

## Seeing Jesus Christ & Building Our Lives On Him – The Rock!

### Purpose of DTS:

1. To help you become like Christ as His follower (disciple) in the context of spiritual family – Christ’s Body the Church. Ro. 8:29; 2 Co. 3:18; 1 Co. 15:49
  - A. Maturing in Christ will require that we all expend energy, effort, and commitment with the help of the Holy Spirit. Growth requires proactive cooperation with the Word, Spirit, and Body. Col. 1:28-29; 1 Co. 15:10- Becoming a true disciple of Christ does take focus and effort. Your aggressive participation with the Holy Spirit, the Word, and God’s people are essential if you want to be fully alive in Christ! Listen to what the apostle Paul says, “We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.” Col. 1:28 “Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” Phil. 2:12-13 “Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Tim. 4:7-8 Are you ready to do what it takes to become a follower of Christ?
  - B. Becoming like Christ involves discipleship. Matt. 28:18-19 We become disciples and make disciples of Christ. We are making disciples who make disciples. That is the great commission! Matt. 28:18-; 2 Tim. 2:2
  - C. There are eternal rewards involved in being a disciple and making disciples. 1 Cor. 3:14; Heb. 11:6; Lk. 6:23,35; 1 Co. 3:8
2. To help revive and restore the Church in the region, so the Church can advance the kingdom in every area of life (marriage & family, marketplace, education, media, arts, social services, civil government, etc)
3. As a required prerequisite for getting into the “Leadership Training School” (LTS). The DTS & LTS are required training for leading a Missional Kingdom Family. An MKF is a small “micro-church” of men and women boys and girls (from 3 to 18) that have all the essential ingredients of a local church. Christ is the center. God’s life and love flow “down”, “up”, “in”, and “out”. These MKF’s are interconnected, tied together relationally through local churches led by true biblical elders, that are interconnected with other local churches tied together by five-fold leadership teams (apostles, prophets, teachers, shepherds, evangelists). We want to saturate the region with 1,000’s of MKF’s because they are a key building block for receiving “new wine” (fresh and ongoing outpouring of the Holy Spirit) and preserving the “wine” within the biblical container called “new wineskins” (new covenant spiritual families, relationally connected through biblical government, with a kingdom-advancing vision). Matt. 9:17
  - a. MKF’s are also composed of DNA Groups. Gender specific groups of 2’s & 3’s that facilitate evangelism and discipleship. (See resources which explain “DNA Groups”)
  - b. MKF’s also practice inner healing and deliverance as a way of life. (See resources which explain MKF’s)
  - c. Attending and/or watching every session is required to receive DTS Certification.
  - d. Fully participating in the discipleship process, the daily Bible reading, reading “Secrets of the Secret Place”, journaling what God says to you, training experiences, and DNA relationships are also a part of receiving the DTS Certification.
  - e. People are free to attend as little or as much of the DTS as they like, but to receive DTS Certification requires 100% commitment. (Missed sessions can be “made up” via internet video and completing the review for each session.)

4. Current and future church-planters (plus elders & deacons) need to absorb and live “in Christ” and the kingdom lifestyle we teach in the DTS and LTS. People’s lives are at stake! Therefore, we only want to release leaders that are living with Christ by the Holy Spirit a “pray, hear, obey” lifestyle with all five areas of grace in operation: a.) Christ, b.) Christ’s Family-community, c.) Christ’s character, d.) Christ’s calling, e.) Christ’s competency. There are four dynamics that help produce transformation into Christ’s likeness: a.) Instructional, b.) Relational, c.) Experiential, d.) Spiritual. All five areas of grace, with all four dynamics, will be part of the DTS & LTS training. Christ and His Word with His Family will always be foundational components of the DTS & LTS.
5. Personal Goals For Each DTS Student:
  - A. To cultivate a lifestyle of oneness and love with Christ which includes a daily personal altar, reading and meditating daily on the Word of God. (Year through the Bible daily reading) John 15-17
  - B. To cultivate a “pray, hear, obey” lifestyle in Christ. Read “Secret to the Secret Place” by Bob Sorge.
  - C. To grow in the mind of Christ. Learning to think what He thinks and believe what He believes. Cultivating the ability to hear God’s voice. Ro. 12
  - D. To grow in the heart and character of Christ. This means a notable increase in the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control, etc) Gal. 5:23
  - E. To grow in the lifestyle of Jesus. This includes a.) learning how to really love others, b.) demonstrating and proclaiming the gospel to others, c.) making disciples, and d.) releasing the gifts & power of the Holy Spirit for healing and deliverance. Matt. 9:35, 10:1-42
  - F. Walking in your “calling” (vocation).
  - G. Allowing the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit to flow through you to others.

