to bring me near. Help me, Holy Spirit, to conform my life to Jesus so that I may honour you and point others to you. Amen.

Closing Thought

"Our entire life is directed toward the service of God. Consecration is not how much we can give to God. It is being accepted by God and being granted the honor of serving Him."
(Watchman Nee, Chinese Pastor and Church Planter who died in 1972 in prison, persecuted by the Communist government)

Day 5

Holy Priests

Friday, January 12

Read Leviticus 8 in your favourite Bible. Again, we recommend paper over digital, if possible to minimize distractions.

Reflect

There was a long and complicated process for the priests to be consecrated before God. The priests were to stand between a holy God and the people of Israel as they offered sacrifices in the Hebrew sacrificial system. As you can see, it was a messy job. Is it noteworthy how specific and how exhaustive the instructions were for the priests to be acceptable to God. Even their undergarments mattered to God for Aaron and his sons. At the end of a long ritual with Moses, these priests then had to wait outside the temple for seven days before they would be presentable to God.

We can get lost in the customs of Israel as we live in the Montreal in 2024. However, it is important to note the seriousness that God spelled out the clothing, character, and actions of the priests so that the sacrifices would be acceptable to God.

Have you thought about God examining your life recently? We often forget that God sees and knows every detail, every choice we make. Though we can never earn our standing before God, (only God through Jesus does that) we are called to be holy as God is holy.

Pray

Merciful God and Father, I cannot stand in your presence on my own merit. I am a sinner, who is only saved by your grace through the blood of Jesus Christ. However, you command me to be holy as you are holy. Show me where I need to bring my thoughts and actions into alignment with you. Jesus, use my life to help broken and lost sinners to become saved, children of God. In the same way that you used fallible priests, use my life to help others come near to you.

Closing Thought

"A true revival means nothing less than a revolution, casting out the spirit of worldliness and selfishness, and making God and His love triumph in the heart and life."

(Andrew Murray, South African writer and pastor)

Day 6

Standing Strong

Saturday, January 13

Read Daniel 6 in your favourite Bible.

Reflect

Daniel, a Jew, was one of the most talented and promising young men that was taken from Israel because of their rebellion against God. Because of God's hand on his life, Daniel quickly rose to among the top three in the land, behind King Darius. Despite the fact that Daniel was blameless and carried himself with excellence, evil men conspired against him. Though Daniel had reasons to be afraid, he continued to publicly express his worship and trust in the Living God. Instead of hiding, he opened his windows to visually see his prayers reaching God, and presumably, to face Jerusalem, God's holy city. In this famous story, Daniel ends up in a lion's den, completely helpless. But instead of being killed by the kings of the jungle, Daniel survives the night. Ironically, it is the evil men and their families who face death.

When you feel alone in your faith, do you feel tempted to hide your relationship with Jesus? When you face great pressures, are you tempted to soothe yourself, hide yourself under the covers in fear, or like Daniel, fight on your knees?

How can you fight for a bolder faith in 2024? How can you stand out amongst evil men in your school, your work and your community?

Pray

My Lord and My God, help me have more confidence in your protection this year. When I survey heroes of Scripture, they were often bold. Help me to become more bold in living out my faith publicly. You promise to never leave me or forsake me. With you in front of me, behind me, and beside me, I have everything I need. Use my life, even my trials, to help people see Jesus in me. Give me many opportunities—even this January—to share my faith in Jesus so that people would be in heaven because of my life. Thank you for godly examples like Daniel who lived as a minority but never compromised. Help me to be faithful so that those behind me and beside me can also trust you more. I pray all these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

Closing Thought

"Oh, how great peace and quietness would he possess who should cut off all vain anxiety and place all his confidence in God."

(Thomas à Kempis, 15th century German-Dutch Spiritual Leader and Author of one of Christianity's most beloved books, "The Imitation of Christ")

Day 7

City Church Sunday Gathering

January 14, 2024

Reflect

Where did you see God moving today?

What did God say to you today through the worship, His people, and His Word?

What is God asking you to do in light of what He revealed to you?

Pray

Father, thank you for the gift of the people of God within City Church. What a gift to gather together freely when so many people around the world cannot do this. We pray that you would strengthen the persecuted Church right now. Give them your protection, give them boundless courage, and may your Spirit move mightily in dark places so that many would meet you and follow you. Closer to home, I pray that you would draw near to me with your love. Remind me of who I am as your son or daughter. Help me to rest in my identity that I might love others and shine your light in my city. In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, amen.

