

House of Peace Outlines

OUR VISION

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Eagles Christian Family Center

PEOPLE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

"16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16 NIV).

Objective:

- Discover why the souls are the most important thing.
- Breakdown our mission at Eagles CFC.

Announcements:

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A PERSON'S VALUE

A professor shows his students a \$100 bill and tells them, "Who would like to have this bill?" All the students raise their hand. He crumbles the bill and asks them again, "Now, who wants it?" All hands are raised again. He throws the crumbled bill on the ground, steps on it and asks once again, "Who wants it?" The students responded by raising their hands. He looked at the students and told them, "My friends, you have learned a very important lesson today. Though I have crippled the bill, thrown it on the ground and stepped on it you all still want the bill, because its value has not changed, it's still worth \$100. Many times, in life you get offended, people reject you and things happen. You start to feel unworthy, but your value will never change to the Lord nor to those who love you. Even when you are going through the hardest times, your value is still the same." The students applauded with excitement... Don't ever doubt your value... You will always be valuable to God and those who love you. Never ever will you be worth less, even if you feel like you do" (Una Gran Lección Sobre El Valor de las Personas/síqueme.net).

Introduction: God's heartbeat are souls. The Bible says that He loved us so much He gave His only son with the purpose to restore His relationship with humanity. Today, we will study why people are the most important thing and about our mission at Eagles Christian Family Center.

1. WHY ARE PEOPLE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING? (John 3:16 NIV)

- A. The Lord is completely in love with us. We are His most precious creation. We were His first thought before the foundation of the world; He created us in His image and likeness so that we would be part of His family, and He is our Heavenly Father (Psalms 139).
- B. Since the beginning, God the Father formed us with the purpose of being a happy family that would live in daily communion with Him. He has breathed life and His characteristics in our nostrils, in other words, He gave us value. Therefore, we have an eternal and unmeasurable value. We are the only ones who can live forever in heaven through Jesus Christ, but also the only ones that can die and suffer forever in hell (Genesis 2:7).
- C. The enemy wanted to kill God's relationship with man, so he seduced the human being to sin and that is how death entered humanity causing us to be separated from the Father. Ever since, God has been after mankind's heart wishing to recover His relationship with them so that they return to His arms and become found.

2. WINNING SOULS AND MAKING DISCIPLES (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

- A. Our mission and passion at Eagles Christian Family Center is, "To win souls and make disciples, forming every person into a successful leader in their spiritual, family, social and financial life." As you know, God fervently loves us to the point He gave up His only son to beget more sons and daughters in faith. We are persevering each day to fulfill this mission.
- B. To win souls and make disciples: "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" (Matthew 28:19 NIV). God calls us to disciple the entire world so that everyone accomplishes their wonderful purpose on earth and inherit the Kingdom of Heavens. Also, we will baptize others, because this will be a testimony that they have left their past and have been born again in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV).
- C. Forming every person into a successful leader: God has chosen and commissioned us to be successful leaders in life. Since the beginning of creation, He called us to govern over the animals on earth. He made us the head and not the tail, and set us above and not beneath (John 15:16, Deuteronomy 28:13 NIV).
- D. In the spiritual, family, social and financial life: ² Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well (3 John 1:2 NIV). The Lord's plan for us is to prosper in all aspects, but first in the spiritual area, because then everything else will be added unto us.

3. GOD'S HEARTBEAT CRIES OUT FOR SOULS (1 John 4:19 NIV)

- A. Every step, every action and every breath God has taken has been because He is after us. Before time, He loved us so much that He gave us a free will so that we would choose to love him voluntarily, or not. He never wanted to force us to obey Him, instead He wanted us to obey Him with understanding and because we voluntarily loved Him.
- B. God wants us to "win the greatest amount of souls in the least amount of time" because time is running out and the Lord is coming soon for His Church. Life on earth is temporary, it's only a warm up for eternal life and this is why the Lord has a sense of urgency for the souls.
- C. The Father's dream and motivation is to restore His communion with people. Every heartbeat calls out their names, because He wants to heal, deliver, comfort and satisfy their lives. The truth is that this life is all a love story between the Creator and His most valuable creation, people.

