

Basics



*Foundational Bible studies to help get you
rooted and grounded in the Word of God*



The Gathering of the Inland Valley

Vision

A place where you can seek, discover & explore the reality of God in your life and be led to become mature,—*fire-branded*—*followers of Christ*.

Acts 1:8 Matt 28 :16-19 Col 1:27 Eph 4:11-16 Matt 3:11

Core Values



Encounter: Encounter the living God and never be the same

Participate: Accelerate and deepen your spiritual growth; hear the voice and wisdom of God in your daily life through participating in His nature, life, grace & gifts.

Imagine: Allow Gods power, love & wisdom create your personal destiny of more than you an ask, think, or imagine.

Connect: Connect to God and His people by developing a vital network of vital relationships; this is key to spiritual and ongoing growth.

Focus

Weekend Services & Encounter God Seminars~

EPIC Life & Connection Groups~

City Wide Outreach & Prophetic Evangelism~

Covenant Member Church in *The Sending Place Missions Base*

Aspirations

To function as a New Testament Fellowship fulfilling all of its mandates and working all of Gods works; where every believer in Jesus Christ knows and walks in their preferred future.

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FORWARD



What you have in your hands are 12 foundational bible studies that will help ground you in the Word of God and in the BASICS of your newfound Christian Faith. If no one has said it to you yet "Welcome to the Family of God!"

God's family is wide and diverse. We encourage you to see all the people in God's family as brothers and sisters since we have been given the rights to become children of God (*1 John 3:1*). Get ready for an exciting adventure as you learn to hear the voice of God and His wisdom for your daily life. It is our sincere prayer for you that you make bible reading and meditation a daily activity (*Joshua 1:8*) as it is essential for growth and guidance.

Along your journey and development into a mature son or daughter of Christ (*Eph 4:13*) the path sometimes becomes unclear or you may find yourself in need of direction, this is where it is vital to be connected to not only God Himself (*Psalms 91*) but also to His body of believers (*Heb 10:25*) for it's from this place you will find protection and care.

As you go through the "BASICS" you'll learn to look up verses and find books of the bible and begin to discover verses of scripture you will want to underline and memorize where they are, for you will be finding pearls of wisdom that will help you in your daily life and forge ahead to become all that God has intended you to become. No matter your background, hang-ups, past mistakes or missteps our God is a God who gives His children a second chance and a new lease on life. So we invite you to dig in and discover the heart of our Father who loves you deeper than the ocean and has provided a hope higher than the skies!



Blessings our dear brother/sister in Christ.

Pastors, Mark & Joana

PURPOSE OF MATERIALS



The purpose of the 'BASICS' materials is two-fold.

First, is to assist the new believer in becoming rooted and grounded in the Word of God by discovering the life changing principles for victorious living. It is God's expectation that ALL of His children become learners of the scriptures. To read them, write them down (*Deut 6:9*) memorize (*Psalm 119:11*) and meditate (*Psalm 1:2*) upon them in order to proclaim to the world the message of God's eternal Son-Jesus Christ. Whoever had the privilege of leading you to Christ did these things, which made them an effective vessel for God to work through. Now it's your turn to go and do likewise (*Matt 28:19*). Isn't that exciting? God desires to use your life in order to bring the good news of Jesus to the world around you. Now, not only can you enjoy the benefits of knowing and relating to the living God of universe but now so can ALL of your family & friends! And the 'BASICS' series is just the first step for you to begin to grow more and more in love with Jesus. May your fellowship with Christ by the Holy Spirit enrich your life and burst the seams of your heart wide open.

Secondly, the purpose of the "BASICS" 12 foundational bible studies is so you may always be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within you (*1 Peter 3:15*). Too many new Christians believe the lie that they do not know enough to teach or help others get to know God. They think this is only for the Pastor or the ones with a lot of bible knowledge. This is not true! These bible studies are designed for the new Christian or someone young in the faith to be able to go through the materials with someone who doesn't know Jesus, or someone you just shared with about your new faith and wants to learn more. Go no further; your bible and the BASICS bible studies is all you will need.



