

WHY WE EXIST AS A CHURCH

OUR MISSION: **LOVE SERVE REACH CONNECT**

Love the Lord, our family, our church, and our community

Serve the Lord, our church, and our community

Reach those who don't know Jesus through the love of God and compassion, by sharing the Gospel and inviting people to know Jesus.

Connect to God through bible teaching, prayer, worship, and praise, and connect by building community through church ministries

GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE We believe that the Lord has a divine plan for everyone

Ephesians 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Psalms 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

We believe God's plan is for every person.

1. Know God
 2. Find freedom
 3. Discover purpose
- Our goal is to help people know God and Find Freedom
 - In the next 6 weeks, we will go over some fundamental principles that are highly important
 - Among the fundamental biblical truths that will tell us what happened when we accepted Jesus
 - What does it mean to walk with Jesus
 - What should I expect from the church
 - What should the church expect from me

Know God

1. Through the Bible, the Word of God: This is where God will speak to you the most.

- There are visions, dreams, and sometimes God speaks in an audible voice to His people
- But He **always speaks to us when we read the Bible**
- It is impossible to know God without knowing the Bible
- **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- **2 Peter 1:21** for prophecy (Old Testament) never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- **James 1:21** Therefore, lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves
- The Bible will reveal to us God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, His will for our lives, direction, heavenly wisdom, strength, encouragement, and a light unto our feet

2. Through the power of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is God the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father to us.

- John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the [h]Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
- The rivers of living water: A incomprehensible, incomparable joy that accompanies the infilling of the Holy Spirit who dwells within the believers

- **John 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- The Holy Spirit is our Helper and teacher
- **Luke 24:45** And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.
- The Holy Spirit gives us revelation of the Word of God
- The Holy Spirit is not a feeling or force, or a commodity to have, but rather the essence of Jesus Christ on earth today
- He reveals Jesus to us, He glorifies Jesus and the Father, he helps us pray, strengthens us, guides us, convicts us of sin, and is like a river of living water flowing from within

3. **Worship experience:** Singing praises, Worship, congregational worship, etc

- God is worthy of all worship, honor, glory, and praise.
- The Bible declares that He inhabits the praise of his people (Psalms 22:3).
- The Bible tells us the story (of the triumphal entry to Jerusalem as Jesus was entering the city on a donkey, and the people were shouting “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”. When the Pharisees tell Jesus to silence the people, He said, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.”
- We come together as a church to worship and praise the Lord, This is extremely important to do as a church
 - **Psalms 22:1** I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
 - **Psalms 27:4** One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.
 - **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.
- We fulfill part of our purpose by worshiping God. **Psalms 29:2** Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Know God through the Bible, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and through worship.

FIND FREEDOM

Freedom from what? Sin

What is sin? There are many opinions... Sin Hamartaho: missing the mark of God's law, will, standards, principles, and commands

The Bible tells us that we all have sinned **Romans 3:23**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When we surrender our lives to Jesus and spend time with Him, He renews our minds and hearts with the truths of His Word in His presence; we find freedom.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Transformation and renewal of our mind

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Washing, regeneration, and renewing

Freedom through community: Seniors, men, women, young adults, youth, and children ministries.

Real-life change happens in the context of relationships, small groups. In the Bible, they worshipped in the temple, but ministry happened from house to house.

- **Acts 20:20:** “You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

God never intended for us to go through life alone. Throughout the Bible, we see the importance of being in a community. Authentic life change happens in the context of relationships. We believe God created us to live in relationships with others.

- We encourage everyone to faithfully and consistently come to church
- To get involved and participate in church ministries and activities
- We encourage everyone to invite family and friends to the House of the Lord

How can our church grow larger yet maintain close relationships? By being a part of a ministry and building a community

- **Hebrews 10:25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
- Coming together as a family, mentoring, and holding each other accountable, “Iron sharpens iron,
- **Acts 2:46:** “They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”
- **Acts 5:42** “(They met) day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house.”
- There are long-lasting friendships that happen in the church community. True brothers and sisters, helping, mentoring, and praying for each other. Doing life together

Find purpose

Ephesians 3:17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—**19** to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

2 Corinthians 10:15 having hope, *that* as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, **16** to preach the gospel in the *regions* beyond you

Our prayer is that everyone at Calvary Chapel increases and finds divine purpose in their lives through the knowledge of the Word of God and serving one another

We have all been called to be a part of the Body of Christ, which is the Church

How our ministries work

Ministries provide an opportunity to build community. **John 13:34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Ministries meet on Wednesday nights for a study of the Word of God that the whole church does together to strengthen and apply the Word of God in our lives
- Ministries also hold different monthly activities like special services, meals, trips, conventions, and camps, in which we encourage everyone to get involved
- Our ministries create an opportunity where we can pray and get to know each other on a personal level
- Our ministries also create a place where we can serve and help make a difference

OUR HOPE FOR YOU

We hope that you take a step towards understanding how your uniquely designed personality, talents, and the spiritual gifts God has given you reveal a fulfilling path to your destiny.

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

We are so glad that you are here

We are excited that you are walking with the Lord and are a part of our church family

Welcome to Calvary Chapel