



**QUEENS  
CHURCH**

# **GROWTH TRACK**

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## // THE QUEENS CHURCH STORY

Sitting around a table at the Samaritan Village Senior Center in the basement of New York City Housing Authority Building 27 are characters plucked from the great novel of America's history. First generation Puerto Rican Americans cackle with laughter as "Happy Birthday" is sung for their 92 year-old Chinese friend who is dancing around the cloudy tile floor at the weekly birthday celebration. In the corner, an elderly woman is speaking Spanish with her caretaker who is either translating what's going on or telling a very funny story that no one else is privy to. Most of these seniors don't have family outside these walls and these friends and a \$2 lunch are the lifeline offered to them by this 5-day-a-week community center - it'll do just fine.

A few buildings over and several hours later teenagers laugh hysterically as they crowd around a phone and watch a video together. It's 9:45 on a school night but the Woodside Community Center is still crawling with students intent on shutting the place down at 10 when the Director locks the doors. Diane is tired following an afternoon of homework help and activities for the sixty elementary and middle school children who pack her center at 2:30 each weekday.

The next morning, just a few blocks away next to Hart Playground, day laborers gather early in hopes for some work. They come from all parts of Southeast Asia and South America to Queens in search of a better life for their family, better education, fame, or fortune. This isn't exactly what many of them had in mind. They're struggling to make rent in a tiny one-bedroom apartment and keep their spouse and children fed and clothed. Many of them fight depression, anxiety, hopelessness, and other emotional battles internally as the physical demand of this grind are displayed on their worn faces. Weaving in and out of each of these scenes are smiling toddlers in strollers and middle-class professionals hustling to catch the train, even if it's going to be delayed because of train traffic ahead of them. If you've ever had the privilege of being at the mercy of the infamously terrible MTA, you understand. Thousands of people making up a variety of different crowds, each searching for community, many longing for something more.

Woodside, Queens may not be glamorous, but what it lacks in glitz it makes up for in grit. Immigrant business owners working tirelessly, college students commuting to LaGuardia Community College at night and weekends while balancing work, family, and friends. Elderly folks who once swept and hosed down the sidewalks in front of their homes now eating alone as their children and grandchildren hurry past them to Long Island, the suburbs, or worse, New Jersey. Not that there's anything wrong with Jersey - but it's nearly impossible for Frank to get to Shamong, NJ to catch his grandson playing ball. Once an Irish haven, Woodside has become home to a diverse mishmash of ethnicities including large populations of Latinos and Asians put on full display at the famous Peruvian-Chinese restaurant, Peking BBQ. All of these people, but so few churches to serve this neighborhood.

God is raising up a church from within Woodside to serve these crowds. To display the love of Christ in the way only the church can. To be a place where skeptics can gather alongside long-time worshippers of God to find faith in Jesus Christ and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. A church where discipleship happens around tables, not just filled with food, but with neighbors as well.

We want you to be a part of what God is doing in Woodside through Queens Church.

A letter from Pastor Larry Mayberry

## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the Queens Church Growth Track. The Growth Track is designed so that you can discover your purpose and live out the life that God has designed for you through our local church. The Growth Track will guide you in 1) understanding the vision of Queens Church, 2) helping you discover your place, 3) discovering how you can use your God-given talents to make a difference in the lives of others around you and 4) show you how you can join our team.

The Growth Track is broken down into 4 Main Steps:

### **Step One - Our Vision**

Explore the Vision Statements of Queens Church and find out the reason why we exist.

### **Step Two - Discover Your Place**

Dive into the details of your personality, discover your gifts, and your best fit to make a difference through serving at Queens Church.

### **Step Three - Queens Church Challenges**

These are four meaningful challenges that we are asking of you as you pray about joining our team.

### **Step Four - Join the Team**

We are better together. This final step will focus on officially becoming a part of the Queens Church Family and committing to the betterment and growth of Queens Church.