Closing Thought

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

(Psalm 27:1, NIV)

Encouragement on Fasting

Today (**Monday, January 15th**) is our second fasting day if you are participating with us.

We are inviting you to skip meals at breakfast and lunch Mondays and resume eating normally at dinnertime. If you have health concerns, or are recovering from an eating disorder, please consult your health professional first.

If last week went well, you might consider fasting longer, or even subtracting additional things from your life.

Some citYzens fasted the weekdays last week, only eating at dinnertime. Others are fasting from food and some media. Some gave up caffeine and desserts.

Let this be your sacrifice to consecrate yourself more fully to God. May each hunger pang, and moment of weakness remind you that “*apart from God, you can do nothing*” in this life. (John 15:5)

Fasting Help

“Let us say something about fasting, because many, for want of knowing its usefulness, undervalue its necessity, and some reject it as almost superfluous; while, on the other hand where the use of it is not well understood, it easily degenerates into superstition. Holy and legitimate fasting is directed to three ends; for we practice it either as a restraint on the flesh, to preserve it from licentiousness, or as a preparation for prayers and pious meditations, or as a testimony of our humiliation in the presence of God when we are desirous of confessing our guilt before him.”

(Jean Calvin, French Reformer, Pastor, Author)

“Of fasting I say this: It is right to fast frequently in order to subdue and control the body. For when the stomach is full, the body does not serve for preaching, for praying, or studying, or for doing anything else that is good. Under such circumstances God's Word cannot remain. But one should not fast with a view to meriting something by it as by a good work.”

(Martin Luther, German Reformer and Author)

Recommended Reading

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Pastor Jim Cymbala (Brooklyn Tabernacle)

How to Pray by Pete Grieg (24-7 Prayer Movement, Lectio 365)

Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill (Evangelist)

Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools by Pastor Tyler Staton (Portland, OR and Brooklyn)

Day 8

Spiritual Warfare + Fasting Day

Monday, January 15, 2024

Read

Luke 4:1-13

Reflect

In this fascinating account, we see Jesus going to battle against none other than Satan himself. After a “spiritual high” of his baptism, (along with the pronouncement from The Father and descending Holy Spirit) Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted.

We see some very important principles as we battle the supernatural, demonic realm. Even though we don't want to believe it, or think about it, spiritual warfare is part of our world. It is as real as oxygen and water. Despite Jesus being the Prince of Heaven and Son of God, Jesus himself battled Satan as a man on earth. Secondly, we see how and with what Satan tempts us. Satan used lies about Jesus' physical appetites (bread), along with appetites surrounding his significance. (power, authority, his identity as God's son) Finally, we see how Jesus battled Satan. He didn't ignore it. He didn't hide from it. He didn't call legions of angels to attack Satan. He faced the lies with the truth. Three times, Jesus said, “*it is written..*” to rebut Satan's attacks of lies and manipulation with Scripture.

Do you admit and accept that you too are in a spiritual battle?

Can you see any patterns of how you are tempted to doubt God's goodness, and to fall for physical appetites (food, drink, unholy sex, excessive sleep, etc) that are not God's plan?

Do you have a command of Scripture and the truth about you and God in order to rebut the temptations you are facing?

Lie: You are working so hard, you deserve a break. You are a good person so you aren't going to have an affair. It won't hurt anybody to go online and have a little fun.

Truth: You are tired, and instead of turning outside for release, turn to Jesus who promises to lift your heavy burdens and give you true rest. (Matthew 11:28-30) Turning to porn not only enslaves you, it enslaves children, women and men, and destroys your ability to have true intimacy with real people made in the image of God.

Pray

Father, thank you for today's reminder that I am in a real spiritual battle. I need your help. Increase my hunger for your Word so that I am not only comforted, but gain the truth to hold onto when I am lied to by Satan and his demons. Give me fresh revelation about how I am tempted, so that I can gain freedom and power from you to win my battles. Thank you for your grace. I confess my sins to you, and ask you to cleanse me today.

Closing Thought

“There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan.” (C.S. Lewis, UK Author of Narnia Series)

Day 9

Pleasing God or Man?

