



Home Church Guide 9.18.2022

Relationships and Rhythms Part 1

In this series we are exploring three sets of Relationships & Rhythms that God ordained at the very beginning.

1. Relationship with GOD & Rhythm of WORSHIP
2. Relationship with PEOPLE & Rhythm of HONOR
3. Relationship with WORK & Rhythm of EXCELLENCE

Let's look at where all three of these expressions of relationships and rhythms find their origin in Genesis.

Relationship with God & Rhythm of Worship

- **Genesis 1:26-28** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over [g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27** So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- **Genesis 2:8** The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.
- **Genesis 2:18** And the Lord God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*"

Worship is agreement and obedience to God's design, pursuing God's desires, dependence upon God, devotion to God all while engaging in and from a place of intimacy and fellowship, experiencing God's delight in us

Relationship with People & Rhythm of Honor

- **Genesis 2:24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be[k] joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Honor fleshed out in selfless love, and preferring one another above ourselves

Relationship with Work & Excellence

- **Genesis 2:15** Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Excellence is not perfectionism, it's not people pleasing, and it ought not be driven by discontentment, striving or brokenness. Rather excellence should be the result of doing things unto the Lord, the fruit of consecration and a lifestyle of devotion to the Lord.

Discussion Questions:

Which of these three sets of relationships and rhythms are you most eager to learn more about? Why? Where do you feel like you may need healing and restoration as you reflect on the examples or absence of examples you've had in these areas as a child? ****Remember it is never too early to start and it is never too late to restart. God will heal and restore!***

Derek and Katie Brown led us through a powerful session of giving practical next steps in all of these areas. Take a look below:

Practical Next Steps

- Get a calendar and paint the broad brush strokes of your ideal week—revise and add detail as you live it out
- Prioritize time for God, People, and Work
- Review weekly, making one small improvement each week
- Anchor your week with the Sabbath

Discussion Question:

What are practical steps you are excited to implement in this season when it comes to your relationships and rhythms?

Relationship with God and the Rhythm of Worship

Pastor Gerald shares a 25 min message about our Relationship with God and the Rhythm of Worship. Take time this week to listen to that message and think about which of the five invitations used in the definition of worship you want to lean into more. The scripture references he uses in the message are all listed below.

Agreement and obedience to God's DESIGN: Psalm 8:3-8, Romans 8:18-21, Ephesians 1:1-6

Pursuing God's DESIRE: Hab. 2:14, Revelation 21:1-4, Revelation 7:9, Psalm 2, Psalm 115:16, Malachi 1:11

DEPENDENCE upon God: Proverbs 3:5-6, Exodus 16:4, Deuteronomy 29:5, John 15:5

DEVOTION to God: Daniel 6:10, 2 Cor. 11:2-3, Revelation 4:11

Experiencing God's DELIGHT: Zephaniah 3:17, Psalm 147:11, John 3:16, Psalm 18:19

Seeing this in the life of Jesus

Agreement and obedience to God's DESIGN: John 17

Pursuing God's DESIRE: John 4:34

DEPENDENCE upon God: John 5:18-19, John 8:28-29, John 12:49-50

DEVOTION to God: John 10:17-18

Experiencing God's DELIGHT: Matthew 3:17

Announcements:

VISION WEEKEND (PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND AND REGISTER THE EVENTS BELOW)

- Friday Sept 23 6am-2pm Extended time of COMMUNION with the Lord here at the GCC House of Prayer and Worship
- Saturday Sept 24 10am Pancake Breakfast Hosted by our Home Church leaders and COMMUNITY project with our GCC Food Pantry *****MUST REGISTER ONLINE**
- Sunday Sept. 25 We will celebrate all of the ways God has allowed us to CULTIVATE our city and beyond for His Kingdom. We will hear from the leaders of our missions partner MAPS (Mission and Prayer School) Global as well!
 - MAPS (Mission and Prayer School)Global Training Session at 4:30pm *****MUST REGISTER ONLINE**

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND COMMUNION

- Starting Sunday Sept. 25 as we wrap up VISION WEEKEND and celebrate our 2 year anniversary as a ministry we want to engage in 21 days of prayer and communion.
- We are inviting everyone in the church to set aside time each day from **Sunday Sept. 25th - Sunday Oct. 16th** to spend time with the Lord in prayer and receive communion. **Sept. 25** marks the beginning of **Rosh Hashanah** (Jewish New Year) and **Oct. 16th** marks the end of the **Feasts of Tabernacles/Sukkot**. Information on the significance of these Jewish Holy Days for us as followers of Jesus will be provided on our website.
- During this time we are asking for (1) **greater corporate revelation of who Jesus is**, (2) **the power of His gospel to encounter us corporately**, and (3) **an increased passion to advance His Kingdom on the earth through our lives and ministry**.

We will be providing resources explaining why we take communion, the power of communion, the teachings of Jesus related to communion, the teachings and warnings of Paul related to communion, and even the connection between the old testament and communion. This is going to be a very transformative time for our church, for individuals, marriages and families! We believe this season of prayer and communion is going to bear much fruit.