# STEP ONE | OUR VISION

**Our Vision**

The purpose of this Step is to understand that overall vision of Queens Church. At Queens Church, we have two simple statements that define & describe why we exist and why we do what we do. Our desire is to be a church centered around these two main statements.

**JESUS IS OUR PASSION.**

**Read Colossians 1:15-23. Answer the questions below.**

1. What stood out to you most in this passage?

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2. How many times did you see the word "he", "him", or "himself"?

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3. What characteristics did you read about Jesus from this passage?

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4. According to verse 22, what did Jesus do for us?

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Just by looking at this passage, we can come to one simple conclusion: Everything is about Jesus. From the creation of the world, to the creation of us, to the creation of the church, and the beautiful reality of our sin being covered so that we can have a relationship with God.

It's simple. Jesus was so passionate about us so we are passionate about Him. Everything we do (services, events, outreach, classes, seminars, etc...) and will do at Queens Church is centered around Jesus. He is our passion. He is our message. We do it so that everyone might hear about Jesus.

## LOVE IS OUR MISSION.

**Read Mark 5:21-34 and 1 John 4:19.**

1. What stood out to you most in these passages?

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2. Why do you think the woman was “fearful and trembling” after she touched Jesus’ garment?

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3. What was Jesus’ reaction when he felt the power leaving Him?

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4. Why do you think Jesus didn’t just allow the woman to be healed and walk away? What did Jesus do instead?

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As we look at the life of Jesus in the four Gospel stories, there’s a central theme that you can easily see: Jesus loved people. He loved the outcasted people. He loved the disabled people. He loved the unchurched people. He loved the disobedient people. He loved the people everyone ignored. In this story that you just read we see one of the greatest acts of love and it was much more than a physical healing for someone who needed healing.

Because of her disease and disability, and according to the law, she was supposed to be outcasted from the city. The reaction that Jesus had towards this woman after He felt her touch His garment was that He searched for her and wanted to know exactly who touched Him. In other words, He wanted to have a one on one moment with her and let her know that she was loved and encourage her faith when she thought she was going to be rebuked for her actions.

Jesus came to this earth on a mission to love and serve those around Him and He performed the greatest act of love by way of going to the cross for His enemies so that our sin could be forgiven and our relationship with God could be restored.

We love because Jesus first loved us. When we come to know and encounter that love, there’s only one reaction that we could have and that’s display that same love of Christ to others around us.

## // THE CHURCH WE SEE

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1. We see a church that is Enjoyable.

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"*  
[Psalm 122:1 ESV]

2. We see a church where we can Experience God's Presence.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*  
[Matthew 18:20 ESV]

3. We see a church where we can learn how the Bible applies to our daily lives.

*"And he gave us the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."*  
[Ephesians 4:11-12]

4. We see a church where people can hear the Gospel and accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

*"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?..."*  
[Romans 10:13-14]

## **STEP TWO | DISCOVER YOUR PLACE**



## Discover Your Place

The purpose of this Step is to dive into the details of your personality, help you discover your gifts, and help you find your best fit to make a difference through serving at Queens Church. You may not realize this, but God has uniquely designed you with specific gifts and talents and God desires you to use those gifts and talents for His glory. One way we can use the gifts God has given us and live out our purpose in Him is through becoming a part of and serving the local church.

We desire for you to not just attend Queens Church but be a part of the life of Queens Church. We desire for you to help us see Queens Church thrive.

## How You Can Participate:

### 1. PRAY

Pray for our neighborhood. Pray for our city. Pray that God would use Queens Church to reach people with the Gospel.

*"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find welfare."*

[Jeremiah 29:7]

### 2. GIVE

Give of your time and resources to make the people around you better.

*"Then he said to his disciples, 'the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"*

[Matthew 9:37-38]

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

[Matthew 6:19-21]

### 3. GO

Go out into our neighborhood and make disciples, pointing others towards Jesus and showing them the love of God through your actions and words.

*"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"*

[Matthew 28:18-20]

## // MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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All of us were created by God to make a difference in the world around us. God has a place for you unique abilities and passions that can impact the lives of others around you. When you walk in step with what God has for you, we believe you are then walking in the purpose that God has for you.