Tuesday, January 16

Read Luke 4:14-44

Reflect

Immediately after his bout with Satan in the wilderness, Jesus starts his three year public ministry. He goes to his hometown synagogue in Nazareth, and tells everyone about his purpose in life as he quotes from Isaiah 61 and 58. His life will be marked by preaching the good news, and showing the good news through physical healing, healing from demons, and elevating the oppressed. (As his followers, we see his priority as we follow him in our city.) Despite his obvious authority as a teacher, his own hometown people try to kill him. Later, Jesus shows his authority over demonic spirits. Finally, Jesus continues to live out his purpose he read in Nazareth by healing multiple people, and again, freeing people from demonic influence. Jesus is polarizing. On the one hand, the sick, the demonically oppressed, and the curious are praising God for this Jesus who is changing everything. On the other, Jesus upsets the status quo, challenges the religiously powerful, and brings supernatural confrontation with the demonic.

In verse fourteen, we see the phrase, "*in the power of the Spirit.*" Jesus is not making up his own plans, nor is he operating in his own strength. Jesus is led by the Spirit and empowered by the Spirit. This gives him power, supernatural revelation about people, and authority. But...this power and authority threatens people, and demons.

Do I truly seek God's purpose for my life, or do I try to just add him into my plans? Am I empowered by the Spirit, or by my own strength? Am I willing to face rejection as a follower of Jesus in order to please him? If I truly live as his follower, I must expect rejection as Jesus did from time to time. (John 15:18)

Pray

My Lord, and my God! On the one hand, I have a desire to embrace your authority, and be empowered by your Spirit. I want your power! But, I also confess that I don't always want the harder path that marked your life. I want to be liked. I don't want to stand out. Today, once again, I choose to follow you. I choose today to consecrate my life to your purpose. I know that your purpose and mission will make me truly happy and give my life meaning. Forgive me for choosing the applause of man instead of pleasing you. Fill me, Holy Spirit right now, so that I might follow you closely, and have your authority to live for you today.

Closing Thought

"If we displease God, does it matter whom we please?"

"If we please Him does it matter whom we displease?"

(Leonard Ravenhill, UK Evangelist; "Why Revival Tarries: A Classic on Revival")

Day 10

Fisher of Men

Wednesday, January 17

Read Luke 5:1-11

Reflect

Jesus calls his first disciples in this story. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are four different accounts of the same story. It is like four different news organizations covering the same story, with different audiences and emphases of the author. Here, we see how fishermen were the first to apprentice under Jesus, so that they would not only know what Jesus knew, but ultimately, to do as Jesus did. (That is the true definition of what a disciple is.)

After a long night of fishing, Peter came up empty. Jesus asked to use his boat for a temporary platform. After this, Jesus helps Peter and his friends catch a miraculous amount of fish. Peter is the professional fisherman. Jesus is only a teacher. But in this account, Peter realizes that well beyond fishing, at his core, he is a sinner that does not deserve to be in the presence of Jesus. What caused him to say this?

Peter perceives that he is in the presence of God. Only God could have helped them catch these fish in the daytime as an experienced and professional fisherman came up empty during optimal conditions at night. He recognizes that in the presence of God, he is unholy and unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus. Instead of calling Peter to offer sacrifices or prove his worthiness, Jesus invites him to apprentice under him. It is another story of God-coming-to-us, and not man-working-his way-to-God, just like the story of Christmas.

Many times, you and I take our position with Jesus for granted. We forget that we will always be unworthy because of our sin. How is Jesus calling to fish for men? As a student or teacher? A neighbour? In your business? In your everyday life, like on the metro?

Pray

Jesus, thank you for your amazing grace! I do not deserve your love, your friendship, or your forgiveness. Thank you for continuing to pursue me—despite my sin. Help me to remember my unworthiness as Peter displayed in this story. Use my life to fish for people, so that many people would have a relationship with you because of my consecrated life. Today, I pray that you would use my feet, my words, and my smile to communicate your love. I pray this in your name, Amen.

Closing Thought

“Missions, after all, is simply this: Every heart with Christ is a missionary, every heart without Christ is a mission field.”

(Count Zinzendorf, Austrian nobleman & founder of one of the world's greatest missionary movements)

Day 11

Consecrated for the Lost

Thursday, January 18

Read Luke 5:27-31

Reflect

As Jesus continues his public ministry, he continues his theme of selecting the most unlikely disciples to follow and apprentice under him. First, he selects four fishermen, (Peter and his brother Andrew, along with brothers James and John) and then he selects a hated tax collector. Tax collectors were despised because they were Jews who worked with the occupying Roman government to collect taxes from the Jews. As Levi/Matthew follows Jesus, he invites his friends to a party with Jesus as the guest of honour. Rather than separating himself from unholy people, Jesus drew near to them. The religious leaders of the day feared contact with sinners would corrupt them, but Jesus lived the opposite way, bringing his holiness to transform the unrighteous around him.

