**The Hope Church (4/20/21)**

**RE3 Bible Study: Back to the Basics**

**Handout Week 8: Relink, Reload, Relaunch Wrap-Up**

**Introduction**

The Church is a group of baptized believers organized to carry out the Lord’s work. We have discussed the purpose of the church and recognize that WE are the church. Our purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God by fulfilling the mandate of the Great Commission. Our salvation is a free gift from God that we gained through Jesus dying in our place to reconcile us to the Father. We maintain two-way communication with The Father through ongoing prayer. God calls on us to be faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure. Fellowship is a mutual bond between believers. We know that praise and worship are two of the most powerful weapons and privileges Christians have access to.

This week, we will review the Back to the Basics topics to remind us of the foundations of our faith.

**Week 1 The Purpose of the Church**

**Definition of a Church: A New Testament Church is a group of baptized believers organized to carry out the Lord’s work.**

* **Eph. 4:14-16** *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*
* ***IICor.13:5*** *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.*
* Have to be intentional in order to relink (rethink, reassess, reevaluate happens first)

The Church is the Body of Christ. God places people in particular local churches so they can fulfill their purpose while exercising their spiritual gifts.

* Remember that the church is more than a building.

**Week 2 : The Great Commission**

Jesus commissioned the disciples to advance the kingdom of God.

* **Matthew 28: 18-20** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. (19) *Go therefore and* ***make disciples*** *of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (20) Teaching them to observe all that I have* **commanded you***. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age.*
* Before we offer the invitation to follow Jesus to others, we must first relink with him ourselves.

**Week 3: Salvation**

* Salvation is a free gift from God.

***Ephesians 2:8: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”***

**Week 4: Relink, Reload, Relaunch Our Prayer Life**

* Prayer is a two-way communication with God.
* Humble submission is putting the Father’s will before your own, even for those things you desire for your life.

Forgiveness is linked to fellowship with God.

**John 16: 23-24 (Pray in Jesus’ name)**

**Week 5: Relink, Reload, Relaunch Stewardship**

**Psalms 24:1**: “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”

* This is the fundamental principle of stewardship. God owns everything, we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.
* For the Ministry to grow, you must commit your **time, talents and treasure.**

**Week 6: Relink, Reload, Relaunch Our Fellowship and Relationships**

**Hebrews 10:25** (NIV) Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Philippians 2:4** *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

* **A mutual bond** developed with Christ that places us in a **deep relationship** with one another.
* We share in what Jesus did for us on the cross.
* Fellowship calls for action—check on each other, pray for each other, listen, visit, develop personal and real connections beyond just coming to the building.

**Week 7: Relink, Reload, Relaunch Praise and Worship**

**Psalm 150:6 – Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.**

* Praise and worship are two of the most powerful weapons and privileges that Christians have access to. **Praise and worship is not an option, it is a command.**

There are three times we should praise God: when we feel like it, when we do not feel like it, and continually.

**John 24:4 – God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**