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

[Ephesians 2:10]

*"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."*

[Acts 20:24]

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone... Now you are the body of Christ and Individually members of it."*

[1 Corinthians 12:4-5; 27]

What thoughts come to mind when you think about the fact that God designed you and made you with a purpose, with specific gifts and talents?

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We truly believe that you are designed to serve the local church. We believe that every task that goes into Queens Church is important and should be done with excellence to the glory of God because Jesus is our passion. To help you figure out how you best fit, take the personality test and look at the different Teams that Queens Church has to offer.

## // MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PERSONALITY

*"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."*

[Psalm 139:13-14]

### **The Challenge is to:**

Discover, develop, and use your gifts for the purpose of serving God and serving others.

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT**

When you trusted Jesus as your Lord, you were given more than salvation from your sin... you were given something special from God: a giftedness to serve God in a unique way. God's plan for your life is to walk in that as you meet specific needs of our church family.

[1 Peter 4:10]

// Discover Your Place

First Peter says that God wants you to be a "good steward" of His gift to you! The best way to do that is to begin discovering, developing, and using your gift to serve the Lord and His church. We get to use our gifts to serve the entire family and make the people around us better.

// TAKING THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

To complete the assessment, answer every question in order by circling the number, 0 to 5, that most accurately describes yourself.

While answering, refer to the scale indicator above the questions.

While answering, do not think as much as react.

For most accurate assessment, answer quickly and honestly.

For best results, PRAY BEFORE ATTEMPTING!

Never	Rarely	Occasionally	True Sometimes	True Most of the time	Always True
0	1	2	3	4	5
1. I relate & measure everything I experience accordingly to God's Word.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
2. Others seem to look to me for advice and help.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
3. I'm easily bothered by others' lack of compassion.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
4. I don't take anything at face value.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
5. I can visualize the "big picture" of a major project.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
6. When others are in my home I like to wait on them "hand and foot."					
0	1	2	3	4	5
7. I feel compelled to give financially to others.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
8. I will speak the truth whether or not it causes hurt feelings.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
9. I can organize and delegate people and resources easily.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
10. I feel compelled to share knowledge.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
11. Discouraged people are often encouraged by my words.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
12. I neglect my own work in order to help others.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
13. I easily identify tasks that need to get done and do them myself.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
14. I enjoy doing little things to help people.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
15. My natural tendency is to step up and take control.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
16. I cheerfully give time or money, regardless of how much I have to give.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
17. I have compassion for all living creatures.					
0	1	2	3	4	5
18. I don't hesitate to give constructive criticism.					
0	1	2	3	4	5

19. People see me as a frank and outspoken person.	0	1	2	3	4	5
20. People seem to learn easily from me.	0	1	2	3	4	5
21. I can be described as responsible, charitable, and disciplined.	0	1	2	3	4	5
22. I don't expect repayment for favors I do for others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
23. Others tell me I'm a good listener.	0	1	2	3	4	5
24. Communicating the facts in a situation is something I do well.	0	1	2	3	4	5
25. I am a task oriented person.	0	1	2	3	4	5
26. I find it easy to maintain an optimistic outlook.	0	1	2	3	4	5
27. I will stand alone on something I believe in strongly.	0	1	2	3	4	5
28. I will not confront others if I feel it may hurt them.	0	1	2	3	4	5
29. I give well above my tithe to the Body of Christ.	0	1	2	3	4	5
30. While I'm frugal in personal spending, I'm often led to give to others.	0	1	2	3	4	5
31. I enjoy research as well as sharing what I find.	0	1	2	3	4	5
32. I am compelled to comfort people who are hurting or suffering.	0	1	2	3	4	5
33. Deadlines challenge me & I usually meet them on time.	0	1	2	3	4	5
34. I can discern the motives of others fairly easily	0	1	2	3	4	5
35. I find strength from bearing other's burdens.	0	1	2	3	4	5
36. My use of knowledge may appear prideful.	0	1	2	3	4	5
37. I can create order out of organizational chaos.	0	1	2	3	4	5
38. I volunteer my time and talents to worthwhile causes.	0	1	2	3	4	5