Who is someone unlikely that you know that Jesus could touch to bring them into a saving relationship? Do you live more like Jesus or the Pharisees when it comes to connecting with lost people? How could you use your influence and people network to bring people to Jesus, just like Levi did in this story?

Pray

God, thank you for coming for me. You sent your one-and-only Son, Jesus to rescue me from my filth, my selfishness, my anger, my greed, my lust, my rebellious heart. Thank you that you are so holy that nothing can compromise you. Jesus, help me draw near to those who are hurting, broken and lost. It is so much easier to spend time with followers of Jesus. Give me courage and boldness to draw near to the tax collectors, prodigal sons, oppressed and lost as you did. Show me three names of people that I already know that you want me to start praying for. Give me the persistence to pray them into heaven.

Closing Thought

To be a soul winner is the happiest thing in the world. And with every soul you bring to Jesus Christ, you seem to get a new heaven here upon earth.

(Charles Spurgeon, UK's 'Prince of Preachers' 19th Century)

Read Mark 1

Reflect

In Mark's story of Jesus that scholars believe is the eyewitness account of Peter, we see a flurry of activity in this chapter. Jesus goes quickly from intense activity to another, not simply visiting people, but dragging heaven to earth through teaching, miracles of healing, calling his first disciples, and freedom from demonic oppression. Just reading the list and thinking through it, you get a sense of the heaviness involved with Jesus' life and ministry. At the end of all this activity, most of us would kick back with our feet up, a hot cup of tea or glass of wine, and look forward to some Netflix. Jesus doesn't do any of that. Despite all the physical, emotional and spiritual fatigue, Jesus retreats alone to pray with his Father.

When you read through the gospels, you see this is a consistent pattern. Jesus draws strength in and through prayer. He never numbs his fatigue with stuff, he feeds his soul through time with God. Notice that even after all the activity and surely great fatigue, Jesus got up "**very early, while it was still dark**" to a solitary place to meet his God.

If Jesus, the Son of God, prioritized prayer like this, how much more do you and I need to do the same? Instead of praying, what do you most likely reach for when you are tired? Who or what do you often turn to when you are worn out, frustrated, angry or confused?

Pray

Father, teach me to pray like Jesus. I recognize once again that my prayerlessness is because I rely too much on myself to solve my problems. I understand that I can't live like you or for you if I am self-reliant. Give me a hunger to pray like Jesus. Give me creativity so that I experience joy as I spend time with you rather than do it like others. Father, would you birth a lasting hunger for all the citizens of City Church so that we would see more of heaven come to the city of Montreal. In Jesus' name, amen.

Closing Thought

"The job of every Christian is to pray. Plain and simple. Yet we want to do more than simply pray. We want to do something important for God; we want to be someone important to Him. We want to build; we want to mobilize; we want to show our strength and exert our influence. Prayer seems like such a small thing to do – next to nothing at all in fact...Most of us would rather spend our time doing something that will get immediate results."

(Oswald Chambers, Scottish Baptist Pastor, Author 'My Utmost for His Highest')

Read Luke 11:1-13**Reflect**

In this famous story on prayer, Jesus had gained a reputation as a man of prayer. So much so that his disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. Jesus gives us a model prayer (not a magic prayer) that helps us cover some important territory as we talk to, and listen to God. First, Jesus starts with God's character. May your name and stature be "hallowed" or "set apart as holy". Then, it is the urgent request for what is true of heaven to be made real in our community and city. God's justice, unity, righteousness, peace, love and joy to be tangibly experienced here. "Our daily bread" is the reminder that everything flows from God, and we acknowledge that He alone is our provider. As our daily essentials are met, we turn to our relationship with God, and with others. Note that we need to have both relationships moving towards being in right standing to pray this with integrity. Finally, we once again remind ourselves that we are in a spiritual battle and that we need God's endurance and wisdom and boldness to withstand the evil around us.

