

“Prayer, Vision, and Revival”
“Seeking God” — Part 1
Matthew 7:7-8

“What Makes Grace, Grace?”

- **Defining Moments**
- **Signature Moves**
- **God-Honoring Values**
- **Foundation Stones**

Question: What does this foundation affirm?

1. This foundation affirms the importance of God’s Word as it is applied to both our doctrinal understanding and our daily, practical living.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says...the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25

2. This foundation includes the fact that both fellowship and ministry are based solely on one’s personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, trusting Him alone for salvation.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:3-6

3. This foundation affirms the priesthood of every believer.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

4. This foundation affirms the fact that we believe in the spiritual unity of the Church. We believe that there is strength in diversity and that each of us are uniquely gifted by the Spirit of God and yet we need each other to be the body, (the church) that God desires.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

1 Corinthians 12:21

Prayer, vision, and revival go hand in hand.

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Psalms 85:6-7

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”
Matthew 7:7-8

- **Adam and Eve** (Genesis 1:28)
- **Noah** (Genesis 6:9-22)
- **Abraham** (Genesis 12:1-3 and 15:1-6)
- **Moses** (Exodus 3:10-17)
- **Isaiah** (Isaiah 6:1-8)
- **Jeremiah** (Jeremiah 1:4-10)
- **Jonah** (Jonah 1:1-3)
- **Saul—The apostle Paul** (Acts 9:3-15)
- **The apostle Peter** (Acts 10:9-20)
- **The church at Antioch** (Acts 13:1-3)

Question: What are the prerequisites for seeking God?

1. We must believe that God gives direction.

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

2. We must be willing to do what God asks.

I will call with all my heart; answer me, O Lord, and I will obey your decrees. Psalm 119:145

3. We must realize that God is going to ask for more than we can think we can do.

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12

...“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

4. We must come to God in humility.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14

..."God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:5-6

"Seeking God"

Personal and Small Group Study

Read: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

1. Can you recall a time when you heard God's voice?
2. Can a person be sure God has spoken to them?
3. How does God speak to you most often? Are there ways you expect God to speak to you? What are different ways that the Bible tells us that God speaks to us?
4. What does it say about someone's view of God that he or she uses the term personal relationship but there are no specific communications? Read: John 10:27-28
5. Can we expect the same kind of communication from God that we see in the Bible? What does the writer of Hebrews tell us about how God speaks to us? Read: Hebrews 1:1-2
6. Everything considered, would you really like to be spoken to by God? Why or why not? What are your greatest concerns?