39. I'm moved with compassion to cry with others.  
 0                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

40. I can select the best person for particular tasks.  
 0                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

41. My focus on right and wrong may be read as being judgmental.  
 0                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

42. I enjoy helping others develop a plan of action to deal with their concerns.  
 0                    1                    2                    3                    4                    5

**Spiritual Gifts Test Scoring Key**

**Directions:** Transfer the number you circled to the blank beside the corresponding question. Add the totals up in each column. The highest possible score in one column would be 30.

	1.	6.	4.	2.	7.	5.	3.
	8.	12.	10.	11.	16.	9.	17.
	19.	13.	20.	18.	21.	15.	28.
	27.	14.	24.	23.	22.	33.	32.
	34.	25.	31.	26.	29.	37.	35.
	41.	38.	36.	42.	30.	40.	39.
<b>Totals:</b>							
	Prophet/ Perceiver	Server	Teacher	Exhorter/ Encourager	Giver	Leader/ Administrator	Mercy/ Compassion

## // SPIRITUAL GIFT ASSESSMENT RESULTS

### **PROPHET/PERCEIVER**

The God-given ability to communicate God's message in relation to the truth already revealed (Jude 3). It is not a prediction. Rather, it is done for the purpose of encouraging, strengthening and comforting others (1 Cor. 14:3). These have the ability to perceive the spiritual needs of others and meet those needs through Scripture.

### **SERVER**

A server has the God-given ability to recognize a need and administer assistance to others. In relation to other believers, this releases them to utilize their God-given gifts. (Acts 6:1-6; 1 Cor. 12:28; Romans 12:7)

### **TEACHER**

The God-given ability to study, research, explain and communicate God's truth. (Ex. Paul and Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2)

### **EXHORTER/ENCOURAGER**

The God-given ability to draw near to individuals in time of need; encouraging and counseling them accurately with the Word of God; and persuading them to take courage in the face of something they must do or assuring them to take comfort because of something that occurred. (Ex. Barnabas in Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27; and 15:36-41)

### **GIVER**

The God-given ability to give freely of what God has entrusted to them. This includes giving time, material goods, and financial resources with joy and eagerness and without any "ulterior motives" that would benefit the giver. (Ex. David in 1 Chronicles 29).

### **LEADERSHIP/ADMIN**

The God-given ability to lead others in meaningful endeavors which demonstrates personal care and concern in order to meet the needs of others and encourage their growth (Ex. 1 Timothy 3:4-5; 12).

### **MERCY/COMPASSION**

The God-given ability to have immediate compassion for those who are suffering combined with great joy in meeting their needs. (Ex. The Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37).

**What are some of the unique things that you discovered about yourself in taking this personality test? What things do you see yourself enjoying? What areas do you find challenging?**

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### **QUEENS CHURCH TEAMS**

Here are the list of Teams that we have to offer where you can plug in, serve, and use the talents and personality that God has given.

#### **Admin Team**

Our team uses our gift of administration to support Queens Church teams by using computer skills, data entry, and attention to detail.

#### **Discipleship Team**

Our team assists in the leading/hosting of our adult discipleship and small groups.

#### **Hospitality Team**

Our team is about using our gifts for Guest Experiences at all events/services. Our team welcomes and serves at the entrances with welcoming arms. Team members will also oversee our Info Center. Check-In System and other general areas of our church.

#### **Kids Team**

Our team invests in the lives of the Kids of Queens Church through worship, Biblical teaching, small groups, games, and more.

#### **Outreach Team**

Our team will facilitate and execute outreach/service opportunities around our neighborhood to show people the love of Christ through our service.



**Production Team**

Our team assists in the Service Experience of our church and will assist in the set up/tear down production of overall worship experience through the use of lights, cameras, and other visual elements. Team will also include running our social media presence and assist in the promotion of Queens Church.

