NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD



40-DAY DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Transforming the world around me starts with transforming the person within me.

"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit." Ephesians 3:16

"I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him." Romans 12:1-2

Monday, March 28th – Sunday, April 3rd Week 4

March 7th – April 15th, 2022 (Good Friday)

Focus on

- Open & repentant hearts ready to <u>listen</u> and <u>obey</u> God's will:
 - in our individual lives & in our corporate fellowship

> Vision of how God can work through us:

- to minister & meet needs in our community
- to foster fresh enthusiasm and hunger for growth @ New Horizons
- to bring a thirst for new spiritual maturity

> Salvation of:

unsaved loved ones, neighbors, friends & classmates

Deliverances:

- Spiritual healing for those with unresolved emotional hurts & addictions
- Physical healing for those dealing with chronic pain and ailments of all kinds

Leadership Roles:

- Pastors and their families
- Disciplers to help "new believers" grow in their faith
- Elders spiritual leadership & vision
- Worship Leader primary vocal and lead instrumentalist

Resources

- Financial an increase of those who would give a tithe of their income
- Ministry Volunteers partners in children & outreach
- Facilities wise use of space to meet primary ministry needs

^{**}The above list is not exhaustive, but will serve as a guide to stimulate prayer and seeking God's will for each person and the church as a whole.**

Monday, March 28th Without Wrath & Doubting 1 Timothy 2:8

Day 22

SCRIPTURE:

"In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy."

OBSERVATION:

Paul desired that all disciples/followers of Jesus could pray and worship with each other in the spirit of truth rather than being mad at others, supposing controversy, and doubting God.

APPLICATION:

I need to let God have control in the little and big things in my life so I can worship God honestly and with faith.

PRAYER:

Dear God, please forgive me for judging others and not trusting you for my every need. Help me to be an example to others as a disciple/follower of Jesus. Not as a self-centered hypocrite. In Jesus' name, Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, release any controversy, anger, or doubt. Be still and know that God is in charge. Praise Him and thank him that you do not need to carry negative thoughts or feelings. Allow yourself to be set free and worship.

If you have lost a loved one recently, consider attending:



Tuesday, March 29th Be an Overcomer Revelation 3:21 NKJV

Day 23

SCRIPTURE:

"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."

OBSERVATION:

I can overcome anything like Jesus did. He is my example and source of victory. He overcame temptations to sin. He says I can do it too, and I will be rewarded to sit with him.

APPLICATION:

I need to be honest and intentional about my life, temptations, and sins. I can do this with prayer (HolySpirit), the word (Daily disciplined, habitually) and the support of other disciples sharing my weaknesses and self-deception. My motivation is that I will receive the honor to sit with Jesus on his throne. Also, conversely, there is a possibility that I might not sit with him if I choose not to overcome.

PRAYER:

Jesus, please help me to see what you see in my life. Show me where I can improve my choices in life that will make me an overcomer, not a failure to those who love me. Please open my eyes to see what you see in me. Help me to walk with you every day. Thank you. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, take some time, and ask God to help you to reflect and take inventory of your life habits. Are you trusting God to help you be an overcomer?

Wednesday, March 30th Count It All Joy James 1:2 & 3 NKJV Day 24

SCRIPTURE:

"...Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."

OBSERVATION:

There is joy to be found in those many, unexpected, and undesired situations that test us and tempt us to lose faith in God.

APPLICATION:

I may not like what has happened, but I am glad that God has proven himself in the past and is about to do it again. He came through when my truck frame cracked, when my front brakes went out (and a bad muffler), when the power went out of my trailer and when my water pipes froze. Now he is giving me more joy with my hot water line broken in 25-degree weather... I have trusted him before and there no reason to not be joyful that he will bring me through again.

PRAYER:

Dear God, I thank you for everything that comes my way... Because I know that you are with me and will empower me to go through it. Help me to be ever mindful of your presence in my life. Thank you for helping me even in the little things... In Jesus' name I pray Amen!

As you continue to Fast and Pray, consider all the things God has brought you through. Set your mind to react with joy for the next challenge with the confidence that God will bring you through.

Thursday, March 31st Now is Your Season Acts 1:6-8

Day 25

SCRIPTURE:

"...When they had come together, they asked him, Lord will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel? He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

OBSERVATION:

One thing that the apostles seemed to fixate on was when the Kingdom of Israel would be restored. So just as one of the greatest things that they've ever seen in their lives is about to happen they once again ask, "Are you going to restore the Kingdom of Israel now?" Jesus succinctly responds that it's not important to know the times or the seasons because God has already taken care of the future. And Jesus now continues with a powerful statement about how they're going to receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, and they will be resolved to be witnesses for him (Jesus) to the entire world. It is almost as though he was saying: "don't worry about the things that you can't handle but focus on what you can do right now once the spirit of God comes upon you through your witness."

