

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



March 10, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’” Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Seven Promises About The Gift Of Salvation
Promise #5

The Gift of Salvation is permanent, unconditional, and certain.

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love....nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39

“So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through.” John 8:36

Why The Gospel is Such Good News

III. “Soils and Seeds in God’s Kingdom”
Pastor Gary Barber

“The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.” Mark 1:1 (NIV)

❖ Gospel – Euangelion

❖ God’s Only Son Provides Eternal Life

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (ESV)

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Matthew 9:35 (NASB)

This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14 (NASB)

❖ The Gospel of Jesus = The Gospel of The Kingdom

Four Soils / Four Heart Conditions

“Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.” Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” Mark 4:3-9 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.” Mark 4:13-20 (NIV)

But as for the seed that landed on good soil, these are the ones who, after hearing the word, cling to it with an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with steadfast endurance. Luke 8:15 (NET)

The Good Seed of the Kingdom

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)

➤ The marvel of the mustard seed

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

Mark 4:32 (NIV)

Blessing our “FRANCES”

Begin with prayer: for and with unchurched people.

Listen: ask questions about their spiritual story.

Eat: show hospitality and build the relationship.

Serve and ask for help: care for them, let them care for me.

Share my story and the good news of Jesus: invite response.

❖ Invitation & Prayer

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #3

The Wise person saves.
The foolish person spends everything.

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

4Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes
4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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