Remember in our weakness God's strength is made perfect.

Share your faith and spiritual journey with anyone who is willing to listen. You can do this!

Salvation: The Good News



WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

John 3:17 According to this verse how do we know God?
Through _____.

THE WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE

John 3:16 What is the way to eternal life?
By believing in _____.

Romans 10:10 What actions do we take?
Believe with our _____.
Confess with our _____.

John 14:6 Who is the way to God?
_____.

(Circle answer) Is there any other way to God? NO Yes

1 John 5:11-13 Why was the bible written?
So that we may _____ we have eternal
life.
God has given us this life through _____.

How do you feel about what you just learned?



Salvation: The Good News



NOW WE ARE THE SONS OF GOD

John 1:12 What do we have the power and ability to become?
_____ of _____.

1 John 3:1-2 What are we now called?
_____ of God.
V.2 Why does the world not know us?
Because the world DOES NOT know _____.

Romans 8:15-16 v.15 God's Spirit bears witness with who's spirit?
With _____ spirit.
God gives us an inner witness that we are His children

GOD REJOICES OVER US

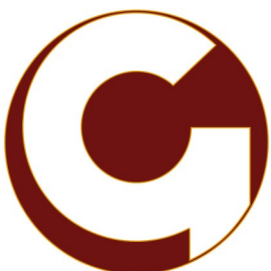
Zephaniah 3:17 What does God do over us? _____
What does He do it with? _____

Luke 15:7 God has _____ over one _____
who repents.

CONCLUSION

1 John 1:9 What is God faithful to do?
_____.

John 14:1-4 Now that I know the way...
I will _____



Baptism in the Holy Spirit



THE PROMISE

Joel 2:8-29

To whom will God pour out His Spirit?

Isaiah 28:11-12

By what method will God speak to His people?

Through _____,

And _____.

As we pray in the _____,

It will be a _____ for us.

It will be _____ to us.

Acts 1:4

What did Jesus command His disciples to do?

To _____ this gift.

Because it's a _____ from the Father

Mark 16:17

Who is this gift for?

THE FULFILLMENT

Acts 1:4

Did the disciples receive the gift? _____

What did they speak? _____

Acts 10:44-46

Who else received the tongues? _____



1 Corinthians 14:21 and 32:

Refer back to Isaiah 28

We _____ when to speak in tongues

Baptism in the Holy Spirit



THE PURPOSE

Acts 1:8 What gives us power to witness?

_____.

1 Corinthians 14:2 and 4a:

When I'm speaking in tongues, I'm speaking to

_____.

I speak _____ and _____.

I am _____.

I am _____.

As I speak in tongues.

Jude 20 What builds as we pray in tongues?

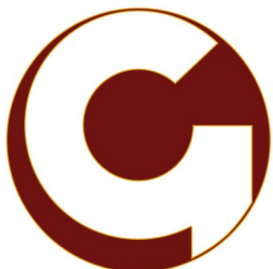
_____.

CONCLUSION

Matthew 3:11 Who is the Baptizer?

_____.

How do you feel about what you just learned?



Power of the Tongue



THE POWER IN OUR TONGUE

Proverbs 18:20-21 Our tongue has power to give
_____ and _____.

James 3:2-11 Our tongue has power of _____
On our lives

GUARD YOUR TONGUE

Proverbs 13:2-3 As we guard our lips, we _____.

As we speak rashly, we _____.

Proverbs 21:23 We have a choice to _____

Our tongue. Words have power to hurt, destroy
And wreck havoc if unchecked.

Proverbs 10:11 Why not benefit our lives and others?

The _____ of a righteous is a _____
Of life.

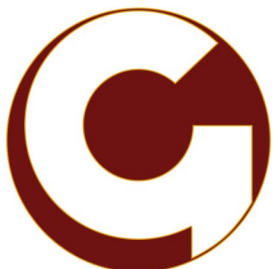
Proverbs 10:19-21 He who keeps his tongue is wise.

How many times in your life have you said too
many words that made you foolish?

