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- We Are... Authentic.**
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Worship and live with purpose.
- Generous.**
- We Are... Giving above ourselves.**
- Servants.**
- We Are... Making a difference is important.**
- Family.**
- We Are... Everybody matters.**

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Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU
CHOSE TO SPEND YOUR
EASTER SUNDAY
AT REVOLUTION



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MONDAY
Discipleship- Taking Your Faith
to the Next Level
6:30-8:00pm - Duplex A-1

WEDNESDAY
Student Ministries
6-8:00pm (5th-12th grade)

Kids Class
6:00-8:00pm - Rev Kids Building
(Babies-4th Grade)

Proverbs 31 Woman - Ladies Study
6-8:00pm - Trinity Building

THURSDAY
Kingdom Man - Men's Study
6-8:00pm - Duplex A-1

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Please see
Christina Douglas
if you are willing
to serve



**Puerto Rico Mission Trip
July 2020**

Sign Up if Interested at the Table
See Tony or Nikki Dykstra
for more info

Celebrating 108 Months
3287 Days
78894 Hours

of being **US!**

YEARS

September 8, 2019



TODAY'S MESSAGE
"A House of Prayer"
Foundations Week One
Pastor Kris Freeman

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Foundations Week One
Pastor Kris Freeman
Sunday, August 4, 2019**



Scripture: Isaiah 56:7, Jeremiah 7:11, Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17

Very few like to use the term “_____” especially in regards to the church.

To call the church and its _____ old-fashioned invokes a cultural battle over the right way and wrong way to be a church in the first place.

Our series **Foundations** is not a look at what the church _____ to be, but what the church _____ be when we apply foundational principles which identify us as followers of Christ and the people of God.

The first of those is _____.

Isaiah 56:7 New Living Translation (NLT)

7 I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

The phrase “will be called a house of prayer” is used in Isaiah and repeated by Jeremiah and then by Jesus. The latter three uses of the verse were a compare and contrast of what the church as a meeting place (or temple of God) was _____ to be and what it actually had become.

Do you ever feel this way about church? Ask yourself - is there ever a moment on Sundays when I worship in God’s house which I ask, “why am I here?”

Jeremiah 7:11 New Living Translation (NLT)

11 Don’t you yourselves admit that this Temple, which bears my name, has become a den of thieves? Surely I see all the evil going on there. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Matthew 21:13 New Living Translation (NLT)

13 He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves!”

Mark 11:17 New Living Translation (NLT)

17 He said to them, “The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves.”

Before we summarize why prayer is important in the church and for the church, let’s identify a few key principles to help us understand it.

1. The church as a building - in scripture, the church as a building took on many different forms before it was actually called the “church” in the English language.
 1. The place where the presence of God is (Abraham’s bosom)
 2. The tabernacle (an often mobile place which the Ark of the Covenant was placed)
 3. The temple (a fixed, constructed meeting place for worship)
 4. The room (a place for meeting in homes or varying locations)
 5. The church building (a modern constructed place for religious activities)

2. The church as a people
 1. From the Greek word *ekklesia* - a gathering of people together
 2. The body of Christ
 3. The bride of Christ (a marriage covenant)
 4. A movement
 5. A mission

So which _____ is the scripture referring to when it says “my house will be called a house of prayer” - the building or the people?

I think the answer is _____ though the immediate reference could be defined as this:

My house (the place where God’s people gather) shall be called a house (the actions and attitude of people) of prayer.

So what is prayer?

The simple definition of prayer is “a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or an object of worship.” A prayer is a language of communication and it takes on many variations and _____.

What is the purpose of prayer?

1. Talk to God (say thanks, make requests, give praise or acknowledgement, seek will)
2. Meditate and concentrate (spiritual discipline)
3. Worship
4. Focus
5. Intercede (substitutionary request for someone else)
6. Preparation
7. Discernment

Now let’s discuss what goes wrong and why we lose sight of the purpose of prayer.

1. We want the _____ - and we like the show over the substance.
2. We are afraid of _____ - we have lost the value of listening to God.
3. We abuse our _____ - our quiet time is not with God!
4. We are scared of saying the wrong _____ (we don’t need Pharisee prayers!)
5. We turned prayer into an _____ and not an everyday necessity.

In the history of the church and God’s people, every major move of God was preceded by a tremendous amount of prayer and preparation.

Even Jesus - the most closely connected person **to God** because he **was God** still found time every day and before every major event in his earthly ministry to _____ in prayer.

When we lose sight of the bigger picture, we stop talking to God about it.

#foundations