

Worship

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- God is the great I am
- He says I am the alpha and the omega – the beginning and the end
- He is the Healer. He is our Deliverer
- In His presence there is fullness
- When light steps in darkness has to go
- In His fullness there is joy, hope, healing and the impossible becomes possible
- God is going to fill us with His life
- We need to enjoy His presence, lose yourself in His presence

Word

- The Church was established in 1991
- The name Dunamis means power
- God gave Senior Pastor Hendrik and Phillicia a 9 point vision in their hearts
 - To reach the city of Germiston and surrounding areas for Jesus through the Cell Church structure
 - To have suitable, practical but yet beautiful facilities designed to minister to the total person spiritually, emotionally and physically
 - To have a celebration centre that will include a worship auditorium seating thousands, children facilities, crèche, Bible school, several fellowship halls and administration facilities
 - To send out young men and women all around the world on short term mission projects
 - To equip every member to become a minister
 - To establish home cells in Germiston and surrounding areas to shepherd people and help them with hurt, depression, sickness and oppressions
 - To serve the community, feed the poor, to clothe the naked and to take care of widows
 - To equip people for ministry and full time service in the Kingdom of God
 - With God's grace, planting new daughter churches and cell groups nationally that will have the same spirit
 - Assignment - 7 Domains – Business / Politics / Education / Health / Social / Media / Creative Arts
- Through God's grace, great things have been accomplished over the years, however much more needs to be done
- We have a good foundation to work from
- For 12 years our Pastors were trained and equipped - They were disciplined
- Our Senior Pastors became followers of Christ, they read the Word and learnt how to apply it in their lives
- When their pastor passed away they started the ministry – running with what was put in their hearts
- They started to train the 34 people that was with them, equipping and discipling them. They continued to release what they have been taught
- You cannot un-disciple a disciple
- Many of the leaders today is a fruit of their discipleship in their lives
- DISCIPLES came forth, disciples of God
- While they were in ministry they still understood the value of being disciplined
- They remained fresh
- They were in their fifties when they joined the School of the Prophets and allowed themselves again to be disciplined

- Humbling themselves by doing chores like cleaning toilets in the hostels they were staying
- Over the years the vision was never just to get the people saved but to improve the quality of the person as a whole – spiritually, personally and physically
- Their attitude was to get people saved, baptize them and get them to let go of their wicked ways, follow God and become strong, to become a disciple and minister of God

Being a disciple and making disciples

- Through Jesus God has modelled discipleship
- A disciple is a **follower of Christ, devoted to Christ**
- It means to separate yourself from the things of the world, observe the commands of Christ and follow Him with all your heart, mind and will
- A disciple is one who has mastered the life of his master

Luke 6:40

The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

- We are not becoming Jesus, we are LIKE JESUS

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Mark 16:15

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

- When we look at God’s calling in our lives, God’s calling for us is to: Tell the world about Jesus (repentance and the forgiveness of sin)
- There are two elements to the call/assignment of God
 1. Preach the Gospel to all the world – that is to get sinners saved
 2. Teaching them to obey everything... - making them disciples
- The call from God
 1. Become a disciple, a follower of Christ open for change, addressing the weaknesses in your life, willing to learn
 - Become better and give more of yourself as God enables you
 2. Make disciples of Christ
 - Imitate me as I imitate Christ
- **The Model of Jesus**
 1. He went to men and said “come and follow me and I will make you fishers of men
 2. He taught His disciples to pray and read the Word
 3. He showed them the importance of the Word
 4. We need to obey the Word – it is essential for growth as a follower of Christ

John 8:31

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

- The first few years the disciples did not do much
- **Ministry** – Training disciples about servanthood and love

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- They observed Jesus and learned from Him
- Jesus did not expect them to do something He did not do Himself
- His desire was to get the disciples to experience God and to have a love for God
- He would minister to the crowds and allowed the disciples to ask Him questions afterwards
- He would speak in parables to the people and would explain the parable to the disciples afterwards. He taught them how to pray. He broke bread with them – they fellowshiped together. Jesus was spending time with them, eating with them and sleeping close to them. He would discipline them
- He walked a road with them equipping and training them
- Jesus Transferred his authority and power to them
- One of the greatest things we should know, is that God is with us

Warning

- **There are many of us who are Christians but not disciples**
- Are we devoted to Jesus, preaching the gospel etc.?
- We are Christianising people but not discipling people
- God wants more from us than our salvation
- He does not want us to be weak (sinning, compromising, selfish)
- Any father wants his son to be strong
- **Do not remain weak. Allow God to work with your character**
- Live a meaningful life – add value to yourself and those around you
- We need to be challenged by a Sunday service
- We need to be challenged to go and change your life and other's
- The goal of discipleship is to develop our faith, to be built and made strong
- Raise the standard for God
- God does not want us to remain weak
- He wants us to be **equipped and trained**
- **There is a call : Be disciplined, follow me**
- Surrender your life

What does it take to be a disciple?

1. **Pay a price** – Sacrifice your time, know that you are always on call for God

Luke 14:33

In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

2. **Go through pain** - Pain with purpose
 - Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him
 - There is a reason why God desires a consecrated, faithful, holy and disciplined life
 - He does not want to take something from us but He wants to add
 - We go through pain not to be destroyed but to be formed
 - An athlete goes to gym even though his muscles are sore because he is working towards a goal
 - Rather go through the pain than to take a shortcut
 - It will take us longer to get there but when we get there God will be there
3. **Tremendous focus** – you know exactly where you are going
 - You need to be driven
 - Do not allow any distraction to take you off course

1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

- What is your part? How are you making a difference in your life?
- God wants us to change our lives to change other's lives
- He wants us to win the world
- God needs us.
- We need to be open and willing