Proverbs 15:1-5 Gentle words will calm the rager and gives
_____ to the hurting ones.

SPEAKING FROM THE HEART

Luke 6:45 Is your heart filled with passion of Christ?



Out of the abundance of the heart we speak.

Heart (*kardia-Greek*) consists of: _____, _____, _____

As we renew our mind to line up with God's Word, our words
will line up too.

Power of the Tongue



Colossians 3:15-16

Is your heart filled with the Word

Of God? _____

Are your words filled with thankfulness of God?

Let our hearts be filled with the Word and thankfulness to God.

CONCLUSION

Hebrews 13:15-16

Should you praise the sacrifice of your lips to

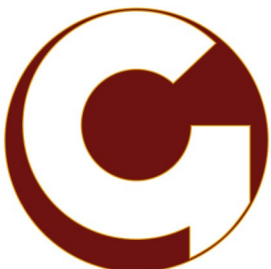
Please God even when you don't feel like doing

It? _____

Do you share with others about Jesus even when you are not up to speaking?

Our words and actions should please God.

How do you feel about what you just learned?



Prayer & Faith



HOW TO PRAY

John 16:23

When we pray, by whose name do we have
Access to our heavenly Father? _____.

1 Corinthians 14:15

I pray with my _____ and _____.
I sing with my _____ and _____.

John 15:7

Abiding in Jesus-ask what you will.

_____ in Jesus, in His
Word, is the _____ to asking what
You will.

Why? Knowing His will, you'll ask in agreement
with Him.

1 John 5:14-15

We can confidently approach God when we pray.

Why? Because He hears us when we ask in His
Will. How do we know what His will is?

His will is found in His _____.

Matthew 21:22

What is the definition of FAITH?

Human faith: Believing the words of another.

God kind of faith: Believing or trusting

God's Word to us.

Did your faith in God ever moved any kind of

Mountains in your life? _____



Prayer & Faith



HOW TO GET ANSWERS

Mark 11:22-26

When you pray, _____ you
have already received.

When you pray, _____ anyone
Who had wronged you.

Are you holding against anyone in your
Heart? _____.

Luke 18:1-8

When you pray, be _____,
and don't lose heart.

Jesus said God will bring about _____
for His Chosen ones, who cry out to Him
day and night.

Will you be persistent in your believing
In your trusting, even when it looks
Impossible? _____

James 5:16

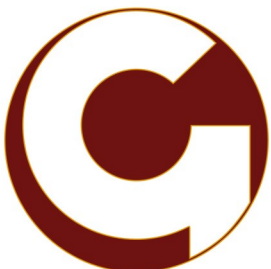
When you pray, be _____
and _____

What action would you take to be com-
passionate so that you may be healed?

CONCLUSION: 1 Peter 5:7

Pray because God care for you.

Cast your cares upon Him.



How do you feel about what you learned? _____

Water Baptism & Child Dedication



WHICH COMES FIRST? WATER BAPTISM OR BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Acts 8:12-17 Salvation—_____, Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:44-48 Salvation—Baptism in the Sprit—_____

CONCLUSION

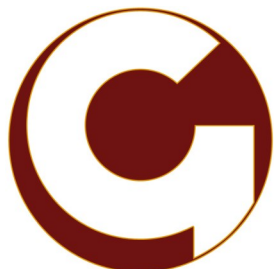
Matthew 3:15 _____ is for everyone. It fulfills righteousness

WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN?

Matthew 19:13-15 Jesus blessing children

Luke 2:22 _____ presenting children to the Lord

Proverbs 22:6 Dedication of the _____ to raise their children to know Christ.



Why wouldn't scheduling your baptism or child dedication be the best decision you could make today?

Principles of Giving



THE LORD SUPPLIES

Matthew 6:33-34

God knows what we _____.

When we put God _____ He takes care of our things.

II Corinthians 9:8-11

God is _____ to supply our needs.

Philippians 4:19

God supplies _____ of our needs according to His _____.

GIVE AND RECEIVE

Philippians 4:17

As _____ we make deposits in our heavenly account.

