

LET THE CHURCH RISE

PRECEPT

MATTHEW 22:37-40

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 PETER 4:8-11

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

PROMISE

We can still make a difference in the world if we act like the church of Jesus. If we show love instead of hate, patience instead of shame, and kindness instead of judgment, we can make a difference, if we act as the church, the bride of Christ. Sadly, the statistics show that Christianity is declining. Over 2,000 churches closed every year in the past three decades in North America. There is a severe increase in atheism, agnosticism, materialism, individualism, relativism, and secularism over the past 3 decades. It seems that the church is not making a difference. The Church is supposed to be the light that shines in the darkness, gives hope to the hopeless, help the helpless, extend peace to the depressed and joy to the lonely. This is why Life Community Church was born, to build a church that is appealing and engaging, have a loving family relationship, and a strong discipleship and accountability.

Our mission is to inspire and lead people to know, follow, and grow like Jesus (John 17:3, Mark 1:17, Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 28:18-20, Philippians 2:1-11). How are we going to put our mission into practice?

LOVE GOD AND HIS PEOPLE (MATTHEW 22:37-40). Love must be evident in us at all times at work, school, church, in public places, etc. Let us show genuine love and care for people, without expecting anything in return.

IMITATE CHRIST AT ALL TIMES (EPHESIANS 5:1-2, PHIL 2:3-11). Humility and integrity must manifest in us. Let us intentionally apply this in our families, in our workplaces, and anywhere else. There must be truth in our words and in our actions, for it must be our lifestyle to follow the commands of God.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (EPHESIANS 5:21-6:4). Family discipleships must be in place at all times (submission to one another as we submit to Christ). Husbands should love and lead the wives unconditionally, while wives must respect and support the husbands faithfully. Children are ought to honour their parents, and the parents must train and mentor their children. Family must be our first ministry.

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVING (1 PETER 4:8-11). We have several ministries in the church where you can use the talents God has given you. Let us serve God and His people all for His glory.

PRACTICE

1. Living Out the Mission. How will you live out the mission our church and Christ has set for us? Give some practical examples.

2. Shine for Jesus. How have you made or how will you make a difference in someone's life this week? Share your experience or plan with the group.

PRAYER

I. 1st Year Anniversary

- Praise God for His love, grace, and faithfulness for the past year to LCC!

II. North Life Connections

- Pray for these couples as they lead the North groups: Ocampo, Ico, & Alipao.

III. South Life Connections

- Pray for these couples as they lead the South groups: Drapeza & Tablan.

IV. East Life Connections

- Pray for these couples as they lead the East groups: Domingo & Torres.

V. West Life Connections

- Pray for these couples as they lead the West groups: Solidum, Fabregas, and Gamboa.

VI. Young Couples

- Pray for these couples as they lead the Young Couples' groups: Imperial, Oliveros & Gumasing.

VII. Circles

- Pray for Manalo couple as they lead our youth and singles groups.