

Keizer for Christ

Small Group Study Guide

A 3-Week Journey to Live the Vision Together

Countryside Christian Church

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Hello Countryside,

I want to begin by saying how thankful I am for you. God is doing something special among us, stirring hearts, deepening faith, and calling us to something greater than ourselves. The vision of ***Keizer for Christ*** isn't just a slogan or a program. It's a movement. It's a calling to live out our faith in ways that make Jesus known right here in our own community.

Our mission as a church has always been clear: **Helping people know and follow Jesus one person at a time.** That's the heartbeat of everything we do. But ***Keizer for Christ*** gives that mission a focus. It puts our eyes on the people God has placed right around us. It reminds us that the gospel was never meant to stay inside the walls of the church. It's meant to move through us into the lives of our neighbors, our workplaces, our schools, and our city.

This three-week study is a starting point, not an ending. My prayer is that as you walk through each discussion, you'll be encouraged to see where God is already at work around you and challenged to join Him there. You'll discover that living on mission isn't about adding more to your schedule; it's about seeing your everyday moments as opportunities for Jesus to be seen through you.

Keizer doesn't need a perfect church; it needs a faithful one. It needs followers of Jesus who **Pursue God. Build Community and Unleash Compassion.** When we do that together, I believe our city will see what the love of Christ really looks like.

While Countryside Christian Church is located in Keizer, and that is the heart of our focus, the things we are discussing, teaching and learning apply wherever you go and wherever you are.

So, let's take these weeks seriously. Let's pray for our community. Let's look for the one person God is putting in front of us. And let's commit to being the hands and feet of Jesus, not just for a season, but as a way of life.

When we live with that kind of purpose, the vision of ***Keizer for Christ*** becomes more than words, it becomes a reality.

Making an Impact,

Pastor Jon

WEEK 1: Living with Purpose — Why “Keizer for Christ” Matters

Scripture Focus:

Matthew 28:18–20; Matthew 22:37–40; Acts 1:8

Summary:

We’re not here by accident. God has placed Countryside Christian Church in Keizer for a reason — to help people know and follow Jesus, one person at a time. Before we can reach our city, we must rediscover why we exist as His church: to love God fully, love others deeply, and make disciples wherever we go.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the phrase 'Keizer for Christ,' what emotions, hopes, or questions come to mind?
2. Read Matthew 22:37–40. How do these two commandments shape the why behind 'Keizer for Christ'?
3. Read Matthew 28:18–20. What does 'Go and make disciples' practically look like in your daily life?
4. Read Acts 1:8. What might 'Jerusalem'—your personal mission field—look like in Keizer?
5. Some things that keep believers from living on mission are fear, comfort, and busyness. What are other areas of distraction, and which one do you struggle with?
6. What would change in your priorities if you saw every interaction as a chance to point someone to Jesus?
7. As a group, brainstorm one tangible way you could help people in Keizer know and follow Jesus this month.

Keizer for Christ Challenge:

Before we can reach Keizer, we must let God give us His heart for it. Ask God to change our hearts to be more like His.

Pray for:

- A Heart of Compassion – Ask God to break your heart for what breaks His in Keizer (Matthew 9:36). Pray for eyes to see people with love, not judgment.
- A Renewed Passion for the Gospel – Pray for boldness and clarity to share Jesus with your neighbors, coworkers, and friends (Romans 1:16).
- Spiritual Awakening in Keizer – Pray for hearts to be softened and for the Holy Spirit to move in homes, schools, and workplaces (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- Spend time this week praying for three people in Keizer who don’t yet know Christ by name.

