

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Speaker: Mike

Date: 6/20/21

Worship: Jake Schwein

QUESTIONS:

We want to take a posture of prayer as we move into this new space.

What is most important to us is the heart posture of us as His people!

Prayer is where we abandon ourselves to God's Purpose, where we access His Power, and where we align with God's Peace.

1. As we get ready to move into our new building are you spending time alone with God aligning your heart with His plans and purposes for you and for Grace Chapel? Are you pursuing a posture of humility?

2. Are you living as a temple of God day in and day out?

3. How are you using prayer as a way of laying a foundation for God's presence in your home?

Please take some time to pray through these prayer points as we prepare to move into our new church home!

SERMON NOTES:

God uses *inanimate* things to *animate* hearts.

Church buildings can both *maximize* who you are and *minimize* who you are.

John 2:13-16

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

Isaiah 56:7

these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Isaiah 56:8

The Sovereign Lord declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel:

"I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

Isaiah 66:1,2

This is what the Lord says: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord.

The temple was meant to be a place of refuge for all people.

Dedicate: to Set Aside for a sacred purpose

1. Prayer is how we *abandon* to Purpose.

Karl Barth said that ‘to clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world’.

2. Prayer is how we *access* Power

“I am convinced, however, that our constant activity is fruitless without first making that humble act of kneeling to pray. I am convinced that prayer is not only our greatest privilege, but also our greatest source of power.”

— Pete Greig

3. Prayer is how we *align* with Peace

“A prayer room is first and foremost a living room—a place where the Father waits for his children to come and climb into his arms.”

— Pete Greig

1 Kings 8:27

“But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

1 Kings 8:28

Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.

1 Kings 8:54,55

When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying:

1 Kings 8:56

“Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Check out our Prayer Resources below

PRAYER RESOURCES:

GraceKids

2 Timothy 3:14-17 - Our children would have a deep love and value for God's Word!

Eph. 2:10 - Our children would find their identity in Jesus

John 3:16 - Kids would come to know Jesus as their loving creator and savior

Gal 5:22-23 - That the fruit of Holy Spirit is evident in our children

Families

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 - Families would experience and express the Love of God to one another and to others

Psalms 46:1 - Families would hold tightly to the fact that God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble!

Col 3:20-21; Exodus 20:12; Eph 6:4 - Children would be respectful and obedient as Parents treat their children with honor in discipline

Numbers 6:24-26 - Pray that our families would experience blessing, protection, and peace

Ardent

Matt 18:10-14 - Our teens would be quick to pursue those who need Jesus

James 1:5, 3:13-18 - Our teens would value and pursue God's wisdom

1 Timothy 4:12 - Our teens would be leaders in how to walk with Jesus!

Psalms 139:13-18 - Our teens would believe they were created with intention and purpose

Hebrews 4:12; Psalms 119:10-11 - Our teens would have a passion for reading God's word and hearing His voice

All Who Walk through our Doors

Matt 11:25-30 - Grace Chapel would be a place of rest and healing for all

Acts 2:14-21 - All who walk through our doors experience the pouring out of the Spirit

John 13:34-35 - That all who enter our doors experience the love of Jesus

Eph 4:29-32 - That no one would experience division or unkindness at Grace, but instead kindness, compassion and forgiveness

Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 25:35 - That all strangers would feel welcomed and invited into our church family

Lifestyle of Worship

Matthew 5:3-10 - Our worship would be based in the teaching of Jesus

Matt 22:36-39 - That we would love the Lord our God, and love others

John 13:1-17 - Our worship would be evident in how we serve one another

John 17:20-26 - The foundation of our worship is unity with Jesus and one another

John 4:23-24 - Worship in Spirit and in Truth

Community engagement

Matt 6:1-4 - Our Work in the community would be for God's plans rather than for the eyes of others

Matt 14:13-21 - That God would multiply exponentially anything we do for our community

Romans 12:12-21 - In walking with others we would be empathetic; rejoicing with those who rejoice, grieving with those who grieve, showing compassion and kindness

Micah 6:8 - That we would carry justice, mercy, and humility equally as we walk with others

Matt 5:13-16 - Be a light to the world

Revival for us and the Region

Matt 9:35-38 - That we would all be intentional in pursuing those who do not know Jesus

2 Chronicles 7:14 - We would stay in a posture of humility with our faces turned to God

Ezekiel 36:26 - That God would keep our hearts soft

Isaiah 44:3 - That God would pour His Spirit out on our community

Equipping of the Saints for Ministry

John 10:10b; Matt 28:19 - Discipleship toward a deep and loving relationship with Jesus that leads to making disciples

Romans 12:4-10; Ephesians 4:1-16 - We would acknowledge, identify, and empower the spiritual gifts/offices given by the Lord for building up the body of Christ

1 Peter 2:9-10 - We would value and encourage the Priesthood of Believers

Staff

Marriages, Unity, Perseverance, Grace

Scriptures being prayed by our leadership for this next season

Psalm 145; Psalm 46:10, Jeremiah 29:13; Luke 5:36-38; Eph 3:14-21