# The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



July 17, 2022

## I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

"Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:2, 4-5 (ESV)

### II. Family Confession & Greeting

## The Oaks Priority #2

We are a grace-based church. We emphasize God's amazing grace in our relationship with Him and in our relationships with one another.

"Through this man [Jesus] we all receive gifts of grace beyond our imagination." I John 1:16 (VOICE)



Following Jesus The Perfect Man

Lessons for Disciples of Jesus From the Gospel of Luke

III.

"The Joy of Kingdom Advancement" Luke 10:1-24 Pastor Gary Barber

> Following Jesus as His Disciple = <u>great sacrifice</u> and <u>great joy</u>.

"<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup>He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup>Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."  The Kingdom of God – Life overcoming death – reversing the curse – the presence of the future here and now.

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.""

Luke 10:9 (NIV)

"But if I by the power of God cast out demonic spirits, then face this fact: the kingdom of God is here, just as I've been saying." Luke 11:20 (VOICE)

The supernatural joy of the kingdom

<sup>«17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." <sup>18</sup> He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17-20 (NIV)

"At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do." Luke 10:21 (NIV)

"The seventy two returned with joy... rejoice that your names are written in heaven... Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit..." (Luke 10:17, 20, 21)

• Jesus is our example of joy and gives His supernatural joy to us through the Holy Spirit.

The joy of Christ is the ability to be content, satisfied, buoyant, and upbeat within oneself regardless of external circumstances. "A delight in life that runs deeper than pain or pleasure." – Creath Davis – "Joy" – Evangelical Dictionary of Theology

"You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word during great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit." I Thessalonians 1:6 (NASB)

"For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Romans 14:17 (NASB)

Why is this so important?

"Do not be grieved, for the joy, of the Lord is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10b (NASB)

### IV. Invitation – Prayer & Reflection

- Would you like a restoration of joy?
- Would you like supernatural joy through the Holy Spirit?

### V. Worshipping God through our offerings

"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

#### 3 Ways to Give:

1. Online at www.theoaksweb.com

- 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

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Text us to let us know that you are here today or with any prayer request that you have: 661-241-3408