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***“Without a Vision: As we go...do we know...who we are?”***

### Key Scripture References:

#### Nehemiah 6:15-16

<sup>15</sup> So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth *day* of Elul, in fifty-two days. <sup>16</sup> And it happened, when all our enemies heard *of it*, and all the nations around us saw *these things*, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

#### Proverbs 29:18a

Where *there is* no revelation, the people cast off restraint; - NKJV

Where there is no vision, the people perish. – KJV

#### Matthew 16:13-19

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”** <sup>14</sup> So they said, “Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** <sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed<sup>[d]</sup> in heaven.”

#### Kingdom Life Community Mission Statement:

Kingdom Life Community is an interdenominational, New Testament, bible-believing, bible-teaching church committed to fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

**The Great Commandment: (Matthew 22: 34-40)**

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “ *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*” <sup>38</sup> This is *the* first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And *the* second is like it: *‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’* <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”



### **The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)**

<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

### **History of Pastor John Thompson & Kingdom Life Community**

- 1989 – John was an atheist
- 1990 (Fall) - Saved and surrendered to the Lordship of Christ/began preparing for ministry
- 1991 (Spring) – Called to preach
- 1994 – ordained/received vision from God for Kingdom Life Church/discovered Purpose Driven Church book/Travelled throughout denomination teaching PD Church model
- 1995 to '97 – introduced to the reality of God’s Kingdom
- 1998 – worst spiritual desert of my life...almost “lost it”
- 1999 – restored from broken fellowship with God
- 2000 to 2002 – disciple children at home
- 2002 to 2010 – faithfulness test: supporting another man’s vision at our last church
- 2010 (Summer) – organized Kingdom Life Community
- 2010 (September) – began meeting on Sunday mornings
- 2011 (September) – officially opened doors of church to the community

### **Proverbs 9:1**

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars. – NKJV

### **The 7 Pillars of Our Ministry Mandates (From back of Harvest of Souls Confession bookmark)**

- Worship
- Fellowship
- Outreach
- Evangelism
- Membership
- Teaching & Training
- Administration

## The 7 Pillars of Our Ministry Mandates

### I. Pillar #1 – Worship (To love God)

- Real love, the God-kind-of-love is:
  - Unconditional
  - Sacrificial
  - Selfless
- And results in
  - Commitment
  - Investment

Worship is more than an act; it is a way of life!

- 4 ways Kingdom Life Church loves God through our worship:
  - We love God by experiencing the living Word of God
  - We love God by engaging in passionate praise of God
    - God inhabits the praise of His people (Ps. 22:3)
  - We love God by crying out to God in expectant prayer
  - We love God by giving cheerfully unto God our...
    - Time
    - Talent - ability
    - Tender – finances

### II. Pillar #2 – Fellowship (Loving Ourselves and Others)

#### Acts 2:37-47

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. – NKJV

**God manifested 5 visible realities in the early church:**

1. They were **edified**
2. They were **terrified**
3. God was **glorified**
4. They were **unified**
5. Their numbers were **multiplied**

**Living out a “Get Naked” Church**

- **Acknowledge those with whom we worship**
- **Accept those with whom we worship**
- **Affirm those with whom we worship**



**Get  
Naked?**

## **Acts 2:42**

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*Koinonia – community, communion, joint participation, sharing and intimacy*

## **John 10:14**

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; and I **know** My sheep, and am **known** by My own. – NKJV

*Ginosko – intimacy, intercourse, knowing in a deep and personal way*

## **The 7 Pillars of Our Ministry Mandates (From back of Harvest of Souls Confession bookmark)**

- Worship – Love God...
- Fellowship – Love others...
- *Outreach - Go...*
- *Evangelism – Make...*
- *Membership – Baptize...*
- *Teaching & Training – Teach...*
- Administration...All things done decently and in order

### **III. Pillar #3 – Go....Outreach Ministry**

## **Acts 1:8**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” – NKJV

- a. **Temple Ministry – The household of faith (here)**
  - i. **All ministry is about “going”**
    - 1. **Going, preparing, restoring, or sending others to go**
- b. **Jerusalem – the community surrounding the place where we worship**
- c. **Judea – Regional impact**
- d. **Samaria – Nation impact**
- e. **The uttermost – the nations of the world**

**Purpose: Helping others experience God through our love.**

**IV. Pillar #4 – Make....Evangelism & Discipleship Ministry**

**Purpose: Helping others come into vital relationship with God through Jesus Christ.**

- a. Witnessing – going out specifically to share the gospel of Jesus Christ
- b. Salvation – altar ministry, salvation follow-up
- c. Discipleship – training toward maturity, mentoring
- d. Restoration – helping fallen disciples recover

**V. Pillar #5 – Baptize....Membership Development Ministry**

**Purpose: Helping others assimilate and incorporate into the fabric of our community and the body of Christ.**

**Everyone is in one of these 5 places (Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren)**

- a. Community – un-churched in area surrounding church
- b. Crowd – those who eventually attend any service
- c. Congregation – members/regular attendees
- d. Committed – directed, disciplined, diligent and dedicated maturing disciples (typical source of volunteers)
- e. Core – mature disciples and ministry leaders

**3 Ways We Help People Get Connected to Kingdom Life Community and the Body of Christ**

- Identification – Tells others we belong and reminds us that we are family
- Inclusion – no one is left out
- Incorporation – helping people find our place in the body

**VI. Pillar #6 – Teach....Teaching & Training Ministry**

**Purpose: Helping others come to full maturity so that we can fulfill or God-given purpose.**

- a. Truth – the truth makes us free
- b. Knowledge – the truth only helps us when we know it
- c. Understanding – the truth only helps us to the degree we understand it
- d. Wisdom – the truth only helps us to the extent that we have the wisdom to apply it