The rest of this section of Luke's gospel reminds us why and how we should pray. We should pray persistently—like someone desperately in need of bread. We are to "keep asking, keep seeking and keep knocking" until heaven's door is open to us. We should pray like this because we don't have a frowning, angry God. Instead, we have a Father who delights in us as good fathers and mothers delight in their sons and daughters. He loves our childlike faith that is seen in prayer. Even when we don't know what to pray, God gave us the gift of his Holy Spirit to turn our wordless prayers into groans that goes straight to heaven. (Rom 8:26-27)

How are you doing in prayer? Can this model prayer be used to help you pray like Jesus? What is preventing you from making prayer a greater priority in your life as you consecrate your life to God in 2024?

Pray

Father, teach me to pray. That is my urgent desire. Make each time with you so sweet and so meaningful that I long to spend more time in your presence. Remind me to not just talk, but also to make space to listen to you. Thank you for being such a good and loving Father. Help me trust you more today. Amen.

Closing Thought

"The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love."
(Corrie Ten Boom, Dutch Watchmaker, Author, activist who helped many Jews escape the Nazis)

Day 14

Sunday Worship Gathering

Sunday, January 21

Reflect

*How are you doing now that you are fourteen of twenty-one days in?
What is God teaching you about himself, about you, and his mission on earth?
What did God say to you today through the worship, His people, and His Word?
What is God asking you to do in light of what He revealed to you?*

Pray

Father, thank you for this holy day that commemorates your glorious resurrection from the dead. Thousands of years ago on a Sunday morning, you came alive and appeared to hundreds of witnesses. I give you this day as a consecrated day with my consecrated life. Lord, show me what you are teaching me. Show me how I am growing. Speak to me today, for your servant is listening.

I thank you for the gift of a community like City Church. Thank you for the diversity and unity that can only be found through Jesus Christ. Give me rest today and pour out your Spirit upon me so that I can serve you more in the week to come. I pray this in the matchless name of Jesus, amen.

Closing Thought

"For heaven to gain space, the world must lose."
(Jordan Seng, Hawaiian Pastor and Author)

One Week To Go

Today (**Monday, January 22nd**) is our third fasting day—if you are participating with us.

We are inviting you to skip meals at breakfast and lunch Mondays and resume eating normally at dinnertime. If you have health concerns, or are recovering from an eating disorder, please consult your health professional first.

If last week went well, you might consider fasting longer, or even subtracting additional comforts from your life.

Some citYzens fasted each of weekdays last week, only eating at dinnertime. Others are fasting from food and some media. Some gave up caffeine and desserts.

Let this be your sacrifice to consecrate yourself more fully to God. May each hunger pang, and moment of weakness remind you that “*apart from God, you can do nothing*” in this life. (John 15:5)

Our prayer is that this will be something that you will revisit on your own from time-to-time, even beyond what we do together as a church. Consider fasting when facing a hard decision, when you are struggling spiritually, facing temptation, or just are hungering for more of God’s influence in your life.

Fasting Encouragement

“Prayer is reaching out after the unseen; fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepen, confirm the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God.”
(Andrew Murray, South African Pastor)

Recommended Reading on Consecration

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Pastor Jim Cymbala (Brooklyn Tabernacle)

How to Pray by Pete Grieg (24-7 Prayer Movement, Lectio 365)

Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill (Evangelist)

Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools by Pastor Tyler Staton (Portland, OR and Brooklyn)

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer

Day 15

Fruitfulness + Fasting Day

Monday, January 22, 2024

Read John 15:1-17

Reflect

In this famous teaching, Jesus compares our spiritual life with fruit and the vine. We all focus on the fruit, the sweet result of a long process. What is your favourite fruit? Fruit tastes sweet, is pleasing to the eye, and is useful for us. However, fruit doesn't just happen on its own. It is the result of a strong and healthy tree. (or plant) Jesus reminds us that He is that strong and healthy tree. That part is already covered. Jesus also tells us here that it is for God the Father's great glory for you and me to be fruitful. The variable of fruitfulness is in you. He uses the word, "remain" or, "abide" to describe that decision we must make. Jesus didn't die simply for you and me to go to heaven. He died and rose again so that we would bring heaven to our city, so that those who are walking in darkness would come to Jesus. Here is an incredible thought: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are motivated and committed to your fruitfulness. It is God's plan to continue redeeming the world through your fruitfulness.

What fruit have you seen God bring to your life? Are you willing to stay surrendered to Jesus, the vine? Are you willing to remain, to abide through obedience? How will you commit to remaining in Jesus in 2024?