**Prayer Team**

Our teams provides prayer covering all of our people, services, teams, ministries, etc...

**Students Team**

Our team helps invest in the lives of the Students of Queens Church through worship, Biblical teaching, small groups, events, and more.

**Vision Team**

Our team gathers together to vision, dream, and plan about the life and direction of Queens Church. Team will assist in major projects and facilitate overall vision of church through strategic financial offerings.

**Worship Team**

Our team facilitates a powerful worship experience through vocals, instruments, and audio engineering.

**\*\*Circle two or three Teams that interest you the most\*\***

## // You Are A Leader

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Read Philippians 2:1-8

How would you define humility?

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How did Jesus exemplify humility and leadership in this passage?

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What does it mean to serve someone? What's an example you've seen of someone who has served you?

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Maybe you don't realize yet, but you are a leader. You may one day lead a team of 20+ people. You might lead just 1 person. You are a leader. Being a part of one of our Queens Church Teams means that you will both be led by someone and potentially lead someone. Using your gifts and talents to serve God through our church means that you are a leader.

### **We ask that the Leaders of Queens Church do two specific things:**

1. Lead by Example.
2. Understand that you are a part of a Team.

In Philippians 2, the Apostle Paul gave them a special challenge:  
Think about others more than you think about yourself.

Often times that's extremely hard to do. But this is the task that we've been given.

As a leader of Queens Church, you are representing Christ and representing Queens Church to the people around us. As an essential part of Queens Church Leadership, you have a responsibility to develop and exhibit mature Christian behavior. This should be the basic premise of your desire to participate in a Servant-Leadership Position here at Queens Church. While serving the Body of Christ at Queens Church, we ask that you pledge to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable

to God [Romans 12:1-2], that you present a good appearance at all times in both attire and behavior and that you would strive to demonstrate Biblical standards in all situations.

As Christians, we get the opportunity to show who Jesus is by being different from the world around us. The way we present ourselves is of vital importance to the way others perceive and think about Christ. Our conduct should constantly point others to Jesus and should exemplify the best qualities of a mature believer and a servant-leader.

By providing an example in speech and action, we encourage others to grow in Christ and become servant-leaders themselves. This is a way of life measured by the heart and commitment of each leader in the Queens Church Family.

Thank you for committing to discovering, developing and using your gifts to make the people around you better and show others who Jesus is.

## **STEP THREE | Q|C CHALLENGES**

### Queens Church Challenges

The purpose of this Step is now that you know the vision, areas where you can serve and use the talents God has given you, is to now challenge you to take the next step in being fully a part of Queens Church. Take some time to read through these challenges. Understand that our heart is not to get you to do more things but our heart is that we believe being a part of a local church is a part of God's call on our lives as believers of Jesus.

#### // Challenge 1 | Commit to Connecting

Read John 15:1-11

1. What stood out to you most in this passage?

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2. What illustration does Jesus use when talking about bearing fruit? According to Jesus, what's the only way to bear fruit?

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3. What do you think it means to "abide" or "remain" in Christ.

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Read Genesis 2:18

1. What did God say was "not good"?

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If you go back and read from the beginning of Genesis, we get to read about the things that God created. If you notice, there's a statement after each creation moment. God saw and "it was good." The moment that God saw something was "not good" was when man was by himself. We are not created to be alone. We are created for community. As Christians, we believe that one of the best ways to experience community is through the church.

If you noticed in the passage you read in John 15, Jesus says that the only way to bear fruit is to stay connected. We can't do anything for the growth of the church when we are disconnected. So our challenge to you is to Commit to Connecting.

Connect to Christ. Connect to the Church. Connect to each other.

Sometimes that's going to be difficult because it means sacrificing a night to hang out with people that you may not know very well. But when we connect, we build relationships, we grow stronger as a church because we are connected to one another. New York City is full of people who are disconnected to the world around them. Our desire with Queens Church is to provide a place that brings opportunity for community.