Luke 6:38

Give and it shall be _____ unto you.

II Corinthians 9:6-7

What we _____ is what we _____.

God loves a _____ giver; one whose heart is in the giving.

Proverbs 11:24-25

The generous soul is made _____.

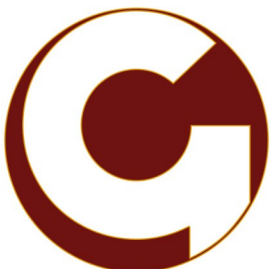
Proverbs 10:22

The _____ of the Lord make us truly rich.

Proverbs 19:17; 28:27

He who gives to the poor, lends to the _____

And the Lord will _____.



List one thought you had from looking up the above verses.

Principles of Giving



THE REWARDS OF TITHING (Definition of tithe is ten percent)

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with the first fruit (tithe) of your increase; So that your barns may be _____ with plenty.

Malachi 3:10-12

1. Provides 'meat' for those who minister in the church
2. In return provides spiritual meat to you; they feed your spirit.
3. God himself will bless you.
4. God himself _____ the _____ for your sake.
5. God says you can _____ Him. He will be faithful to His _____.

CONCLUSION

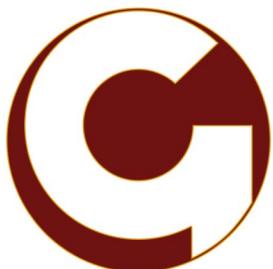
Acts 20:35

It's more blessed to _____ than to _____.

Psalms 112

Description of a prosperous man.

How do you feel about what you just learned?



Church: The Body of Christ



WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

Ephesians 1:22-23

The church is the _____ of Christ

I Corinthians 12: 12,27

We are individually _____ (parts) of His body.

Romans 12:5

We are _____ members (parts) of one _____.

WHAT IS A LIVING CHURCH?

I John 1:3

Together we have fellowship with God and with each other.

Ephesians 3:17-19

Together we know the love of God.

Hebrews 10:24-25

_____ we are stirred and exhorted.

Acts 2:42-47

Daily they heard the Word and had communion.

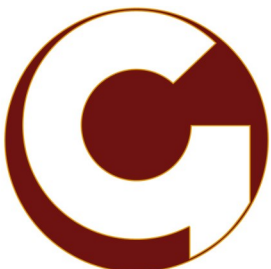
Daily they prayed and had miracles.

*Daily they fellowshiped from **house to house** and **in the temple**.

_____ they were givers and praised God.

_____ they reproduced and multiplied by personal witnessing.

Notice Acts 2:42-47* What are my thoughts on cell groups?



Church: The Body of Christ



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH?

John 17:15-23

We are _____ to share God's love with others.

Romans 10:14-15

We are _____ to be a witness of the Good News.

Mark 16:15,20

We are _____ with the Lord working with us.

CONCLUSION

Ephesians 5:25-27

Christ loves the Church and is working in us to be His glorious Church, His bride.

ACTION PLAN

Join an EPIC Cell group!



Healing



HEALING THROUGH JESUS

John 10:10

Who is the thief? _____

Satan is the author of sickness.

1 John 3:8

Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan.

Galatians 3:13

Jesus redeemed us from the _____ of the _____.

Isaiah 53:5 (1 Peter 2:24)

By Jesus' _____ we are healed.

Matthew 8:17

Jesus Himself, took our _____ and bore our sicknesses.

Psalms 107:20

He sent His _____ and healed us.

Proverbs 4:20-22

Whoever finds His _____ finds _____ and _____.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

Healing Then

Matthew 8:2-3

Jesus is willing to heal you.

Matthew 8:5-8

Jesus healed through _____ in His Word.

Healing Now

Mark 6:13 (James 5:14)

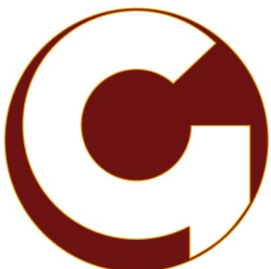
The sick anointed with oil for healing

Mark 16:18

Believers lay hands on the sick and they recover.

CONCLUSION—IS IT GOD'S WILL TO HEAL ME NOW?

Hebrews 13:8 YES!!



Communion



THE MEANING OF COMMUNION

I Corinthians 11:23-25

We remember His death for us.

It symbolizes Jesus' body and blood.

It's a cup of _____ not mourning.

HIS BODY (The Bread)

John 6:48

Jesus is the _____ of life.

1 Peter 2:24

Jesus took our _____ in His body.

Isaiah 53:4-5

By His stripes we are _____.

HIS BLOOD (The Wine)

Revelation 1:5

_____ by His blood.

1 Peter 1:18-19

_____ (bought) by His blood.

Romans 5:9

_____ by the blood.

Colossians 1:20

Peace by His _____.



Write down one thought you've had so far

Communion



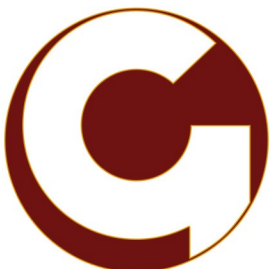
OUR COVENANT WITH GOD

- Matthew 26:28 Covenant is a solemn agreement made between God and man. It is sealed by His blood, shed for our sins.
- Galatians 2:20 He gives _____ to us.
We give _____ to Him.
- Romans 12:1 We present our bodies as a living _____.
- Acts 2:46-47 They broke bread from _____ to _____.
The requirements for partaking of communion is to be a believer in Jesus.
- I Corinthians 11:27-31 It is sacred and not to be taken lightly.

CONCLUSION

- I Corinthians 11:26 Communion proclaims His death until He comes
_____ reminds us to be thankful for all He has done
He _____ the price for our eternal life with Him.
We want to share this good news with others.

Write out the scripture Romans 12:1 in the space provided below



Fellowship



WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

Acts 2:42

Participation and sharing in community life.
Partnership with 'one another' in the gospel.

WHO DO WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH?

1 Corinthians 1:9

We have fellowship with Jesus.

Philippians 3:10

We have fellowship with Jesus' _____

II Corinthians 13:14

We have fellowship with the _____

1 John 1:3

We have fellowship with the _____ and
with His Son.

1 John 1:7

We have fellowship with _____

1 Corinthians 6:14-16

Don't be bound with unbelievers
What does light have in common with dark
ness?

WHY DO WE DO IT?

Ephesians 5:21

Community and accountability

Philippians 3:10

To be conformed to Jesus' _____

James 5:16

_____ sins, and _____ for each other

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Encouragement & edification (building up)

What does light have in common with darkness? (I Cor 6:14-16?) _____



Grace



Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by **grace** you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

WHAT IS GRACE? WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

Grace— Undeserved favor from God

Romans 1:18 Saves us from God's wrath
Romans 5:15-17, John 1:17 Free gift through _____
John 1:14 Jesus full of _____ and truth

WHO AND WHAT IS IT FOR?

Romans 1:16-17 For all who believe in Jesus
John 1:16 Receive the _____ of God
Hebrews 13:9 Strengthen the _____
1 Peter 1:13 Place to fix our _____
John 3:16 Gives us _____ life.
Galatians 5:4, Romans 3:24 Grace is for our _____ not law keeping

HOW DO WE OBTAIN IT?

Ephesians 2:8-9 It is the _____ of God.

WHY DID GOD GIVE IT?

John 3:16-17 God _____ the world
Desired to save the world not _____ it.



4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice



4 KEYS TO DIALOGUE WITH GOD

KEY #1 God's voice in our hearts sounds like a flow of spontaneous thoughts. Therefore, when I tune to God, I tune to spontaneity

KEY# 2 I must learn to still my own thoughts and emotions, so that I can sense God's flow of thoughts and emotions within me.

KEY #3 As I pray, I fix the eyes of my heart upon Jesus, seeing in the spirit the dreams and visions of Almighty God.

Key#4 Journaling, the writing out of our prayers and God's answers, provides a great new freedom in hearing God's voice.



