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The following characteristics describe trends in many churches across America. More and more believers are becoming restless for something deeper than simply attending church. They want authentic, Biblical, Spirit-empowered Christianity that changes our lives.



Our vision | The move into the fellowship hall is more than a change of location; it represents a shift in purpose. We are seeking to become more than a place where people attend services... we want to be a training center where believers are equipped, challenged, Spirit-empowered, and sent to live as disciples of Jesus in everyday life... just like the church in **Acts 2:42-47**.

Pastor Jack

Photo: the scripture reference spray painted on the floor before recarpeting the Fellowship Hall.

1. The Fellowship Hall transition flier.

God's guidance | Psalm 32:8-9 *I will stay close to you, instructing and guiding you along the pathway for your life. I will advise you along the way and lead you forth with my eyes as your guide. So don't make it difficult; don't be stubborn when I take you where you have not been before. Don't make me tug and pull you along. Just come with me!* (James 1:5)

After the sermon we will again, as a congregation, spend a few minutes on this in prayer.

2. What God is going to do because of our willing obedience through this move...

A. Create a greater hunger for God's Word. | The Bereans in Acts 17:11-12. (Paul's visit to Thessalonica was extreme: a few salvations and a riot.)

- **The Bereans received the Word with eagerness and openness** | **KEY:** The Bereans modeled a disciple who is **both** Spirit-led and Word grounded!

Jeremiah 15:16 *Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart.*

John 4:32, 34 *But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know... My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."*

- **They tested Paul's teaching with the Old Testament and without skepticism** | They allowed Scripture, not tradition (or Eisegesis) to have the final word.

Acts 17:11 *Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character (Generous in spirit, honorable in character) than those in Thessalonica,...*

- **They responded in active faith** | They were saved because they allowed Scripture to shape their decision.

B. Go deeper into discipleship.

- The goal is not only to educate believers, but to disciple them. Although good and necessary, education imparts knowledge; discipleship forms Christlike character and develops obedience.
- Matthew 28:19–20 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

Jesus did not just say, “Teach them,” but “teach them to obey, keep, practice” His commands. The goal is transformed lives, not only informed minds.

- True disciples are hungry and teachable.

C. Learn to go from Spirit filled to Spirit led/driven. | Romans 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.*

- Many times the Pentecostal experience is connected more to experience and sensations. We must be led and driven by the Spirit. Mark 1:12 *Immediately the Spirit drove Him (Jesus) into the wilderness.* (Greek to throw into)
- A Spirit-led believer learns to recognize the Holy Spirit’s voice and follows His leading every day. Like Philip (who immediately responded to the Spirit’s directive and met the Ethiopian Eunuch) they respond quickly when God speaks. AND like Jesus, they’re willing to follow the Spirit even into difficult seasons, trusting that God is preparing them for the next season.

3. Close | Have everyone engage in prayer: walking, praying in small groups, etc. Focus our prayer on God’s guidance into the next season...

A. Psalm 32:8-9 *I will stay close to you, instructing and guiding you along the pathway for your life. I will advise you along the way and lead you forth with my eyes as your guide.*

B. James 1:5 *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

C. We are one team, praying, giving, going.