

Perspective on IHOPKC's Calling and Assignment

I. OUR PRIMARY CALLING AND FIVE SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS

- A. The **primary calling** for each ministry is to ***know God and to make Him known***, as they work together with others to ***obey the Great Commission*** and ***build the Church***. This includes proclaiming the supremacy of Jesus as we win the lost, make disciples, heal the sick, build godly families, do works of justice and compassion, and seek to impact each sphere of society.

¹⁹Go...make disciples of all the nations...²⁰teaching them to observe all things... (Mt. 28:19-20)

¹⁸I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:18)

1. We spread the **fame of Jesus**—**proclaiming** the knowledge of God and the worth of Jesus.
 2. Jesus said **“Go”**—**mobilizing** the work of the kingdom, locally and abroad as the army of God.
 3. Jesus said **“I will build”**—**gathering** the workers together to function as the family of God.
 4. Jesus said **“Make disciples”**—**equipping** others to love God and people with all our hearts.
- B. The Lord gives **specific assignments** related to the Great Commission and ours include:
1. **Keeping a 24/7 sanctuary** of worship with intercession in the spirit of the tabernacle of David
 2. Calling people to **intimacy with Jesus as our Bridegroom God** and to the first commandment
 3. Raising up **forerunner messengers** who proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge to prepare others for the unique dynamics of God’s end-time plan related to Jesus’ return to earth. These “day of the Lord messengers” will function as friends of the Bridegroom (Jn. 3:29).
 4. Working with others to serve **Jesus’ purposes for Israel** including a **24/7 prayer network** that mobilizes 100 million intercessors to pray for the release of His power and salvation
 5. Strengthening the **“Praying Church”** including helping others to plant churches (that are not under IHOPKC) as **praying communities** and to establish a prayer culture and in the nations
- C. **Why we keep a 24/7 sanctuary**: to minister to God, release His power and encounter His heart
1. We **minister to God** by declaring His worth as a witness to how He is ministered to in heaven.
 2. We **labor in intercession** for power to win the lost, revive the church, impact society, etc.
 - 3 We **grow in intimacy with God** by encountering Him unto love, obedience, and partnership.
 4. We **grow in revelation of the Word** gaining insight into His will, ways, and salvation and to understand the unique dynamics of His end-time plan to transition the earth to the age to come.
- D. We recognize the various identities of IHOPKC that affect how people relate to us.
1. To the nations we are a **house of prayer** (they visit us to spend time in the prayer room)
 2. To our staff we are a **missions base** (we use a corporate structure with departments/divisions)
 3. To God we are a **local church** (we use the NT as our model for vision, values, and authority)

¹¹And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...¹⁶from whom [Jesus] the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (Eph. 4:11-16)

II. FUNCTIONING AS A NEW TESTAMENT BODY OF BELIEVERS

A. The early Church continued steadfastly in walking out kingdom values together.

⁴²They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine [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.*** ⁴⁴***Now all who believed...⁴⁵sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*** ⁴⁶***So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness...*** ⁴⁷***The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)***

1. **Added to the church daily:** Outreach with evangelism is essential to NT fellowship.
2. **Apostles' doctrine:** They were devoted to receiving teaching and to personal Bible study.
3. **Breaking bread:** They realigned their hearts to obey God and to repair relationships.
4. **Prayer:** They regularly gathered for corporate prayer and intercession for one another.
5. **Daily in the temple:** They met in the temple for teaching and corporate prayer (Acts 3:1).
6. **House to house:** They met in homes daily for fellowship, outreach, and discipleship.
7. **Fellowship:** This flows from serving others, reaching out to the lost together and sharing what we receive from the Lord. It is more than socializing around entertainment.

B. **FCF Life Groups:** Four primary activities of a Life Group

1. **Bible study:** We want group discussions not Bible teachings (aim for 30 mins).
2. **Relationship building:** We share our victories and pressures (aim for 30 mins).
3. **Ministry to one another:** We will pray and speak blessing over each other (aim for 15 mins).
4. **Outreach:** We plan, report, and pray for the group's upcoming outreach (aim for 15 mins).
We encourage groups to adopt several blocks, or serve a specific need in the geographic area.

C. **How to join a Life Group** (see a complete list of Life Group leaders on the website next week):

1. Pick a group from the list on the Life Group board (at FCF)—80+ groups to choose from
2. Email the leader to introduce yourself and tell them if you have children
 - Jon Boegl jonboegl@ihop.org or Chris Castanza cpcastanza@gmail.com
 - Young married couples and single young adults: Wes Martin wesleymartin@ihop.org
 - Young adult groups: Tyler Deaton deaton.tyler@gmail.com

D. **How to start a new Life Group**

1. Find a co-leader and fill out a Life Group registration form at the Life Groups board (at FCF)
2. Meet with Jon Boegl or another Life Group team leader (see our website for a complete list)
3. **Email lifegroups@ihopkc.org** to set up a meeting
4. Sign up for a 4-week Life Group leaders training
(The next one is Tuesday, Oct 23 at 6:30pm in the Seminar Room)
5. Participate in the monthly Life Group leaders meeting
(At the Main Street offices every third Tuesday at 6:30 PM—the next one is October 16)
6. Bring your own lunch and join us every Wednesday (noon-1:30pm at the Main Street offices).

E. **Connect with us on FACEBOOK:** <http://www.facebook.com/IHOPKCLifeGroups>