



# GARDEN CITY C H U R C H

## 2022 - Where we are going “YEAR OF RADICAL OBEDIENCE TO JESUS”, We are still in the midst of the Shmita Year (Release/Rest)

- The significance of Jewish calendar Year - year 5782 is a Shmita year. September 2021 began a Shmita year, “**YEAR OF RELEASE AND REST**”... Just as the Torah calls for Jews to work six days and rest on the seventh, it calls for them to work the land six years and let it rest in the seventh.  
[https://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/562077/jewish/What-Is-Shemitah.htm](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/562077/jewish/What-Is-Shemitah.htm)
- i. **The Shmita (year of release and rest) year** included forgiving debts.
  - Deuteronomy 15:1-2 At the end of seven years you will make a release. And this is the manner of the release: to release the hand of every creditor from what he lent his friend; he shall not exact from his friend or his brother, because the time of the release for the Lord has arrived.
- ii. The Shmita (year of release) year included giving your land rest.
  - Exodus 23:10-11 “Six years you shall sow your land and gather in its produce, 11 but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard *and* your olive grove.
- iii. Letting the Land rest the seventh year was a major act of trust and faith. God made a promise to those who honored and observed the Shmita year. A harvest of three times the amount was promised in year six to sustain the people through their Shmita year and beyond. Read below.
  - Leviticus 25:21-22 Then I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years. 22 And you shall sow in the eighth year, and eat old produce until the ninth year; until its produce comes in, you shall eat *of* the old harvest.

**\*Responding to this looks like something individually and corporately...**

## **DISCIPLESHIP FOCUSES**

**Discipleship is simple. It is following Jesus, obeying Jesus, becoming more like Jesus. The goal is making disciples who make disciples! Everyone has access to this, every believer should be engaged. Parents with children, roommates, brothers and sisters in Christ pouring into one another, we are all responsible, we are kings and priests!)**

- **John 1:38-39** Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).
- **Matthew 28:20** Teach them to observe everything I commanded you.

**Communion “BEING with Jesus is our greatest pursuit”**

- **RADICAL OBEDIENCE**
  - **Discipleship looks like following Jesus**
    - **Presence driven discipleship**
      - **What is Jesus saying? What invitation is he giving you? Write it down. Who are you going to tell to hold you accountable?**
    - **Discovery Bible Study Methods**
      - **What is the word saying about God?**
      - **What is the word saying about man, about you?**
      - **What is the command, belief, invitation the passage is communicating? How will you respond? What needs to change? Write it down.**
      - **Who are you going to tell to hold you accountable?**
- **VEHICLE FOR EXECUTION**
  - **House of prayer and worship**

**Where is the Lord asking you to start when it comes to radical obedience to Him in 2022? What does engagement in the House of Prayer and Worship look like in 2022?**

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**Community “Where we BECOME more like Him”**

- **POURING IN AND POURING OUT**

- **Who is pouring into you?**

- **Who sees the real you, the sides of you that only come out in moments of pressure that only come out when you are doing life with someone? Do you give them permission to speak into your life and hold you accountable to wholeness and a journey of Christlikeness (THE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF GOD, BEATITUDES, FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT)?**

- **Who are you pouring into?**

- **In the same way as above!**

- **VEHICLE FOR EXECUTION**

- **Home Churches**

**Who do you commit to pouring into in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Who are you committing to allow to pour into you in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_?**

**What Home Church will you be committing to engage in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Cultivation “We will BRING His Kingdom everywhere we go...preparing the earth for the return of the Lord”**

- **VISION FOR IMPACT**

- How does God want you to partner with Him to see His Kingdom advance in your family, neighborhood (saved, healed, delivered, disciplined, equipped, sent)?
- How does God want you to partner with Him to see His Kingdom advance in your workplace, school etc. Monday through Saturday?
  - It all starts with hosting His presence! His Kingdom manifests where His presence is present. The gospel and revelation of Jesus are encountered where the presence of Jesus is encountered!

- **SERVING**

- Jesus was and is the servant of all. He served the disciples and He served those He encountered in His ministry.
- Where is God leading you serve in 2022? What does it look like to increase serving others in your life?

- **VEHICLE FOR EXECUTION**

- Presence and Word Groups, Serving (Worship Celebrations Outreach, Food Pantry)

**What is the vision God is giving you when it comes to His Kingdom advancing in your family, neighborhood, school and or workplace? Is the Lord asking you to start a Presence and Word Group this year!?**

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**Where will you serve and volunteer this year in our worship celebrations \_\_\_\_\_?**  
**How will you serve the community in 2022 ( for example outreach, food pantry)**  
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