

OBEDIENCE IS THE WAY TO NEXT

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Vision: Manifesting Christ in
Many Ways to Many People

Acts 6:5-6 NIV – This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

Acts 8:14-17 NIV – When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. 15 When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:25-26 NKJV – So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. 26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert.

Stay Where You Are <--> Go Into All The World

Joel 2:15-17 NKJV

The Porch – The Altar – The Place Between

Why won't we obey God in doing what He tells us to do?

1) Fear

The Excitement of an Adventure <--> The Fear of an Adventure

Jesus didn't die to keep us safe. He died to make us dangerous.
Faithfulness is not holding the fort. It's storming the gates of hell.

The will of God is not an insurance plan. It's a daring plan.

It's time to quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.

2) Tribalism

If your fundamental self-identity arises from anything that supersedes your identity in Christ, it is a sin.

3) We Doubt God For The Outcome.

We must begin where the person is, not where we are.

Acts 8:40 NIV – Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

The miracle was at the end of a desert road.

Philippians 2:8 ESV – And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Obedient = “Hupakouo” = Hupo (under) + Akouo (I hear)

Revelation from God comes in response to obedience.

“To obey is better than sacrifice.” – 1 Samuel 15:22

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.” – 1 John 5:3

Acts 19:11-16 NIV

Powerlessness is the result of not having the “resemblance of Jesus” in your spirit.

Obedience brings possession. Possession brings Christlikeness. Christlikeness brings power.

John 5:30 NIV

“How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?” – John 5:44

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GATHER

Sundays in August - 9a + 11a
Next Is Now

How can we as Christians deal with change in a godly way? "Next Is Now" illustrates those seasons of uncertainty that we all face in life's transitions. You can fight it, you can try and resist it, but life is all about change. Sometimes it is welcome, and we root for it. Other times it's the last thing we want or saw coming. One thing is certain though, when change comes, it will bring both opportunities and dangers. Join us for this August series, where we will learn how not to only survive the transitions of life but to thrive in the midst of them. Next is NOW!

Thursday, August 25

7p - 9p A Conversation of Faith
Topic: Rightly Reading Scripture

We will be hosting an open and informal conversation about life, spirituality, and the person of Jesus without judgment or pressure. We want to hear your thoughts and questions as we explore these themes together without the pressured atmosphere that usually comes with these conversations. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome.

GO

Be on the lookout in upcoming weeks for more opportunities to serve our community!

Friday, September 2

10p - 4a All Night Prayer

We invite you and your whole family to come out to a night that will forever be etched into our hearts! You do not have to stay the whole night, come whenever you desire and join us in worship and prayer!

GROW

Thursday, September 1

7p - 9p Launch of our Fall Semester of Growth Phases

Join us as we kick off our fall semester of Growth Phases. Get signed up today at the Next Steps table. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

GROUP

Sunday, August 21 -
Connect Group Night

Connect groups will meet all over the area today. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

GIVE

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.