Conclusion: You are important to God, so important that He gave up His only son for you. He is your Father, and He has been waiting for you. Make the following prayer and come back into the arms of the Lover of your soul.

Personal Application:

- Take a time to pray and discern what is in God's heart.
- Invite someone new to church or the house of peace and tell them that God has a wonderful plan for their lives.

Interactive Questions:

- Why are you important to the Lord?
- What is our mission at Eagles CFC?

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and my life, so you can be my Lord and Personal Savior, amen.

THE PURPOSE OF HOUSES OF PEACE

"Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep" (John 21:16 NIV).

Objectives:

- To learn what are houses of peace.
- To understand the function of houses of peace.
- To discover the benefits of participating in a house of peace.

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Illustration: "³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:30-37 NIV). Through houses of peace we are extending the pastoral care and watching over God's flock just as He's commanded us.

Introduction: At Eagles Christian Family Center, we have extended the pastoral care to the people through our house of peace. The Bible teaches us that Jesus preached, healed the sick and delivered the demon possessed in houses. The apostle Paul, also preached and received many people at a house for two years in order to expand the Kingdom. Therefore, today we will learn about the purpose of houses of peace.

1. A PASTORAL EXTENSION.

- **A.** A house of peace is a church extension where God is praised and worshipped, we pray for people, teach the Word, evangelize and win souls. It is a home where we bring the Lord's presence so the participants can connect with God and experience His glory.
- **B.** The function of a house of peace is to extend the pastoral care, this is the way we take care of people at a closer and more personal level. For example, Moses one of the most extraordinary leaders in the Bible showed us how he had to lift other group leaders to help him pastor 40,000 Israelites (Exodus 18:19-23 NIV).
- **C.** How did Jesus disciple and care for so many people? Well, he taught many, but directly discipled twelve people in whom he multiplied himself so that they would establish Christianity on earth and carry on his ministry. At Eagles, we have thousands of members and we take care of them through houses of peace.

2. WE ARE A CHURCH MADE UP OF HOUSES OF PEACE, NOT A CHURCH WITH HOUSES OF PEACE.

- **A.** The church started as a small house of peace and at the end it became a mega congregation. It's because of houses of peace that we have become a church, and that's why we don't consider ourselves a church with houses of peace, but a church of houses of peace.
- **B.** The heart of our spiritual house are the houses of peace. For it's through them that we can help our spiritual parents pastor the new sheep. In the beginning, people need special attention, direction, counseling, love and encouragement to keep going forward in their walk with God.
- **C.** Houses of peace help us personally pray for everyone's needs. It is the place where miracles, healings and deliverance happens; and the place where everybody can feel the warmth of a spiritual family.

3. THE BENEFITS OF BEING IN A HOUSE OF PEACE (Hebrews 10:25 NIV).

- **A.** At Eagles Christian Family Center, the most important thing are souls. We love people just as God has loved us, therefore, we individually help the integrates of these small groups grow spiritually.
- **B.** Houses of peace make people feel like they're part of the family. This is where we celebrate birthdays, fellowship with others while finding things in common, and where we build healthy relationships that help us succeed and mature in all aspects of life.
- **C.** A house of peace is a family that forms part of a greater spiritual family. It is a safe harbor for each member, a place of rest and acceptance. It keeps us connected to God and the church, and above all it strengthens our faith.

Conclusion: Jesus preached to many, but discipled few. Join and be part of a house of peace, if you're not yet. Come closer to your spiritual family, grow and explode the potential God has deposited in you. If you haven't accepted Jesus in your heart make the following prayer.

Personal Application:

- Plan an activity with your house of peace to help them become a closer spiritual family.
- Encourage your disciples to pray for one another during the house of peace.

Interactive Questions:

- Why are houses of peace important?
- What are the benefits of going to a house of peace?
- Who will you invite to the next HOP meeting?

GOD WANTS YOU TO GROW

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers" (Psalm 1:3 NLT).

Objective:

- Understand why God wants you to grow.
- Discover your role in His dream.

