



# LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY-VALUES

Leadership Covenant

**SESSION**

For

**LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY TGC**

Values

**OURS**

Introduction to leadership at Trinity Grace Church New York.

## LEADING FROM OUR PARADIGM

### THE IMPERATIVE OF UNITY

The kingdom of God is available now, with us. It's open: we can enter and participate in it; we can join God in bringing and living in the kingdom.

#### Ephesians 4 v 1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

#### Philippians 1 v 27

<sup>27</sup>Whatever happens, as citizens of heaven live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together with one accord for the faith of the gospel

## SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

#### Matthew 6:

<sup>1</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**The kingdom of God:** *The rule and range of Gods effective will*

#### **Signs of the kingdom from the book of Isaiah:**

- Deliverance                      bondage
- Righteousness/Justice        injustice
- Peace                              conflict
- Joy                                 grief
- God's Presence                absence
- Healing                         sickness
- Return from Exile            disconnection

## INTIMACY

- **Identity and Grace**
- **Communion:** Remain in my love
- **Pathways**
  - Intellectuals
  - Contemplative
  - Enthusiasts
  - Caregiver
  - Activist
  - Ascetics
  - Traditionalists
  - Sensates
  - Naturalists
- **Divine hours, lectionary**
- **Space**
- **John 15**

## TRANSFORMATION

### **Fruit of the Spirit:** Galatians 5 v 22:

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

### **Spiritual Disciplines:** 1 Timothy 4:

<sup>7</sup>Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. <sup>10</sup>That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

- **Silence/Solitude** reveals what is in your heart-these your watch and confess to others.<sup>1</sup>

- **Renewal.** Match step back-deep learning through reflection-match insight to action.
- **Seasons**
- **Rhythms**

## **COMMUNITY**

- **Love: 1 Corinthians 13**
- **Conflict Revolution: Matthew 18**
- **Proximity**
- **Life on Life**
- **Considering**

### Philippians 2:

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,<sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

## SERVANTHOOD

- **APEPT: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers**
- **Spiritual Gifts**
- **Losing your life**
- **Greatest in the kingdom**
- **SHAPE**

## MISSION

- **The city**
- **The kingdom**
- **The workplace**
- **Authority**
- **Prayer**
- **Viewing the city as contested space**

## CELEBRATION

### John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted*:

We will not understand God until we understand this about him: God is the happiest being in the universe. God also knows sorrow. Jesus is remembered, among other things, as a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. But the sorrow of God, like the anger of God, is his temporary response to a fallen world. That sorrow will be banished forever from his heart on the day the world is set right. Joy is God's basic character. Joy is his eternal destiny. God is the happiest being in the universe.

### Nehemiah 8 v 10-12:

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. 11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved. 12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

### Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son (Luke 15):

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'<sup>7</sup> **I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.** ....<sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'<sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."<sup>11</sup> ...<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate.<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'<sup>25</sup> So they began to celebrate.

### Rob Bell:

God is retelling each of our stories in Jesus. All of the bad parts and the ugly parts and the parts we want to pretend never happened are redeemed. They seemed pointless and they were painful at the time, but God retells our story and they become the moments when God's grace is most on display. We find ourselves asking, am I really forgiven of that? The fact that we are loved and accepted and forgiven in spite of everything we have done is simply too good to be true. Our choice becomes this: We can trust his retelling of the story, or we can trust our

telling of our story. It is a choice we make every day about the reality we are going to live in.

Ultimately our gift to the world around us is hope. Not blind hope that pretends everything is fine and refuses to acknowledge how things are. But the kind of hope that comes from staring pain and suffering right in the eyes and refusing to believe that this is all there is. It is what we all need – hope that comes not from going around suffering but from going through it. I am learning that the church has nothing to say to the world until it throws better parties. By this I don't necessarily mean balloons and confetti and clowns who paint faces. I mean backyards and basements and porches. It is in the flow of real life, in the places we live and move with the people we're on the journey with, that we are reminded it is God's world and we're going to be okay.

More from Rob Bell:

One of the most tragic things ever to happen to the gospel was the emergence of the message that Jesus takes us somewhere else if we believe in him. The Bible ends with God coming here. God, in the midst of all the people who can imagine nothing better, celebrating the life that we all share. The images Jesus used were of banquets and feasts and celebrations. What do we do at parties such as these? We eat and talk and dance and enjoy each other and above all else, we take our time. What does Jesus do almost as much as he teaches and heals? Eats and celebrates with his friends.

**HOW DO WE DO THIS?**

- Through marking definitive events in each other's lives
- By marking definitive events in this church
- Celebrate the good, true and beautiful
- Parties, dinners, culture of the city, seasons, rituals, customs
- BUILDING OUR OWN REDEMPTIVE CALANDERS

**You** have to lead in this, **you** have to create and be on the lookout for a culture of celebration.

The gospel literally means GOOD NEWS, we should laugh and eat and drink and dance and have joy like no one else.