Pray

Father, thank you for this important teaching. It is so simple. Teach me to remain in you this week. Show me where I am trying to do things on my own. Show me how parts of my life are not attached to Jesus, my vine. Jesus, I commit my life to you once again. Use my time, my gifts, my ambition and my money to bring your kingdom to our city. Holy Spirit, help me to walk in step with you. I surrender to you so that my life would be fruitful.

Closing Thought for Memorization

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
(Jesus, John 15:5)

Day 16

True Repentance

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Read Luke 19:1-6

Reflect

Have you ever heard about Zacchaeus, that wee little man? Zacchaeus was a hated tax collector. In fact, he was a “chief tax collector.” He was despised by the Jews because he was using his energy to exploit the children of God for the insatiable appetite of the brutal Roman Empire. He was a very public enemy. In this story, Jesus, the Messiah of Israel, locks in on Zacchaeus. He famously climbs a tree to see Jesus in action, and Jesus looks up and sees a man desperate enough to climb a tree to see him. The holy one of God invites himself to Zacchaeus’ house. *Only Jesus could get away with that.* While everyone despises Zacchaeus, Jesus pushes the criticism away to meet with him one-on-one. In this simple encounter, Zacchaeus repents. He doesn’t just “pray a prayer” to come to Jesus; his whole life changes. (This is the true definition of repentance) In the presence of God, Zacchaeus makes the decision to surrender his earnings. Voluntarily, he promises to give half of his of his possessions to the poor, and to pay back (with a penalty) to anyone who was cheated through his collections. After making these declarations, Jesus recognizes a changed heart. He pronounces, “*Salvation has come to this house.*” The story reminds us of Jesus’ central mission, then and today: **“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”**

What is God saying to you today about this story? Are you so hungry for Jesus that you would risk ridicule to climb a tree to meet him? Is your public and your private life surrendered to God? Does God have your work life as well as your Sunday life? Do you have a passion for the lost like Jesus does? If not, how can you cultivate it?

Pray

Jesus, thank you for reminding me that you are always coming to broken and lost people. Thank you for the grace you showed to Zacchaeus—and to me. Give me the courage to wholly surrender to you. It is more than prayer and Sundays; you require all of me. Holy Spirit, help me to walk with you so that my life would be used to bring the lost home.

Closing Thought

“Oh that I could dedicate my all to God. This is all the return I can make Him.”
(David Brainerd, 18th century missionary to Native Americans)

Day 17

Standing Under Sifting

Wednesday, January 24

Read Luke 22:7-38

Reflect

We can't imagine the pressure and the darkness of this scene. These were the last few minutes of Jesus' freedom before the crucifixion. They were the last moments Jesus would share with his friends before his death. As Jesus warned them again of his impending doom, his disciples used the opportunity to argue about their position of importance. Jesus was talking about his death, and the disciples were talking about their greatness. In this story, we also see behind the curtains of the work of Satan who wants to "sift you all like wheat." This is an echo of the story of Job where Satan asks permission to test if Job is truly a man of God. Satan, "adversary" or "accuser" always wants to destroy the faith of God's children. He is actively opposing you and me today. With this in mind, Jesus tells them he has been praying for them, and warns them that they also need to pray for strength under Satan's pressure. Despite Jesus' warnings, Peter says that he is ready to win this battle, even if means joining him in prison or in death. We all know the rest of the story of how Peter's self-reliance fails him just hours later.

Do you see any of yourself in Peter's self-reliance? Do you find it easy or difficult to pray, asking God for help? Peter and the disciples slept under pressure. When under pressure, what is the way you tend to soothe yourself?

Pray

Father, thank you for this reminder that Satan is actively trying to destroy my faith. I confess that like Peter, I too often rely on my own strength. Forgive me for this kind of sin. Teach me to humble myself through prayer, fasting, obedience, meditating on your Word, and surrounding myself with Christian community. Come, Holy Spirit. Give me joy walking with you daily, and depending on you on the mountains as well as the valleys of life this year.

Closing Thought

"He that tempted Christ will not be expected to spare men."

(Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th century French Abbot and Spiritual Leader)

Day 18

Heaven is Here

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Read Acts 2:1-13

Reflect

After the death of Jesus, all hope seemed to be lost. The disciples wandered, and some doubted. Peter, the one they looked up to, fell. It took Thomas putting his fingers in the wounds of Jesus' resurrected body to believe he had actually rose from the grave. If there was a more unlikely group of people to change the world, it was the few dozen disciples of Jesus living in Jerusalem only 40 days after the crucifixion. They met while gathered in an upper room in the middle of a city captured by the Romans, but still partially controlled by the same people who executed Jesus. As they prayed and worshipped, heaven came down on each of them. A loud sound of rushing wind was the first indicator. Then, they started to speak the languages of the world that were assembling in their city. Though they spoke foreign languages, they spoke in their Galilean accent. This marveled their neighbours hearing them praising God in multiple languages. But some dismissed the incident as those who had too much wine to drink. All of this was a fulfillment of the promise that his disciples would do "greater things than these." For the first time in history, The Holy Spirit came upon a whole group of common people, instead of exclusively on a priest, prophet or king. It was also a fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel 2:28-29. As the people of God living on the far side of the resurrection, we are to be filled by The Holy Spirit for the work of God. We cannot do accomplish God's supernatural mission without supernatural anointing.

Does this make you excited or uncomfortable as a follower of Jesus? Are you willing to relinquish control of your life to be filled by the Spirit? Are you hungry enough to wait on God to release his presence and power on your life?

Pray

Father, help me wait on you. When we focus our energy and desires for your purposes, you can free reign over our lives. Humble me in prayer. I am your servant for your work. I relinquish my desires to be used by you. Come, Holy Spirit. I ask you to fill me today so that I could be your vessel to bring heaven to the people around me. I am yours. Amen.

Closing Thought

"If we think of the Holy Spirit only as an impersonal power or influence, then our thought will constantly be, how can I get hold of and use the Holy Spirit; but if we think of Him in the biblical way as a divine Person, infinitely wise, infinitely holy, infinitely tender, then our thought will constantly be, 'How can the Holy Spirit get hold of and use me?'"

(R.A. Torrey, 19th century American evangelist and pastor)

Read Acts 4:1-22

Reflect

The apostles and followers of Jesus were filling Jerusalem with miracles and teachings of the resurrection of Jesus. Everywhere these Jesus people went, the activity of God followed. In Peter's first sermon, three thousand gave their life to Christ. The apostles were healing people, and there was incredible power to the words they were teaching. As their popularity grew, the opposition grew. The Jewish leaders feared that these Jesus people would cause another military intervention of Rome against the Jews. This was a common response when the people started getting excited. Peter and John were arrested and brought to trial in front of the same people who ordered the execution of Jesus. The same Peter who denied Jesus three times to a servant girl now stood before Jesus' executioners with great boldness and gospel clarity. *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."* These Jesus people still spoke with their Galilean (country) accent. They were still fishermen at heart. But, filled by the Holy Spirit, they were unmistakably different. *"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."*

Could the same be said of you? Though you are the same person, do people see and hear Jesus in you? Have you seen God do the extraordinary through you? If not, do you have a desire to stand for Jesus when he calls upon you?

Pray

O, God, I hunger for you. In this world of opposition, it is difficult to stand firm for you. It is far easier to pray in private than stand publicly. I often choose my comfort instead of boldness. Forgive me for wanting to hide in the shadows. Fill me with your Spirit so that I could stand for you when you require it. Give me so much love and joy and power that I would live for you from the overflow of what you have given me. Come, Holy Spirit.

Closing Thought

"His voice leads us not into timid discipleship but into bold witness."
(Charles Stanley, American Pastor)

Day 20

What's The Big Deal?

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Read

Romans 6:1-14

Reflect

As we complete our twenty-one days focusing of consecration, we have covered a lot of ground. We started in the Hebrew Bible to see how the holiness of God drove the Jews to be set apart for his purposes in a sin-stained world. We spent lots of time in the teachings and life of Jesus to see how he lived, and how he calls his followers to live. We finished by looking at how the earliest disciples of Jesus followed him after his death and resurrection. All of the people of God lived as a minority, as people living for God surrounded by people who lived for themselves. Today, let's refocus on the theme of consecration from sin.

