

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OUR CITY

"For the Glory of God" - Rev. Jeremy Bates

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🎉 Happy 100th Birthday, Bethel Church! 🎉

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Celebrating 100 years of God's faithfulness! What does it mean to live a life that truly matters? In this milestone message, we unveil our church's refreshed mission statement and discover how ordinary people doing extraordinary things can transform a city. Whether you're new to faith or have been following Jesus for years, this message will challenge you to ask: Am I living for something bigger than myself?

Jesus loves the church and is highly invested in it! Ephesians 5:25-27

GENUINE LOVE FOR GOD REVEALS ITSELF IN:

- A growing love for the people God loves: 1 John 4:20,21
- Pursuing the purpose for which we were designed : Matthew 5:14-16

WE EXIST: "FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE GOOD OF OUR CITY."

Glory: KAVOD: "*glory, honour, splendour, heaviness, weight*": Substance, value, significance, worth

"The glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness. It is the going-public of his holiness. It is the way he puts his holiness on display for people to apprehend. So, the glory of God is the holiness of God made manifest." - John Piper

1) God creates for His glory: Psalm 19:1, Romans 1:20, Isaiah 6:3

- All of creation is a sermon constantly preaching the glory of God!

2) Jesus reveals God's glory: John 1:14, Hebrews 1:3 NIV, Colossians 1:15

- Jesus makes the invisible God visible!

3) The Holy Spirit reproduces God's glory (and we get to be part of it!): 2 Cor 3:16,18

- As the Holy Spirit transforms us, he makes us reflectors of God's glory!

4) The Church displays God's glory: Ephesians 3:21

Our church displays God's glory by being a:

A) Worshipping Church: Worship is a lifestyle that puts God at the centre of everything!

B) Formation Focused Church: More than mere attenders, we're fully engaged disciples!

C) Mission-minded Church: Not inward focused, but outward!

D) Love-driven Community: When love is visible, God's glory is unmistakable! (John 13:35)

E) Generous, Faith-Filled Church: We steward what He's entrusted to us and use our resources to build His kingdom, not just our comfort.

Living for the glory of God is both our COLLECTIVE and INDIVIDUAL calling:

Consistent Daily Habits: Small disciplines are what create momentum in your life!

Faith-filled Obedience: Saying "yes" when God prompts, even when it's uncomfortable!

Turning Ordinary, Mundane Moments into Ministry: 1 Corinthians 10:31,33



Life Group Discussion

Warm-Up:

What do you love? Tell us three things you love and as a bonus, if you could only have one song always playing in the background while you enjoy those things, what song would it be?

Study & Discussion:

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31-33

1) What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?

2) This week we unveiled our church's refreshed mission statement: "*For the glory of God and the good of our city*," highlighting in week one the KAVOD, the glory of God.

- What typically comes to your mind when you think of "God's glory"?
- When have you been most aware of God's "weightiness" or presence in your life?
- What tends to distract you from noticing God's glory in everyday life?

3) Pastor Jer quoted Irenaeus, the 2nd century theologian who said, "The glory of God is human beings fully alive."

- What does being "fully alive" in Christ look like for you right now?

4) "Living for the glory of God is both our COLLECTIVE and INDIVIDUAL calling." Do you agree? Which of these 3 ways we individually live for God's glory resonated most with you, and why?

- Consistent daily habits
- Faith-filled obedience
- Turning ordinary moments into ministry
 - Can you think of any others?

5) The sermon emphasized that living for God's glory always leads to the good of others.

- Where do you see opportunities right now—in your home, workplace, or community—to turn ordinary moments into ministry moments?
- What might change if you intentionally approached those spaces "for God's glory"?

Prayer:

