



KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

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Corporate Consecration 2018

9 pm, Sunday, January 21 through 9 pm, Friday, January 26

Introduction

This week of consecration is a great opportunity for us to lay a solid foundation to walk worthy of the Lord this year, seeking to please Him in all things. One of the keys to the success of this week of Corporate Consecration is that we all take it seriously and participate to the best of our ability, realizing that we are members one of another. So, make a commitment to this week, not just for yourself but for your brothers and sisters as well.

This information has been prepared to help us to maximize the benefit of our five days of corporate consecration as individuals and as a church family. Please read it carefully and prayerfully.

Consecration Overview

From 9:00 pm, Sunday, January 21 to 9:00 pm, Friday, January 26, on a church wide level, we will embrace a time of corporate consecration. During this period, we will be intentional to fast from food and feast on the things of God. In addition to spending more time personally in God's Word and in prayer, each evening we will gather corporately at the church building to sing, pray, read God's Word, and to exhort and encourage each other in Christ. More specifically, here is what we will be doing this week:

1. **Fasting from food:** Commit to fast for a part or all of the week, depending on your personal circumstances. The fast officially begins Sunday, January 21 at 9:00 pm and will conclude Friday, January 26 at 9:00 pm. For persons who are new to fasting, it would be wise to do a modified fast, like one meal each day (lunch or dinner is practical). For those who have fasted before, based on your past experience with fasting and your faith for this fast, you should commit to fast for part or all of the week.

Please also note: These persons should not fast at all:

- a. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding;
- b. Minor children;
- c. Those on medication;
- d. Those with any kind of medical disorder, even if not on medication; and
- e. Those who are malnourished.

If you are going to fast for any length of time, please closely read the fasting guidelines below to help you fast wisely and effectively, both physically and spiritually.

Fasting from Electronic Mass Media: For the entire 5 days, commit to fast from watching/listening to electronic media (television and radio, video games, casual internet surfing, etc.). These media are not wrong in and of themselves, but they can distract from and dilute our time of consecration.

When we sit in front of a television or turn on a radio, we do not have full control over the images and content that will bombard our minds. Sadly, much of it makes us numb and dumb to growth in godliness. Additionally, much of what we take in also promotes a cluttered, junky mind that is contrary to the clear-mindedness we are called to as followers of Christ.

Please note:

- This does not include listening to recorded worship music that is conducive to feeding our spirits and encouraging us to worship the Lord. Listening to worship music is encouraged (but not religious television and radio stations, because much of the music lacks meaningful spiritual benefit).
- To keep abreast of news, we can read newspapers (those who read the Punch might consider fasting from it even after this week of consecration). But even reading newspapers requires discretion and discernment because this too can prove distracting and thus diminish God's work in our hearts this week.
- Fasting from viewing/listening to electronic media would be most effective if the whole family participates. Requests of this nature easily reveal how addicted we are to electronic media, especially television. One suggestion for families with small children, who would perhaps be noisier without television, is to allow them to view Bible based videos instead of regular television programs.

2. Seeking God's Face

This week, we will also be seeking God's face in a concentrated way. Use the week to pray more, feast on God's Word, read other biblically based material, and listen to God. Pray and ask God to turn your hunger for food into hunger for Him.

The main auditorium will be available during the day for those who wish to come by for private prayer during their lunch break or at other times.

- 3. Gathering Each Night:** As you are able to, please make best efforts to gather corporately at the church building each night, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Use the Daily Focus Guide to steer your prayers and bible reading and to prepare your heart for our evening corporate gatherings.
- 4. Breaking the Fast:** We will corporately conclude our week of consecration and fasting at 9 pm on Friday, January 26, after which we will have hot beverages and appropriate fast-breaking food prepared for those who wish to remain behind to break the fast together, and for fellowship and further sharing about the week of consecration.

Please see the Fasting Guidelines for more information on breaking the fast.