APPLICATION:

Like many other people, I often wonder when God is going to do things for his glory. But Jesus is telling me, basically, it's none of my business when God is going to do anything, except that I should keep telling people about Jesus until God does something. Now is my season, because if I just worry about when God is going to do something, without being concerned about bringing people into the Kingdom as disciples/followers of Jesus, it may be too late for someone to learn about God's salvation.

PRAYER:

Dear God please forgive me for being more concerned about what you are going to do and when you are going to do it than about those who need to know about your love and your grace now. Help me to be an example as a disciple/follower to someone about your love through Jesus Christ for them. And when they become disciples/followers, they too will become more concerned about winning more disciples than about when you're going to do something. In Jesus name I pray Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, evaluate how much time you have spent waiting for Jesus to return. What are you doing in the "NOW"? Are you loving people to Christ?

Friday, April 1st Day 26
Jesus, My Healer, and Sculptor
Hosea 6:1-2 NKJV

SCRIPTURE:

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him."

OBSERVATION:

In this passage, Hosea is pleading with Israel and Judah, in a prophetic way, as if God has been working on them with the intent to draw them closer to him, not drive them away. He has torn them so that he could heal them like a doctor may attend to a wound, by opening it up so he can sew it up; and He has struck them down so that he could lift them up, like a sculptor would crush the clay so that he can make it better.

This prophecy is about how God is showing a path for them to choose, and after two days of God's time, He will empower them. On the third day they will be elevated to a life of service before Him. This is how the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ is seen as the fulfillment of Israel not the end of it. Jesus said that salvation was of the Jews, and He fulfilled it in His church the new Israel.

APPLICATION:

God has a desire for me to walk in His ways and according to His will. I need to realize that like Israel, I am chosen and will be guided by God in my life as I live with Him. He will be as my doctor, and he will be as the sculptor in my life. As I learn to walk in his will, He will raise me up through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for being my doctor when I need healing and for being my sculptor when I need to be adjusted to be prepared for your desire - my service. Help me to walk honestly in your path and to lead by example to other disciples/followers. And to also learn from the examples set before me by those same disciple/followers.

In Jesus' name Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, concentrate on how God is guiding your life. Look back on your life and ask God to open your eyes to all the ways he has been directing your paths to Him. Who has He used to draw you back to God? Who is God showing you that needs your help to find their way back to God?

Saturday, April 2nd Love Not Sacrifice Hosea 6:6 ESV

Day 27

SCRIPTURE:

"For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

OBSERVATION:

God wants our Love for Him to come by knowing Him personally, not by just performing religious ritual.

APPLICATION:

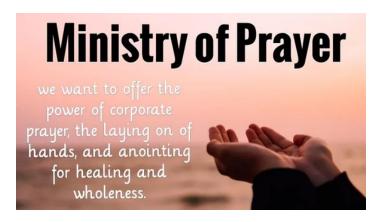
God doesn't need our sacrifice (works) to show our love for Him. He wants us to love Him in a way that we learn more about Him and, as a result, we sacrifice (works) because of what He has done for us - rather than what we want him to do for us.

PRAYER:

Dear God, let me show my love to you in gratitude and meekness because of what you have done for me, not for what I have done for you. Help me to not think that I can begin to make a sacrifice that would merit your love for me because you have already made the ultimate sacrifice through the death, burial, and resurrection, of your Son. There is no need for me to make any other sacrifice to you. My part is to accept that it was for me that you showed your love. In the Precious Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, ask yourself why are you fasting and praying over these 40-days? Is it to get closer to God or to get something from God?

Saturday Evening Praise and Prayer @ 7:00 p.m.



Sunday, April 3rd His Power Heals

Luke 6:17-19 RSV

Day 28

SCRIPTURE:

"He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all."

OBSERVATION:

Jesus came down the mountain after choosing his 12 disciples. A great crowd of his disciples [his 12 plus more] from everywhere. They were there to be healed and hear Jesus. All were trying to touch Jesus – "Power came out from him and healed them all".

APPLICATION:

There is power in the presence of Jesus! His power heals all. I must seek and believe in his power to heal. He healed ALL.

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I am seeking your power for healing of ALL the people I know. Please give them courage to reach out to touch you and receive your healing power. Please bring health and healing to their bodies. Please restore and regenerate them.

As you continue to Fast and Pray, courageously reach for Jesus. Seek to touch Him for healing and restoration for yourself and others.

Plan on attending IGNITE on Saturday, April 9th at 5:00 p.m.

A time of worship, prayer, healing, connection, and deliverance in the presence of the Holy Spirit!

Coming Next Week

April 4th - April 10th