How do we accomplish this Challenge practically? Answer: Show Up.

When we have services. Show up. When we have events. Show up. When you know someone is hurting. Show up and pray for them. When someone is celebrating something awesome that happened in their life. Show up and celebrate with them. When you choose the team that you want to be a part of. Show up and serve on that team.

Staying Connected happens by Showing Up.

## **Queens Church Discipleship Program**

### **Worship**

Worship Gatherings are our weekly services that involves Biblical teaching, Relevant Worship and ordinances. Worship Services will normally take place each week on Sunday Mornings.

### **Community Tables**

Community Tables is our Small Group discipleship program that will take place outside of our Church campus. The goal of this is relationship building and Gospel developing. Community Tables will normally take place in Sessions, twice a month.

### **Round Tables**

Round Tables are seminars designed to train people in our community. Different topics will be covered. Round tables are planned to take place Quarterly throughout the year.

### **Justice**

Justice is our outreach program that will involved community service, local and global mission work, benevolence, etc...

Plugging into our Discipleship Program will strongly help with Connecting to the life of Queens Church.

## // Challenge 2 | Pray with Passion

Read Nehemiah 1:1-11

1. Look at verse 3. What did Nehemiah hear about his city?

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2. What was his reaction once he heard the news?

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3. When you look at your city and your neighborhood, what are the things that you hear? What's the condition of your city?

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4. Have you ever paused and prayed for your city the way Nehemiah did? What was your experience?

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Once Nehemiah heard about the condition of his city, it broke him and led him to praying with passion. He wept and mourned for days. He prayed day and night for his city. He prayed for their sins. He prayed that God would remember them.

The passion to see our city and our neighborhood changed and to see people respond to the Gospel begins with prayer.

Here are some things that you can pray about:

- Pray for Queens Church. Pray that God would use us to love and reach people with the Gospel.
- Pray for the people in our neighborhood. Think of specific names of people you can pray for.
- Pray for the injustice that takes place in our city.

### // Challenge 3 | Get in God's Word

Read Matthew 4:1-11 and Psalm 119:105.

1. What happened to Jesus in the wilderness?

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2. What did Jesus do to fight off temptation?

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3. Is reading God's Word difficult for you? Why or why not?

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4. What are some specific ways that you enjoy reading God's Word?

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We live in a unique time. We have the entirety of God's Word in our possession. This is something that really didn't happen until the 1500s. As we read the Old Testament, the people we read about didn't have possession of God's Word. As we read the New Testament, the people we read about maybe had possession of the Old Testament, but had to go to a Synagogue to read it. As we look back on church history, it wasn't until the 1500s that God's Word was printed and handed out to normal, everyday people. We live in a time where we not only have God's Word, but have it in multiple languages and multiple versions. On top of that, we have it on our devices that fit into our pocket!

It's strange to think that although we have unlimited access to God's Word, we often tend to not access it is often as we would like. God's Word is our foundation and one of the main ways that we build our relationship with God.

Looking at the story of Jesus in the wilderness, its amazing to see that Jesus used God's Word to fight off the different forms of temptation that Satan threw at Jesus. In Psalm 119:105, we read that it's God's Word that leads us and guides us.

We will be led in the wrong direction if we're not getting into God's Word. Find ways to get in God's Word. Pick a book of the Bible and slowly read through it. Allow God to speak to you through His Word!



## // Challenge 4 | Be a Bringer

Read Mark 2:1-12

1. What stood out to you most in this story?

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2. Who are the characters in this story?

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3. How did the paralytic get to Jesus?

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4. What happened to the paralytic after his encounter with Jesus?

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This is a remarkable story. The details are amazing! In this story we have someone who is paralyzed. This paralyzed guy was loved so much by his four friends. When they heard that Jesus was in town, his four friends picked him up and carried him to Jesus' house. When they go to the house and realized that they couldn't get in because it was too packed, they didn't quit. They picked him up on top of the roof and lowered him down to Jesus.

These four guys desperately wanted their paralyzed friend to see Jesus.