### **Building Our Lives on Jesus Christ – the Rock!**

We determine whether we will build our lives wisely or foolishly. Would you like to be a “wise master builder? 1 Cor. 3:10

- A. What is the foundation of your life? One of the ways you can know your foundations is by what shakes you up. What makes you mad or glad? What has the power to ruin your day?
- B. Jude 20-21 Building yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in Holy Spirit. We are responsible for building ourselves up.
- C. 1 Pet. 2:4 – As you come to Him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood...
- D. Building on the Rock -  
On this Rock... on this “petra” I will build my church, which is the revelation of Christ. Peter, the man, is not foundation of church. “you are peter “petras” (stone or boulder) Petra is huge mountainous rock that extends from bedrock. It holds up cliffs...part of bedrock. God the Father reveals Jesus the “Petra”. Petra is bedrock of our faith – Jesus Christ. Personal revelation, encounter, intimate knowing the Person of Jesus Christ – the Son of God...The Anointed One. That is our foundation.
- E. Obedience to Christ is building our “house on the Rock”. Matt. 7:24

### **Seeing Christ With the Eyes of the Heart: Ephesians 1:17**

God and the heavenly realm are totally real. However, they are invisible to our physical eyes because God is Spirit. Everything in the natural comes from the spiritual realm. Heb. 11:3 As those created in the image of God, we also have human “spirits” that have a capacity to become one with the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6:17-; 1 Thess. 5:23; Jn. 4:24

Therefore, it takes the Holy Spirit to open our inner eyes and ears to see and hear from the “heavenly realm”. Eph. 1:3,20, 2:6 Because God is Spirit and He lives in the heavenly realm (spirit realm), it requires the awakening and rebirth of our spiritual man to access and encounter God. Only our human spirit, when born again from “above”, can access and become one with God, Who is Spirit. John 3:5-15 The language

of the heart and the Spirit is dreams, visions, parables, stories, inner pictures (imagination), intuition, impressions, but all based in the objective truth of the Word of God as revealed in the Bible. Acts 2:17-

Seeing Christ with the eyes of the heart is essential! Many can see physically but not see spiritually. We can hear physically and not hear spiritually. Many are mental converts but haven't seen Christ with the eyes of their hearts. They made a decision for Christ in their minds by their wills. The natural mind cannot ascertain or comprehend the things of the Spirit. 1 Cor. 2:12-16 God wants our spirits captivated by the Person of Jesus Christ. Our level of love, commitment and obedience will be determined by how much we perceive Christ's value. If only our intellect, will, and emotions are involved, there will be a very limited response to Christ. But if our spirit encounters The Spirit, and we receive revelation of Christ then we will become white-hot lovers of God. Seeing the real Jesus Christ, our pearl & treasure of priceless value, will cause us to sell all. We will give up everything, including ourselves, to follow the King of kings, and the Lord of Lords. The early disciples "saw" Christ, causing their hearts to abandon their earthly agenda. What would cause successful business people to leave everything to follow Christ. They saw him with the eyes of their hearts. Matt. 13:44-45

### **Who is Jesus Christ?**

1. The image of the invisible God. He is God. Col. 1:15-20; John 1, John 10:30
2. The eternally begotten son of God. Matt. 3:17; John 3:16;
3. He was both identified with the first Adam race, but he is also the "last Adam". 1 Cor. 15
4. He is the savior of the world. Luke 2:11; Titus 2:13
5. He is King and Lord. Rev. 19:16
6. All things were created by Him and for Him. Col. 1:16; John 1:3
7. All things in heaven and earth are being brought under His rule. Eph. 1:9-10

**A disciple lives in total identification with Christ:** 1 Cor. 6:17; Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:1-14; Eph. 2:4-10; 1 Cor. 15:45-49; John 14:12;

- A. Jesus is bringing many sons to glory. Heb. 2:10
- B. What he did, I do.  
He died. I died.  
He was buried. I am buried.  
He was raised. I am raised.
- C. Who he is, I am. A son of God (not implying that we are God). We are created sons of God. Ro. 8
- D. Where he is, I am. Seated with Christ.
- E. What he thinks, I think.
- F. What he believes, I believe.
- G. What he wants, I want.
- H. What he feels, I feel.
- I. His character is my character.
- J. Who and what he loves, I love.
- K. What he hates, I hate.
- L. What he does, I do.
- M. How he was animated and empowered, I am animated and empowered.

Resources:

One Year Bible Reading Plan:

[http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com/readingplan/oneyearbible Reading plan\\_1up.pdf](http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com/readingplan/oneyearbible Reading plan_1up.pdf)

"Secrets of the Secret Place" by Bob Sorge