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Elder Jorge and Maite De Santiago's Testimony: "Before going to our retreat, "3 Days of Power" we were a married couple that was about to get a divorce. We were addicted to gambling in the casinos and wasting our money to the point we owed three houses." Elder Maite- "Personally, I suffered a lot of rejection, because when I was a little girl my father told me I wasn't his daughter, so he never saw me like he saw the rest of my siblings, and this created an emptiness inside of me. During the retreat, God gave me a word and told me that now rivers of love were erupting in my life, and thanks to Him I was restored as a person, because I was able to understand my value." Elder Jorge- "I not only had the vice of gambling, but I would also get drunk every day and I would smoke two boxes of cigarettes a day. When I came back from the retreat, I no longer drank, smoked, gambled nor said curse words, because ten out of nine words in my daily conversations were all curse words. I use to dress like a gangster and many didn't believe in me, but God did and He restored my marriage, children and life. Now my wife and I serve as elders in the church." Just as Elders De Santiago were able to get up and grow mutually, the Lord also wants you to grow and mature so that you win the greatest amount of souls in the least amount of time. There are many families that the enemy has tried to destroy, but through you God wants to reach them and restore them.

Introduction: God has a purpose and plans of success for your life. His desire is to see you grow and flourish with the gifts and talents He has given you. God did not only make you to be successful in your business, studies, career or family, but so that you can also succeed in your purpose as a soul winner.

1. GOD SAVED YOU WITH A PURPOSE (Matthew 4:19 NLT).

- **A.** God has called you to be a fisher of men. He rescued you so that you would be a tremendous testimony that would impact life after life. The Lord cannot win souls by Himself, you are His hands and feet, and He needs you to reach the lost.
- **B.** Perhaps you are a business person, a student, a cashier or a worker at a construction company, but that's only your outer uniform. In reality, you're a full-time minister. Look, the reason God brought you out of that hole you were in is because He wanted to restore His relationship with you, and because through you many would come to know Jesus.
- **C.** You are a channel of blessings for your family, friends and to all those around you. You are a carrier of God's glory and through you many will believe in Jesus and recover their relationship with the Father. You are an essential piece in God's dream for humanity.

D. Wherever you go preach, not only with your words, but with your example. You are a walking Bible, a walking praise. How present is God in you? That will determine how many people will believe in the Living God that is in you.

2. YOUR TESTIMONY HAS POWER (Luke 8:38-39 NLT).

- **A.** The Word tells about a man who was demon possessed and how after he had been set free, he wanted to go with Jesus. However, Jesus told him to go back home at witness the master works the Almighty had performed. In the same way, you have been sent to Las Vegas as a "storyteller" someone who tells about the wonders God has done in their lives.
- **B.** "⁸ But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NLT). The Lord has given you power to "be" a witness on earth and not so much to "do". It's when you can be yourself that God can do more through you.
- C. When you know who you are and recognize the power in your mouth to testify, God's glory is manifested. You don't need to "do" all you need is to "be" an instrument of love that inspires and evangelizes with their testimony, telling about who you were and who you are now, where the Lord brought you out of and where you are now, that He healed you, that you were in chains, but that now you are free.

3. YOU ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF GOD'S DREAM (1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT).

- A. You are part of the body of Christ and you have an important function. You might be an eye, an arm or a foot, but that doesn't matter, what matters is that you know your function. The Lord has given you gifts and talents, not so that you hide them, but so you use them. The only way you can discover them is by serving in church.
- B. You might have a talent for singing, leading, writing, teaching or evangelizing, but you will never know unless you put them to practice. Once you discover these abilities, you'll be able to serve the Lord and fulfill your purpose.
- C. Many depend on you, that you go and speak to them about Christ the hope of glory. They might not know this, but their inner spirits long for it. Remember that in God's hands you are valuable and He will use you, even if you don't think so.

Conclusion: God is not finished with you yet, He is still shaping you like the potter and while he continues to do it, He wants those who are close to you like your family and friends to also see He is a God of changes, and that He can change their lives. If you haven't accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior make the following prayer.

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- Testify and tell someone that is new what God did in your life.
- If you still don't serve in a ministry at your church, join one and discover your God-given gifts and talents.