Maybe you don't know someone that is physically paralyzed but the reality is we all know people who are spiritually paralyzed by sin. What are we doing to get them to Jesus? We have an opportunity to pick them up and carry them to experience and encounter Jesus! Let's be bringers.

As we commit to connecting to Queens Church, let's bring people with us on this journey. As we have worship services, bring someone with you. As we have community hang outs, bring someone with you.

Refuse to show up by yourself. Be a bringer!

## **Step Four | Join the Team**

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The purpose of this Step is to finalize your Growth Track (congrats!) and help you officially be a part of Queens Church.

Thank you for completing the Queens Church Growth Track! We ask that you turn in the Personality Test portion and you will be contacted soon with your next steps to begin serving with your team! We are excited for what God is going to do in and through you!

## **Our Prayer for You**

*"...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..."*

**[Ephesians 1:17-18]**

That Queens Church would be a place to help you know God Personally.

That Queens Church would be a place to help you know God Corporately.

We love and appreciate you!

The Queens Church Team.

## // STATEMENTS OF FAITH

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*Queens Church is a Christian church in Woodside. We partner with like-minded ministries across our city and world to see God's kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*

**God** - We believe there is only one living and true God, who exists eternally in three distinct persons- God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three, the Trinity, are equal in essence and distinct in function.

**Humanity** - We were created in the image of God, destined to enjoy an intimate relationship with God, fulfilling his will here on earth. But because of Adam and Eve's willful sin in the garden, sin entered into the world and has infected all of humanity and creation. Therefore, because of our inherent sinful nature received from our father Adam, we are all separated from God, spiritually dead, and destined for physical death and an eternity removed from the presence of God.

**Salvation** - We believe Jesus is the Messiah through whom God has reconciled the world to himself. Those who place their faith in him receive salvation by identifying with the Messiah's death and becoming recipients of his promised resurrection unto eternal life. Jesus will rescue and heal this world upon his return to establish the kingdom of God.

**The Christian Life** - We believe all Christians live for Christ and not for themselves. Through trusting in the faithfulness of Jesus and daily yielding to the Spirit of God, every believer will mature and continue conforming to the image of Christ.

**The Scriptures** - We believe that every word in the original writings is inspired by God and is without error. The Word of God reveals God's nature and will for all of humanity, and because of this it is to be the foundation of faith and practice. We affirm that while the Scriptures are accurate in all matters it was never given to be an end in and of itself, but rather a means to a relationship with God. Because of this the authority and teaching of Scriptures will have a preeminent place in our church.

**The Church** - We believe the local church is the body of Christ, of which Jesus Christ is the head. All Christians in the local church are to live their lives in humble submission to other Spirit led believers and to the God appointed leaders of the church. Connection Church is an autonomous, local assembly that is led by Jesus Christ, who gives direction as the head of this body through a body of appointed elders. The purpose of the church is to exalt Christ and lead believers to love all people regardless of their response to the Gospel.

**Non-essentials**- We affirm that the doctrines of the Trinity, the deity of Christ, the bodily resurrection, the atoning work of Christ on the cross, and salvation by grace through faith make up the essential, distinctive nature of Christianity. In regards to these essential doctrines there can be no conflicting opinions of those who call themselves true followers of Christ. However, we do acknowledge that there are peripheral, or non-essential doctrines, that are important, but not critical to the follower of Christ as it relates to our salvation. Some of these doctrines include the specific functions of women in ministry,

the exact timing and nature of the second coming of Christ, extent and use of certain spiritual gifts such as tongues, the relationship between election and free-will in salvation, Christian liberties such as the use of alcohol and tobacco, etc. While our church will be diligent to establish positions as it relates to these non-essentials we will not allow these peripheral doctrines to cause division within the church. We will accept into our body those who have differing views on the non-essential doctrines, but will not allow those of a different opinion to fracture the church. While we actively celebrate diversity along all lines, we will ultimately pursue the unity of the church by focusing on the core beliefs of Christianity stated above.



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