My EPIC Journey



CONTINUE YOUR EPIC JOURNEY BY TAKING THE NEXT STEP:

We are all on the same path but just at different locations on the journey. We trust these materials helped to begin the building process of a successful life of faith and have made you hungry for more of God. We encourage you to take the next step on your EPIC Journey.

The following may be some things God is leading you to next. Ask the Lord what the next step He is leading you to take.

- ◆ Get water baptized?
- ◆ Pray to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- ◆ Join an EPIC Cell group?
- ◆ Parent/Child dedication?
- ◆ Serving in ministry?
- ◆ Giving financially?
- ◆ Share your testimony with someone?
- ◆ Make a Spiritual Coaching appointment?
- ◆ Buy some worship music?
- ◆ Take the next class?
- ◆ Enroll in Acts 29 training?
- ◆ Set time aside for Bible reading and prayer?



ANSWER KEY



Salvation

1. the Son
2. Jesus
3. Heart, mouth
4. Jesus
5. No
6. Know
7. Christ
8. Children of God
9. Children of God
10. The Father
11. Our
12. Rejoice with
shouts of joy
13. Joy, who
14. Forgive our sins
15. Believe and follow

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

1. On all flesh
2. Stammering lips
3. Foreign tongue
4. Spirit
5. Rest
6. Refreshing
7. Receive
8. Promise
9. All who believe
10. Yes
11. In tongues as Spirit gave
utterance
12. Gentiles (non-Jews)
13. Choose
14. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
15. God
16. Mysteries and wisdom
17. Edified
18. Built up
19. Our faith
20. Jesus



ANSWER KEY



Power of the Tongue

1. Life and death
2. Influence/direction
3. Keep/preserve our life
4. Ruin/destroy our life
5. Keep
6. Mouth, well
7. Life
8. Mind, will, emotions
9. Yes/No
10. Yes/No
11. Yes/No
12. Yes/No

Prayer and Faith

1. Jesus
2. Spirit, mind
3. Spirit, mind
4. Abiding
5. Condition
6. Word
7. Yes/No. If yes when/what?
8. Believe
9. Forgive
10. Yes/No
11. Persistent, don't loose heart



ANSWER KEY



Water Baptism & Child Dedication

1. Father, Son, Holy Spirit
2. Believe, heart
3. Believed
4. Conscience
5. Water baptism
6. Water baptism
7. Baptism
8. Jesus
9. parents

Principles of Giving

1. Need
2. First
3. Able
4. All, riches
5. Givers
6. Given
7. Sow, reap
8. Cheerful
9. Rich
10. Blessings
11. Lord, repay
12. Filled
13. Rebukes, devourer
14. Prove, Word
15. Give, receive



ANSWER KEY

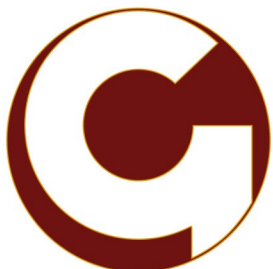


Praise & Worship

1. Seeks
2. Praise
3. Will
4. Praise
5. Singing
6. Joyful
7. Clapping
8. Raised
9. Kneeling and bowing
10. All/everything

Church: The Body of Christ

1. Body
2. Members
3. All, another
4. Together
5. Daily
6. Daily
7. Sent
8. Sent
9. Sent



ANSWER KEY



Healing

1. Satan
2. Curse, law
3. Blood
4. Infirmities
5. Word
6. Word, life, and health
7. Faith

Communion

1. Thanksgiving
2. Bread
3. Sins
4. Healed
5. Washed
6. Redeemed
7. Justified
8. Blood
9. Himself
10. Ourselves
11. Sacrifice
12. House to house
13. Communion
14. Paid



ANSWER KEY



Fellowship

1. Sufferings
2. Holy Spirit
3. Father
4. Believers
5. Death
6. Confess, and pray

Grace

1. Jesus Christ
2. Grace
3. Gift
4. Heart
5. Hope
6. Eternal
7. Justification
8. Gift
9. Loves
10. Judge