Interactive Questions:

Why did God save you?

How can you show people who the Lord is in your life?

How can you discover your role in the Heavenly Father's dream?

THE OBJECTIVE IN THE SCHOOL OF SUCCESS

"11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

Objective:

- Learn what is the School of Success.
- Understand the benefits of attending the School of Success.
- Discover how to be empowered.

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Armando and Alma's Testimony: The day of the Massive Baptisms this couple was baptized, they were about to leave each other, sell their house and take their belongings. "We sold a normal house and we just bought another one that's closer to church, it's a half-acre long and it was about the same price as the other one. God gave it to us because my wife and I are back together." This couple just got married by the civil law and are now about to get married by the church. They both want serve God as mentors, deacons, elders, etc. because they are grateful with what He has done in their lives. There are many new people that come to our church looking for help and we are the ones who provide that help so they grow in the Lord. Therefore, we have the School of Success which helps prepare and educate our new believers to become successful leaders in all areas of their lives.

Introduction: The objective of the School of Success is to form, disciple and teach the new believer how to become a spiritually mature person. What is taught at our School of Success is not only for your spiritual growth, but it's also relevant in your daily walk.

1. THE FOUNDATIONS (Colossians 2:7-9 NLT).

- **A.** The purpose of the School of Success is to give the new believers a foundation to help them be anchored in the biblical values and principles. Their roots in the values will determine the quality of their spiritual development.
- **B.** A house cannot be edified if there is not a solid or strong foundation. This is why, the goal at School of Success is to dig deep roots into people to help them endure and remain firm in their faith, especially when they go through storms in life (Luke 6:48 NIV).
- **C.** God wants to use us and entrust more onto us, because we are part of His Kingdom team. However, each of us are responsible for accepting His foundation and anchoring ourselves to His principles so He shapes us and take us from glory to glory.

2. CHARACTER FORMATION (Romans 5:3-5 NIV).

A. The Lord needs us to mature spiritually, but He also needs us to mature in character. Many of us have defects in our temperament and way of being, which can delay our purpose in life.

- **B.** At Eagles Christian Family Center, we believe in having success in all areas, and that is why we teach people to build character. Maybe some of us are charismatic and anointed by God, for He is the One who gives us the anointing, but if we lack character we might lose that anointing like Samson (Judges 16:18).
- **C.** Our character is who we are when nobody is watching, it is what we say at home when we are not at the house of peace or in front of the pastor. The true self is true character and it is revealed when we are under pressure.
- **D.** Someone who has a mature character is not soulish, in other words they're not moved by emotions. For example, when a person gets angry and wants to get their point across, they let their emotions speak louder than their point and at the end they are not taken seriously. We must be people of conviction and not soulish. *God not only wants us to experience our salvation, but our transformation, too.

3. EMPOWERING (Joshua 1:1-3 NIV).

- **A.** Here at Eagles CFC, we believe in making space for emerging leaders that are growing. We will identify and intentionally form other people that can do things better than we do. We will teach them what we know. We will prepare them and pass on the torch so they continue to take the gospel to the next generation.
- **B.** We will not live forever on earth, therefore, we need to raise other successful leaders that continue with our vision: "To create a place where every generation reaches their purpose, with a biblical and relevant discipleship, leaving behind a legacy known for excellence."
- **C.** Before being empowered, we need to be well formed because many souls depend on us and God is counting on us to fulfill His dream for humanity. The School of Success is a channel that will help us found, form and empower others to be used by the Lord.

Conclusion: Are you attending the School of Success? God wants to use you, but first you need to be shaped. Participate in our School of Success and you will see that soon you will be ready to be all God has called you to be. Make the following prayer if you haven't accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Personal Savior.

Personal Application:

- Encourage your HOP members to continue going to the School of Success.
- Empower someone in your HOP. Let them preach the next HOP, delegate a responsibility, and help them engage in another ministry.

Interactive Questions:

- Why is it important to go to the School of Success? What are the benefits?
- How can you be empowered? Why is it essential to have character?

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize that I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my heart and my life, so you can be my Lord and Personal Savior, amen.