

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



April 7, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

"God saved you by grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this - it's a gift from God." Ephesians 2:8

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Armor of God #1

We are more than conquerors in Christ. Today we clothe ourselves in the full armor of God. We put on the belt of truth. For Jesus said: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

-Ephesians 6: 10-18 -John 8: 31



III. "Lessons From the Beginnings of the Church of Ephesus"

Acts 19

Pastor Gary Barber

- ❖ Paul's third Missionary Journey was centered on establishing Christ's Church in Ephesus
- Priscilla, Aquilla, & Apollos – Acts 18:23-28

- Paul and the disciples of John the Baptist

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.
Acts 19:1-7 (NIV)

- ❖ The general pattern in Acts for disciples of Jesus: Believe in Jesus. Be baptized in water. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ Rivers Retreats at The Oaks

- Paul preaches the Kingdom of God and extraordinary miracles follow

- ❖ The Seven Sons of Sceva – Acts 19:13-16

- Fear, Repentance, & Revival

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.
Acts 19:17-20 (NIV)

- ❖ The fear (awe, terror, deep respect) of the Lord –
Luke 1:12, 2:9, 5:26, 7:16, 8:37; Acts 2:43, 5:11, 9:31

Applications

- ❖ Have you had a distinctive life changing encounter with the Holy Spirit? Are you living in the Spirit’s life and power today?
- ❖ Do you need to disattach from something hindering your spiritual development?

❖ Sharing Family Communion

May you have grace and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come; and from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; and from Jesus Christ who faithfully reveals all truth to us. He was the first to rise from death, to die no more. He is far greater than any king in all the earth. All praise to him who always loves us and who set us free from our sins by pouring out his lifeblood for us.

Revelation 1:4b, 5 (TLB)

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #7

You can't outgive God. He always blesses generous givers.

"What I mean is this: the one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver."
II Corinthians 9:6, 7 (CEB)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you!"
Malachi 3:10 (TLB)

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2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
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4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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