



CHRIST'S COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP

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## INTIMACY AFFECTS DECISIONS

Intimacy with God changes our perspective. It determines our priorities. It guides us in making the right decisions.

Matthew 7:13-14 says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." We have two choices in life. We can either take the broad road or the narrow road. Most people pick the more prominent path. But Jesus warns us that the wide gate and broad road leads to destruction. Therefore, we must seek the small gate and narrow road that leads to Him.

In Genesis 13, Abraham chose the narrow, less popular road. By faith, he left his homeland and went to where the Lord led him (Hebrews 11:8-10). He did this because he knew God had a better plan for his life (Genesis 12:1-8).

Abraham also honored and worshipped God. Everywhere he settled he built an altar for the Lord (Gen 13:18). Abraham constantly prayed and called upon God. It was this intimacy that helped Abraham make the right decisions in his life.

Abraham was blessed and found favor with God because he continued to obey by faith. He listened and followed the Lord. He persisted in developing an intimate relationship with God and did not cease to worship the Lord.

Like Abraham, we must learn to listen and to seek God. We must be still and wait for God's direction. This can only be done if we have an intimate relationship with the Father. In contrast to Abraham, Lot chose the wide gate.

Abraham and Lot's possession were so great that the land can no longer support them together. They had to part ways. Abraham gave Lot first pick of the land. Rather than consulting with God, Lot immediately gravitated towards the well-watered plain near Sodom (Genesis 13:5-8).

Lot was a just and righteous man, but he compromised. The people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord (Genesis 13:10-13). The city started to consume him and his family (Gen. 19:24-26, 30-36).

Similar to Lot, we sometimes go for the easier road. We ignore God's word and we tend to do things our way. Instead of waiting to hear from God, we act according to our will. Lot chose his own comfort over what would give God pleasure. In the end, he lost everything.

Jesus wants us to take the narrow road and enter the small gate. He invites us to have fellowship with Him. He desires us to constantly listen to His word and surrender to Him in obedience. Only a few find their way to the narrow road, will you be one of the few?



| <b>Weekly Activities</b> |  | <b>DGroup Malaybalay</b>  | <b>DGroup Valencia, CMU &amp; Alanib</b>  |
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| <b>Monday</b>            | Office Closed  | <u><b>Small Group with Celsa</b></u><br>@ Ayala's residence<br>7 pm mixed group   | <u><b>Dgroup Jzone CMU</b></u><br>@ CMU Campus<br>6 pm Leaders  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>           | <b>Office Hours:</b><br>8:00am to 5:00 pm  | <u><b>Dgroup with Donald &amp; Marie</b></u><br>@ Antipasado's Residence<br>6:00 pm Mixed   | <u><b>Dgroup with Mulong &amp; Inday</b></u><br>@ Hagkol 6:30 pm Couples  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>         | <b>Office Hours:</b><br>8:00am to 5:00 pm<br><br>Prayer Watch<br>5:30-6:30 pm                          | <u><b>Bible Study with Francis</b></u><br>@ Tinsay Farm<br>11:00 am Employees<br><u><b>Small Group with Necy</b></u><br>@ SS Room 6:30 pm   | <u><b>Small Group with Neil &amp; Malou</b></u><br>@ MKAVI Alanib – 5 pm  |
| <b>Thursday</b>          | Office Closed  | <u><b>Men's Group with Neil</b></u><br>@ Abejuela Residence 7 am<br><u><b>Bible Study with Kraig</b></u><br>@ Roque Farm 4 pm Employees<br><u><b>Bible Study with Doc Su</b></u><br>@ BBH Compound 6 pm Mixed<br><u><b>DGroup with Norenz &amp; Eileen</b></u><br>@ Gamo Residence 7 pm<br><u><b>DGroup with Titot &amp; Necy</b></u><br>@ Fortich Residence 7 pm | <u><b>Bible Study with Tino</b></u><br>@ Valencia 6 pm<br><br><u><b>Dgroup with Rory &amp; Dawn</b></u><br>@ 19 <sup>th</sup> Tee, Malingon 7:00 pm |
| <b>Friday</b>            | Office Closed  | <u><b>Women's Group with Elaine</b></u><br>@ Tinsay's Residence 2 pm<br><u><b>DGroup with Cocoi &amp; Cynthia</b></u><br>@ BB Café 6:30 pm  | <u><b>DGroup JZone High Valencia</b></u><br>@ Michael's Batchoy 6:00 pm   |
| <b>Saturday</b>          | <b>Music Ministry Practice</b><br>5:00 pm – Instrumentalists<br>6:00 pm – Instrumentalists and Singers | <u><b>DGroup With Joel</b></u><br>@ Damasco's Residence 10am  | <u><b>DGroup with Raffy</b></u><br>@ CCF Alanib 2 pm<br><u><b>DGroup JZone Alanib</b></u><br>With Ken and Bonie<br>@ Jariof's Residence 4:00 pm     |
| <b>Sunday</b>            |  | <u><b>Visayan Worship</b></u><br>Sunday School Hall<br>8:00 am – 9:30 am<br><u><b>English Worship</b></u><br>Worship Hall<br>10:00 am – 11:30 am<br><u><b>Men's Bible Study</b></u><br>with Titot<br>@ Quadra 2 pm<br><u><b>DGroup with Bernard &amp; Angie</b></u><br>@ Bukidnon Brew Cafe<br>2:00 pm  | <u><b>Visayan Worship</b></u><br>CCF Alanib<br>10:00 am – 11:30 am<br><u><b>English Worship</b></u><br>Valencia Worship Hall<br>10:00 am – 11:30 am |

