

- **Gratitude:** We will seek to carry hearts and postures of gratitude, and thanksgiving for who God is, what He has done, what He is doing and the privilege it is to partner with Him (Psalm 100:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
 - *Choosing gratitude aligns us with the supernatural benefits of a thankful heart.*
- **Humility:** We will seek to imitate Christ, the servant of all, walking in humility before God and before one another (Matthew 11:28-29, James 4:10, Matthew 23:11, John 13).
 - *According to Jesus, choosing the path of humility is key to experiencing rest for our souls.*
- **Generosity:** We will seek radical generosity (our time, talent and treasure), toward one another and to the community. Everything we have belongs to God and is used for His glory (1 Chronicles 29:6-9, Psalm 84:10, Matthew 19:21, Acts 4:32-35, Acts 20:35).
 - *Generosity is one of the key ways we get to reflect who our Father is on the earth.*
- **Excellence:** We will seek to do everything we do in a spirit of excellence as unto the Lord (Daniel 5:12, Colossians 3:23).
 - *Pursuing excellence unto the Lord is one of the ways we shine as lights in the midst of darkness.*

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Which of our cultures do you feel is an existing strength in your life? Which of the five values do you feel are weak in your life?

CULTURES:

- We are a Ministry and a Movement (Numbers 9:17).
- We will contend for a multi-expressional community (Revelation 7:9).
- We are committed to Jesus the Man, Mission, Message and Method (John 14:6).
- We will run towards the Mess knowing it produces Maturity (James 1:2-4).
- We will choose Presence over Performance every time (Ezekiel 44:15).
- We will respond to the call to the Mountain over the demands of the Multitudes (Matthew 14:23).
- We say “Yes” to the Process, knowing it is necessary for Purpose (John 21:15).
- We are committed to Purity in our Public and Private lives (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- We will build from Rest, making a difference at a sabbath’s pace (Exodus 20:8-11, 2 Chronicles 14:7)!
- We will see convergence of biblical principles, emphases and mandates that traditionally remain separate.
 - Example: Witness Matthew 10 (disciples walking in supernatural power) and Matthew 25 (disciples serving the least of these) coming together.
- We will seek wholeness by experiencing and stewarding the deliverance that Jesus provides through His cross and resurrection (Matthew 6:11-13, 1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- We will submit to God’s Word, Will and Ways while growing in the Wonder of who He is (John 6:68)!

BELIEFS - Beliefs fuel prayer and alignment with vision and mission. We must approach them with humility, compassion and the understanding of our need for continued revelation, and our need for grace to both obey and become what we claim to believe.

****See our Get Rooted Packet in this week's newsletter or on the resource page of our website and read through the emphasized beliefs of Garden City Church.**

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

If we believe rightly we will become (not just behave...Jesus didn't die for us to simply behave, He died and rose again that we might become like Him...this is our destiny!!!)

PRAYER: End your Home Church gathering by praying into our 28 Day Fast as a community. Here are just a few of the benefits we experience through fasting. Pray for grace, and strength for each person and most of all pray for encounters with Jesus as we give this offering to Him.

- **REMEMBER:** Fasting is an act of worship because it is obedience and obedience is worship.
- Fasting increases our hunger for the word of God and the presence of God .
- Fasting brings us into greater levels of dependence upon the Spirit of God.
- Fasting resets our appetites spiritually and physically.
- Fasting forces our flesh in submission and helps us come into spiritual alignment and increase our sensitivity to the Spirit.
- Fasting is an accelerant and catalyst for deliverance and inner healing. It exposes strongholds and we may be agreeing with lies and demonic influences and thought processes while simultaneously empowering us to break agreement with those and replace them with truth.
- Fasting brings us into a place of clarity to hear the voice of God to receive vision and strategy.
- Fasting increases faith & belief. It drives out doubt and unbelief.
- Fasting increases the anointing and authority of God in our lives.
- Fasting increases love for God, it forces us into rhythms of prayer and fellowship.
- Fasting brings us into deeper intimacy and fellowship with the Holy Spirit, the friendship of the Holy Spirit, the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
- Fasting will always bring us into greater revelation of Jesus, of the Gospel, of our identity in Christ , the love of the Father and the inheritance that we have received in Christ!