

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



September 25, 2022

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.... We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.” Revelation 11: 15b, 17 (NIV)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Alliance Core Value #5

Completing the Great Commission will require the mobilization of every fully devoted disciple.

“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)



Following Jesus
The Perfect Man

Lessons for Disciples of Jesus
From the Gospel of Luke



III. “Serving, Burning, & Stewarding until the Master Returns

Luke 12:35-48

Pastor Gary Barber

“³⁵ Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Luke 12:35-40 (NIV)

❖ Matthew 25:1-13 – Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

“⁴¹ Peter asked, “Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?” ⁴² The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager [steward], whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? ⁴³ It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. ⁴⁴ Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.”

Luke 12:41-44 (NIV)

❖ Oikonomos – steward, house manager, superintendent, treasurer

“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

I Corinthians 4:1, 2 (NKJV)

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God.

I Peter 4:10 (NASB)

“⁴⁷ “The servant who knows the master’s will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. ⁴⁸ But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Luke 12:47, 48 (NIV)

❖ How does this fit with justification?

Justification = just as if I never sinned
& just as righteous as Christ Himself

- Our standing is secure, but our service will be evaluated
- Eternal Judgment

“And just as it is appointed and destined for all [humans] to die once and after this [comes certain] judgment.”

Hebrews 9:27 (AMP)

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

II Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

- Some will not be rewarded but rebuked. The anguish of unfaithfulness – “as one escaping through the flames” (I Corinthians 3:12-15)
- A recent epiphany – I regularly overestimate myself... and so do you... because sin distorts our self understanding.

❖ Prayer and Reflection.

- Are you burning? Are you serving? Are you ready?

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

Romans 12:11 (NIV)

IV. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35 (NASB)

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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