\*\*\* To all DGroup and Bible Study leaders: Please update your schedules in the church office

*Our mission is to make committed Christ's followers who will make committed Christ's followers*

# God's Gift of Eternal Life is for YOU!



**GOD LOVES YOU and desires that you: Have eternal life with Him.**

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."* John 3:16

**Have an abundant and meaningful life.**

*"Jesus said, '... I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.'" John 10:10*

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

**Man has a SIN problem that SEPARATES him from GOD.**

Everyone has sinned. "... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Romans 3:23

**The penalty for sin is DEATH.** "For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23 (also ESV, NIV)

The Bible talks about two kinds of death. The first death is **physical**. The second death is **spiritual** or eternal separation from God.

*"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and ALL LIARS, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the Second Death."* Revelation 21:8

**Since sin separates man from God, what is the solution to his problem?**

**JESUS CHRIST is God's ONLY way to heaven.**

**He is the ONLY way.** "Jesus said... 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'" John 14:6

**He COMPLETELY PAID the penalty of your sins.**

*"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all your sins."* Colossians 2:13 *For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."* 1 Peter 3:18

**The RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST assures us of Eternal Life.**

**Jesus died for our sins, He was buried, and He was raised on the third day**

*"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

**His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, the only Savior.**

*"... Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord..."* Romans 1:3-4

**Jesus promises Eternal Life.**

*"Jesus said '... I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die..."* John 11:25-26

**However, merely knowing what Jesus Christ has done for us is not enough.**

**We must place our FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST to save us.**

**You are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.**

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD - not by works, so that no one can boast."* Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

To be saved by faith means to **TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE** to save you. Good works are not the means to salvation; rather, they are the byproducts or evidence of your salvation.

**2. Prove the sincerity of your faith by turning away from a life of sin.**

*"I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. A person who genuinely asks for forgiveness will seek to change his ways."* Acts 26:20 (NIV)

God knows we are not perfect, but the sincerity of our faith will move us to live lives that show our gratitude to God for His free gift of heaven.

**You can pray this simple prayer to express your faith in Jesus Christ and to receive Him into your heart as your Lord and Savior. You only have to pray this prayer once, but with sincerity, because when He enters your life, he will never leave you.**

**PRAYER: Lord, Jesus Christ... I admit I am sinner, I confess and I repent of all my sins. I believe by faith that You, Jesus, died for my sins, You were buried and You rose again from the dead. I claim Your promise of forgiveness and accept Your gift of eternal life. I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, I thank You for forgiving my sins and I thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.**

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## Be part of God's Ministry!



If you are interested, please ask your DGroup Leader or thru Norenz.



**Not DGroup member yet?**

Choose your most convenient schedule and let us know through the church office so that we can usher you to your desired group. Let us **GROW** together in a small group.