Paul's letter to the Roman church is rich beyond words. In the book that has given us more Christian doctrine than any other, Paul circulates an argument that we still use today. To paraphrase, *"If we are forgiven and loved by God anyway, why does it matter how we live?"* To answer this common argument, Paul says that the question itself reveals a gross misunderstanding of the good news. When you become a follower of Jesus, you are united with Christ. Your old life was crucified. Your old life was buried. You also experience a resurrection with a new heart, a new ambition, and a new power to live for Christ. You were a slave to sin, but now, you are free to serve God. This is the exact picture of baptism...death and burial (laying under the water) and resurrection. (standing out of the water) Because you have been united to Christ, you are to live as free people to surrender to God, not to subject yourself to slavery through surrendering to sin. This doesn't mean we will be perfect, but it does call us to live out our true identity. If we live like we used to live (or like everybody else) it is almost like Jesus was executed for nothing at all. Our holiness matters because we are a living testimony of the power of Jesus to transform broken lives. While we will always wrestle with sin, we have the power to live as consecrated people to display the amazing grace of Jesus to a sin-stained world.

Pray

Come, Lord Jesus! Thank you for transforming me from the inside-out. Thank you for purchasing not just my salvation, but giving me a totally new life and power. Give me a vision for holiness. Give me victory over my sin. Help me to walk by the Spirit day-by-day that I might honour you with my thoughts, my attitudes, my actions and my relationships. Help me to be a display of the power of Jesus to my family, friends, coworkers and neighbours. Father, pour out your love and power on the people of City Church. What a joy to share life together! Make us consecrated people so that you can fulfill your purposes through us. May your kingdom come to Montreal as it is in heaven!

Closing Thought

"Holiness is not the way to Christ. Christ is the way to holiness."

(Adrian Rogers, American Pastor)

Day 21

Sunday Worship Gathering

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Don't move on too fast. To anchor the investment you have made in the last three weeks, please take 30-40 minutes to reflect deeply upon this experience. You will be so glad that you did!

Final Reflections

What did God do in your life in the past twenty-one days?

*What truths did God reveal to you? **Write them down.***

*What changes is God asking you to make? **Write them down.***

Did you sense God's love and closeness in the last three weeks?

Did you experience his peace and comfort?

*What is your best next step to follow Jesus right now? (Private habits, getting into a City Group, financial, serving on our Dream Team, reconciling with broken relationship, other?) **Write it down and share it with 1-2 trusted believers for accountability.***

Pray

Father, thank you for this holy day that commemorates your glorious resurrection from the dead. Thank you for the victory I have because of your resurrection! Help me, Holy Spirit, to live surrendered to you. Take my life, and let it be consecrated for thee. Give me a hunger and passion for you. Use my life as you see fit. Teach me to pray as Jesus prayed. Remind me that I can't do life alone. I need you and I need your people surrounding me to thrive. Come, Holy Spirit. I ask that you would fill me so that I would hunger for you and your kingdom. Give me victory over my sin, and Satan. Fill me with so much love that it would overflow to the people around me. I am yours, Lord. Show me what is next for my life. Help me to continue pursuing you wholeheartedly. Surround me with good Christian people who will keep my focus on you when I wander. Thank you for loving me, dying for me, and filling me with your Spirit. I am ready for what's next. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Closing Thoughts

"Consecration refers to the way we dedicate ourselves to the things of God through specific sacrificial acts. The more of ourselves we set apart exclusively for God's use, the larger our capacity to flow in God's supernatural power."

(Jordan Seng)

"The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to him. By God's help, I aim to be that man."

(D.L. Moody)

NEXT STEPS

Sharing Life in Relationships

- Join a City Group (midweek study and relationship building)
- Serve on our Dream Team (welcome team, creative team, kids team)

Bible Engagement

- Download the *YouVersion Bible* app and find a Bible plan to follow with some friends.
- Try the S.O.A.P. method for greater Bible study.
- Check out *The Bible Project* studies.

Prayer

- Download the *Lectio 365* app for guided prayer morning and night.
- Practice praying The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6 everyday slowly.
- Pray for 3-5 lost friends everyday at lunch.
- Read a book on prayer below

Reading

- How to Pray by Pete Grieg
- Living Like Monks, Praying Like Fools by Tyler Staton
- Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala
- The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer

Relationships

- Join a City Group within City Church
- Join the Dream Team to serve with great people
- Share what God has been doing in your life the past twenty-one days with another believer.
- Find an accountability partner to help gain greater victory over sin and temptation.

Share Your Story

Send a message to let us know what God did in your life! Send an email to prayer@citychurch.ca to encourage our staff and share your story!

Last Word

It has been a deep joy joining you on this twenty-one day journey. This is just the beginning of what God wants to do in and through your life! We believe in you, and are ready to serve you as you continue consecrating your life for the Name above all names.

--Pastor Chris on behalf of the City Church Leadership Team