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WEEK 2: Living the Mission — How We Reach Keizer for Christ

Scripture Focus:

1 Corinthians 9:19–23; John 13:34–35; Romans 10:13–15; Acts 2:42–47

Summary:

Reaching Keizer for Christ isn't about programs — it's about people. We are called to live on mission together, using our gifts, relationships, and daily lives to point others toward Jesus. The church isn't just the place we go; it's the people we are. When we live united and intentional, God uses ordinary moments for eternal impact.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19–23. What does becoming 'all things to all people' look like for us today in Keizer?
1. Read John 13:34–35. What are visible ways our love can be seen by those outside the church?
2. Read Acts 2:42–47. What stands out about how the early believers lived and reached others together?
8. How might God want to use your unique gifts or influence as part of His mission team at Countryside?
9. Read Romans 10:13–15. What does this say about our responsibility to share Jesus in Keizer?
10. How can 'Keizer for Christ' become more than a slogan—a lifestyle that shapes everything we do?
11. What might happen in Keizer if every believer at Countryside took responsibility for one person who needs Jesus?

Keizer for Christ Challenge:

Serve with someone this week — a friend, neighbor, or small group member — in a simple act of love.

Pray for:

- Unity in the Body of Christ – Pray that our church would be one in spirit and purpose, working together to reach our city (Philippians 2:2).
- Divine Appointments – Ask God to place specific people in your path who need encouragement or an introduction to Jesus (Colossians 4:5–6).
- Courage to Act – Pray for the strength to step out in faith, to serve, invite, and love practically (James 2:17).
- God's plan to reach Keizer is His people working together with purpose. Pray for unity, boldness, and open doors to serve and share.

Notes:

WEEK 3: Being the Light — Living as Ambassadors of Christ

Scripture Focus:

2 Corinthians 5:17–20; Matthew 5:14–16; Romans 12:2; John 8:12

Summary:

We don't shine because we're perfect. We shine because we've changed. When Jesus transforms our hearts, His light naturally flows out of our lives. As ambassadors of Christ, we carry His love, truth, and peace into every space we walk into. Our communities don't need more noise — They need more light.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does it mean to be a 'new creation'? How has Jesus changed your life?
12. Read Matthew 5:14–16. In what environments is God calling you to shine brighter this week?
13. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. What does being an 'ambassador' for Christ look like in everyday life?
14. What are some ways we unintentionally dim Christ's light in us, and how can we remove those barriers?
15. Read Romans 12:2. What helps you stay spiritually renewed so your light remains strong?
16. Read John 8:12. What does it mean for Christ's light to shine through you in dark places?
17. What's one step you'll take this week to live as an everyday ambassador—and who will your light reach?

Keizer for Christ Challenge:

Be intentional with one conversation this week. We are the light of Christ in Keizer. Pray that your life would reflect His love, truth, and grace in every setting you enter.

Pray for:

- Personal Transformation – Ask God to make you more like Jesus in character, speech, and actions (Romans 12:2; Galatians 5:22–23).
- Influence for Good – Pray that your presence in your neighborhood, workplace, or school will make a difference and point people to Christ (Matthew 5:14–16).
- Enduring Commitment – Ask God to help you live Keizer for Christ beyond this study—to stay faithful in prayer, service, and love (1 Corinthians 15:58).
- Pray for God to open a door to point someone toward Jesus.

Notes:

A Note from Pastor Jon

One of the ways to keep God's wonderful works in front of us is to journal. During the weeks of this study, as we become more intentional in reaching ***Keizer for Christ***, take a few minutes to reflect on what God has been doing, not only around you, but in you.

My Keizer for Christ Journey

When we stop and write down the ways God has moved, the prayers He's answered, and the people He's placed in our path, we begin to see just how faithful He really is. These reflections become reminders — markers of His goodness and testimonies of how Keizer for Christ is more than a vision; it's a living story being written through you.

Use this space to record what you've learned, where you've seen God at work, and how He's stretching your faith. Celebrate the steps you've taken, big or small. Every act of obedience matters.

My prayer is that as you look back, you'll see evidence of God's hand guiding you — and as you look ahead, you'll find courage to keep living out the mission of Helping people know and follow Jesus, one person at a time.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Jon

1. Where did I see God at work in my life and in Keizer over these three weeks?

2. Who did God place on my heart to love, serve, or reach out to?

3. What steps of faith did I take during this study, and what did I learn through them?

4. How has my understanding of 'Keizer for Christ' grown or changed?

5. What commitment will I carry forward beyond these three weeks?
