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Our Bethany version of TED Talks will focus on particular key ideas about what it means to be ‘the Church’ in a fast changing world. Drawn from Biblical references and key ideas from theologians and church leaders, our Theological Education Discussions will come once a month or so and will provide a 3-5 minute look that will help us as a community to focus on our purposes, organization, & tasks.

Please take this page home to reflect upon in the light of who we are as a church today. Open up your Bible to check the references, and then think and pray about what you’ve read. As we all do this, we will be opening ourselves to the leading of God’s Spirit in our church community.

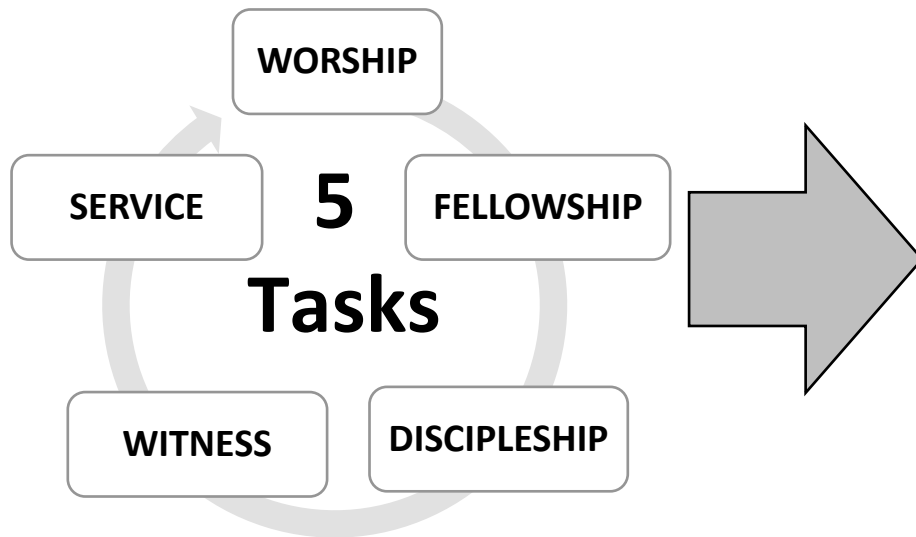


Talk #1: Reviewing the Basics of the Local Church



Theological Education Discussions

THE LOCAL CHURCH = The people of God gathered in community



WORSHIP: Inspiring, God-honouring, Christ-centred, and Spirit-led

- Psalm 150: 1-6; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

FELLOWSHIP: caring & compassionate community reflecting God's love

- John 17: 20-23; Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26; Galatians 6: 1-2; Ephesians 4:32; Hebrews 10: 24-25

DISCIPLESHIP: A people committed to growing in their faith.

- Matthew 28: 18-20; Luke 9: 23; John 13: 34-35; Acts 17:11; Romans 12: 1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 3:2-3

WITNESS: A people committed to communicating the message of God locally and around the world and to bringing others to Christ

- John 17: 20-23; Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26;

SERVICE: A people who show the love of God to each other, to the community, & to the world through acts of loving service

- Deut. 15: 10-11; Matthew 9: 12-13; 19:21; 25:31-46; James 1:27

CLEAR GOD-GIVEN MESSAGE & VISION

- Mt. 9:36-38; Luke 4:12-21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21; 2 Timothy 2:22-24; 4:1-7

LEADERS AFTER GOD'S HEART

- Mark 10:42-45; John 13:1-17; Acts 6: 1-7; 13:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:1-13

A COMMITTED PEOPLE

- Luke 10: 1-2; Acts 2: 42-46; Romans 12: 1-3; 1 Peter 4: 7-11

REMOVE BARRIERS TO THE GOSPEL

- 1 Corinthians 9: 19-23; Acts 15: 5-11; Romans 14: 1-19

GODLY STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- Luke 19: 11-26; Romans 12: 4-8; 2 Corinthians 8: 1-7; 9: 6-8

