

ivers of Life Church – 1st Steps of Faith

Lesson 4 – Practices of Church Life

1. Some Biblical ways to thank, praise & worship God?

- a. Sing – Psa 95:1a (TNIV)
- b. Shout – Psa 95:1b (TNIV)
- c. Music – Psa 95:2 (TNIV)
- d. Kneel – Psa 95:6 (TNIV)
- e. Lifting of hands – Psa 63:4 (TNIV)
- f. Prostrate – Rev 11:16 (TNIV)

2. How does speaking in tongues benefit me?

- a. I am praying and communicating with God at a supernatural dimension – 1 Cor 14:2 (TNIV)
- b. I am strengthened spiritually in my faith – Jude 20 (NKJV)
- c. I can pray beyond my human limitations and be accurately focused on God's will – Rom 8:26-27 (TNIV)

3. Why do we minister with the laying on of hands?

- a. Laying on of hands is a point of contact for our faith for:
 - Healing – Mk 16:18c (TNIV)
 - The Baptism of the Spirit – Acts 19:6 (TNIV)
 - Imparting of spiritual gifts – 2 Tim 1:6 (NKJV)

- b. Why do some people react physically when they are prayed for?
- God's power can be likened to electricity and when it come into contact with human flesh, it can have an overpowering effect which can be expressed in various ways – shaking, screaming, falling down, laughing, crying etc – Dan 10:8-10 (TNIV)

4. What is God's leadership structure for His Church?

The church is governed by 2 levels of leadership:

- a. Elders/Pastors – which means, “Overseer/ Shepherd”. Elders and pastors rule and govern God's church
- b. Deacons – which means, “servant”. Essentially, every head of a ministry/department, small group leader is a deacon/ deaconess. They serve under the oversight and authority of Elders/Pastors.

5. How to behave in God's house – 1 Tim 3:14-15 (NLT)

- a. Proper attitude
- Church is first and foremost a spiritual gathering – Matt 18:20 (TNIV)
 - Because we are coming to meet God, we must have a repentant, respectful and reverential spirit – Ecc 5:1; Jas 4:8 (NLT)
 - Pay attention to God's Word – Neh 8:3 (TNIV)
 - Cultivate a rejoicing heart – Psa 122:1 (TNIV)

b. Participate actively – 1 Cor 14:26 (TNIV)

- Come ready to contribute, to give, to pray, to worship, to pay attention and all that's needed to add value to the service – 1 Cor 14:26 (TNIV)
- Don't have a "spectator mentality"

c. People orientated

- It's not enough just to be aware of God when we come to church. We must be sensitive to the needs of others around us.
- Learn to reach out to others around us. Cultivate a spirit of friendliness towards those whom may not be part of our "fellowship group". Develop an "inclusive" attitude which welcomes everyone, instead of an "exclusiveness" which builds social walls towards others.
- Allow the Lord to widen our hearts to love all kinds of people and not only "our kind".