



WEEK 1 | LEADER GUIDE

WHAT IS PROPHETIC COMMUNITY?

OPENING CIRCLE INTRODUCTIONS

- *Take time for introductions in your Circle.*

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The Church is God's greatest work. Think about it, the church is an instrument by which God shows off his saving power to all of creation; even to the rulers and authorities in heavenly places.

- **Ephesians 3:10-11** ESV - 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 - **This verse was used on Sunday to explain Prophetic Community. How does this verse reveal what we call "Prophetic Community"?**

The Bible tells us that we have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ and our life is a testimony to a rescuing God who has brought us out of darkness and into the kingdom of His beloved son.

Read the Definition of Prophetic Community:

Prophetic Community is the gathering of God's people whose life together testifies to the truth of the Gospel.

- **Why is it important that "Prophetic Community" emphasizes our "life together" as opposed to our individual lives?**

Let's read these scriptures together and consider how they reveal "Prophetic Community".

- **Ephesians 2:8-10** ESV - 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
 - **Quickly - In 10 seconds or less have each person in the circle share how this text inspires them.**

- **Colossians 1:12-14** ESV - 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
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- **Titus 2:11-14** ESV - 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.
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Take some time to discuss these questions together.

1. How is “Prophetic community” demonstrated according to these verses?
2. How does the Church make a statement about God to the world?
3. How is this directly tied to being a saved people?
 - a. Key Verse from Sunday: See Deuteronomy 33:29
4. On Sunday, what did Pastor Tim say is our response to this?
 - a. We worship the God of our salvation.
 - b. Why is worship so important?
 - c. Why is it important to understand that worship is a lifestyle as opposed to a single act?

Prophetic Community reminds us that we are not consumers of Christian goods (like music and sermons). We were made to worship God.

At New life we have identified the core values of Prophetic community as Truth, Grace, Sacrifice, Commitment and Hope. In the coming weeks we will look at these values of Prophetic Community individually and how they play out at New Life.

Next week we will discuss the core value of Truth in Prophetic Community

CLOSING

As you prepare to go into the sanctuary for a time of worship, prepare your hearts by having somebody in your circle read this verse out loud. When you are finished say “amen” in unison and then have someone lead your circle in prayer.

John 4:23-24 ESV - 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."