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15 "But what about you?" he asked.

"Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16



The church is born and developed
under the Lordship of Jesus.

The church must be built on
rock solid truth.



**We take our directions from the
lasting directives of Jesus.**

Devoted to:

- **Worship**
- **Connect**
- **Grow**
- **Serve**
- **Share**



*And God placed all things under his feet
and appointed him to be head over
everything for the church,*

Ephesians 1:22

*And he is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning and the firstborn from
among the dead, so that in everything he
might have the supremacy.*

Colossians 1:18



Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach ... ⁸ In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere ...

1 Timothy 3:1,8

- Elder – maturity, oversight, shepherding care
- Deacon – serving, ministering, partners in the gospel



14 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, 15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:1, 14-15



Cultivating Spiritual Health

1. Grace

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- Ephesians 2: 8

What this looks like:

- Receiving God's grace, through faith in Jesus
- Living out that grace – with yourself and other people

Point of action:

- To trust Jesus, invite Him into your life for a personal relationship
- Becoming a gracious person
- Telling your own faith story



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2. Growth

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4: 15

What this looks like:

- Knowing – growing in wisdom, through God’s Word and God’s people
- Being – establishing character building habits
- Doing – being obedient to God’s commands

Point of action:

- Pick the weak one and run with it.



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3. Group

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, - Acts 2: 46

What this looks like:

- Learning to apply God's Word together
- Encouraging each other in community, bringing out the best in each
- Transparency, becoming real for a moment –
- This isn't a shallow moment – it's dealing with our pride

Point of action:

- Get in a group. Yes. Get in a group.
- Resist the urge to go solo.



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4. Giving

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." - Luke 6: 38

What this looks like:

- Faithfully support the ministry. Give to it.

Point of action:

- Commit yourself to give. Regularly.
- Get on a budget. It will save you money and allow you to give freely.



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5. Gifts

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12: 7,27

What this looks like:

- Discover your God-given SHAPE
- Serve where you are gifted.
- Serve where you are needed.

Point of action:

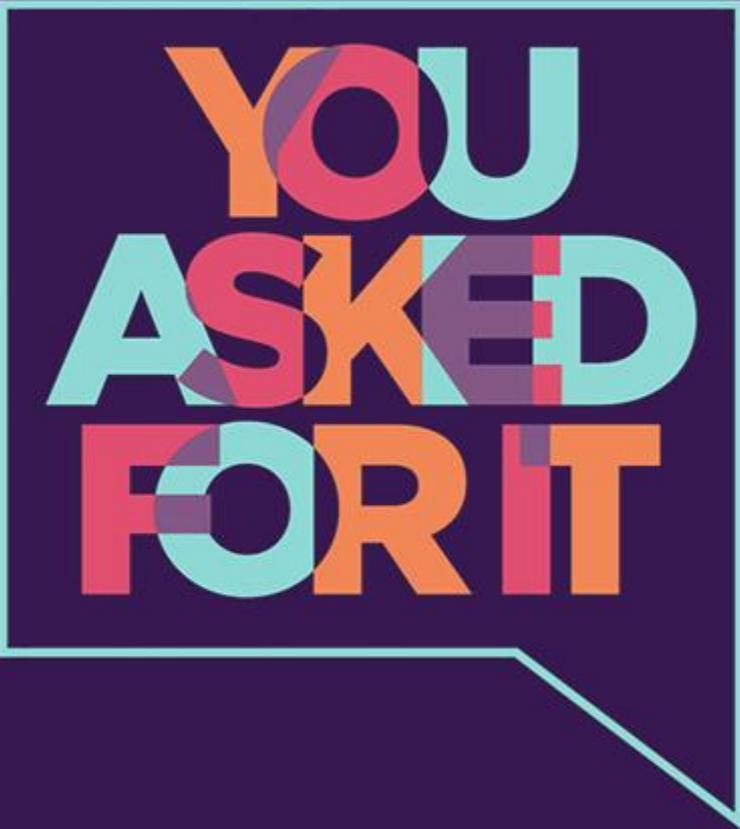
- Get involved. Find a place to use your God-given ability.
- If you do not, we all lose out. You have something to offer.



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- **Group**
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