

“JBC: 17th Anniversary – Rethinking Church 以勒十七周年 – 教會的再思”

Rethink: What is Church? What is your expectation for JBC?

再思: 什麼是教會? 你對以勒教會有什麼期望?

Church 教會 (ecclesia):

Gathering of People who are Called out to Meet for a Common Purpose

一群被召喚出來、為了一個共同目的而聚集的人們

Today: 3 Aspects of what Church is 今天: 關乎教會的三方面...

Goal: Understand what Church is, and Commit to making JBC a Biblical Church

目標: 認識教會、以及願意獻身於建立以勒為一個聖經化的教會

I. Church is for Worshiping God 教會是爲了要敬拜神

When We Worship God, We Glorify God 當我們敬拜神, 我們就是榮耀祂

In the OT: Tabernacle – Purpose is for God’s People to Worship Him, and to Witness Collectively to the world of God’s Presence among them

舊約中的聖殿: 目的是要神的子民去敬拜祂、並且全體來向世界見證神在他們中間

In the NT: God’s People – the Church, gather to draw near to God to Worship Him, and to Corporately Witness to the world of God’s Presence among us

新約中: 神的子民、教會 – 目的是要聚集來親近神和敬拜祂、並且全體來向世界見證神在他們中間 (Hebrews 希伯來書 10:19-22)

Personal Worship... Yes; but Church is about Corporate Worship;

Worship is All About God, Not about Ourselves

個人的敬拜固然必要; 但是... 教會是爲了全體的敬拜; 敬拜是完全爲神, 不是爲我們自己

II. Church is for Disciple-Making 教會是爲了訓練門徒 (Luke 路加福音 9:23)

A. Some are Called to Mentor others in the Church 有些人被召喚在教會作導師
(Ephesians 以弗所書 4:11-13)

B. What Biblical Discipleship Involves 聖經化的門徒訓練包括什麼
(1 Timothy 提摩太前書 4:13-16)

Disciples are to Humbly Receive Teaching, and be Obedient to Practice what he’s been taught;

Mentors are both to Teach and Live a Consistent Exemplary Life

門徒當謙卑領受教導、並且順服遵行教訓; 導師也當按教訓以身作則施行出來

C. Church is the Pillar and Foundation of the Truth 教會是真理的柱石和根基
(2 Timothy 提摩太後書 4:2-5; 1 Tim 提摩太前書 3:14-15)

D. Biblical Discipleship is Progressive and Propagating: Passing of the Torch
聖經化的門徒訓練是漸進、而且延伸的: 傳遞火炬 (2 Timothy 提摩太後書 2:2)

Obey the Great Commission of Jesus Christ 遵守耶穌基督的大使命 (Matt 馬太福音 28:18-20):

Sharing Gospel, Disciple All People regardless of Ethnic background, Baptize those who have Trusted Christ, Preach and Teach God’s Word, and Challenge all to Obey Jesus’ Teaching

分享福音; 引導萬民 – 不論種族背景, 作門徒; 爲信主的信徒施洗; 傳講、教導神的話,
以及激勵大家遵守耶穌的吩咐

Are You Willing to Devote to being a Disciple of Jesus starting this year?
你是否願意從今年開始、獻身作耶穌的門徒?

III. Church is for Developing Intimate Family Relationships

教會是爲了培養家庭式的親密關係 (Philippians 腓利比書 2:1-5)

The phrase, “One Another”, is used in the context of Devotion, Honoring, Acceptance, Submission, Service, Encouragement, Fellowship, Offering Hospitality and Love
“彼此、互相”這詞被用在下列情況: 相親, 禮讓, 接納, 順服, 服事, 鼓勵, 交往, 待客和愛

- A. Believers gather in Church as Family—to desire Deeper Fellowship, to seek the Good of others over our own, and to interact Transparently and Genuinely
信徒在教會之家的聚集—爲了要更深的交往, 尋求別人的好處、過於自己的好處, 並且以透明和真實彼此相處 (Ephesians 以弗所書 4:1-3)
- B. When the Community of the Church functions Authentically, outsiders will notice: some will be Attracted to the Church, and ultimately to Christ 當教會個體以真誠行事, 外人會留心: 有些人會被吸引進入教會、以致認識基督 (John 約翰福音 13:34-35)
- C. Let us resolve to Seek, Know, Love and Serve the Lord, and the Church with Greater Intensity this year 讓我們今年立志更深刻的去尋求、認識、摯愛和服事我們的主, 以及教會 (Hebrews 希伯來書 10:24-25)

Jesus may come in 2014 to Rapture His Church to Himself!
耶穌可能在 2014 年回來提接祂的教會與祂同在!

Let's be Faithful in Worshiping, in Discipleship and in making effort to Develop Intimate Family Relationships with others in the Church starting today!
讓我們從今天開始在敬拜、在作門徒, 以及竭力去和教會其他弟兄姐妹培養家庭式的親密關係上忠心!

