

2022 CONFERENCE

REDISCOVER CHURCH

Booklet



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Dear church family,

We're excited to gather together as a spiritual family for our second HMCC Online Conference later this week!

The theme for the HMCC Online Conference (and for the year) is "Rediscover Church."

By God's design, the church is central to our spiritual, relational, emotional, and mental well-being as followers of Christ.

The church is the spiritual family that God has given us whose common bond in Christ glues us together more tightly than any other commonality of this world (Eph. 2:11-19). The church is the body of Christ that God has given us to suffer together, rejoice together, and be built up together (1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 4:15-16). The church is the bride of Christ that he loves, gave himself up for, and is committed to sanctify until she is holy without blemish (Eph. 5:25-27).

The only paradigm of well-being in Scripture is when followers of Christ are vitally connected to the church, where the gospel is experienced, applied, and revealed.

Nonetheless, just like all parents make

mistakes and all siblings step on each other's toes, no church is exactly as we should be. But the great hope that we have is that Jesus himself said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Therefore, no matter what blemishes the church currently has, Christ's commitment to the church is the basis for our commitment to the church, and our commitment to the church is the context by which Christ nurtures and matures us into healthy disciples.

So as we're reading God's Word together in the daily devotional provided for the week of the conference and as we're gathered together as spiritual family during the conference, let's rediscover church together and may our prayer together be with all the saints:

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21)

We're excited for all that God will do in and through his church as he gathers us together and scatters us for his glory.

Love,

Your Pastors

Conference Schedule

February 2022

	FRI 11	SAT 12
09:00		Session 2 "Discipling One Another" 09:00 AM - 11:00 AM
10:00		
11:00		Suggested open time for LIFE Groups to fellowship 11:00 AM - 06:00 PM
12:00		
13:00		
14:00		
15:00		
16:00		
17:00		
18:00		
19:00		Session 3 "Living Courageously" 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM
20:00		
21:00	Session 1 "The Call to Hospitality " 08:00 PM - 10:00 PM	
22:00		



SESSION

Handouts

SESSION 1

The Call to Hospitality

What is HMCC?

- HMCC, like every other local church, is a God-created community.

The Church: The Wisdom of God

- Ephesians 3:10-11
¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- The only way to understand God's ultimate purpose in salvation is to step back and look at the church- the community God is creating through those who are saved.

One New Humanity

- Ephesians 2:14-22
¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.
- Galatians 3:28-29
²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and

female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- Ephesians 4:1-3

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- God creates community through his saving work on our behalf; but we have a role to play in this work.
- What is my primary identity? How do I see myself? On what basis do I feel a natural affinity and closeness with others?

Declaring the Unclean “Clean”

- Acts 10:9-16

⁹About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹²It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.” ¹⁴“Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” ¹⁵The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.” ¹⁶This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

The Ministry of Hospitality: Loving Strangers

- “Hospitality” = *philo* (love) + *xenia* (strangers)

- Hebrews 13:1-2

¹Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

- Romans 12:13

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More than an Invitation to Dinner

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Ways to Show Hospitality

- What does it mean to practice hospitality? How can you come alongside people in your church and in your community?

The Heart of Hospitality

- 1 Peter 4:8-9
*⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*
- At the heart is the call to enlarge your circle of friendship to include others.

Recipients of God's Hospitality

- 1 Peter 2:10
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Discussion Questions for LIFE Groups:

1. How do the words of 1 Peter 2:10 explain how we are able to show hospitality to others in light of the Gospel?
2. Who are the people who may feel like "strangers" at HMCC? Which groups are likely to feel like the minority? Feel marginalized? Which age groups or life stages may feel neglected? Are there ethnic groups that are likely to feel like perpetual outsiders? Who might be overlooked or ignored in your community?
3. What are some specific ways that you can make a special effort to love and include these groups of people?

SESSION 2

Discipling One Another

It's All About Relationships

- How do you think you will be remembered at your death? What will be said of you to sum up your life?

Intentionally Christ-Centered Relationships

- The church is a God-created community that is characterized by supernatural *breadth*.
- The church is a God-created community that is characterized by supernatural *depth*.

The Trellis and the Vine

- “Trellis work” in the church is all the logistical work needed to allow the church to function as an organization.
- “Vine work” in the church is all the work directly related to help a person grow spiritually- this is every member’s job.

The Call to *All* Saints

- Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Vine Work

- Colossians 3:16
Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
- Hebrews 3:12-13
¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- Hebrews 10:24-25
²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- Ephesians 6:18
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.
- Luke 22:31-32
³¹“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”
- Colossians 1:9
For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.

Practical Suggestions

- Start by trying to go deeper with those closest to you: family members or friends.
- Courageously share a particular conviction or Scripture for others.
- Reach out to someone who is falling away or has fallen away from God.

Discussion Questions for LIFE Groups:

1. Look again at the Scriptures mentioned when doing “vine work” among each other. What do you see as strengths in your relationships with others in church and LIFE Group? Thank God and affirm these as positive aspects within our community.
2. From the same Scriptures, what do you see as weaknesses in your relationships with others in church and LIFE Group? Are there any convictions from the Holy Spirit about how he wants you to specifically implement change in how you relate with others?
3. Let’s put this into practice by sharing specific prayer requests and spending time praying for each other (in smaller groups or in your LG as a whole group).

SESSION 3

Living Courageously

Life in This Pandemic

- What has been your experience of this pandemic?

The Destructive Power of Unhealthy Fear

- There is such a thing as a healthy fear; at the same time, there is also an unhealthy fear that can have destructive consequences on our lives.
- Our fears expose what we cherish the most; the fear response is often helplessness.
- Psalm 55:1-2, 4-8

¹Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; ²hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught ... ⁴My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen on me. ⁵Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me. ⁶I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. ⁷I would flee far away and stay in the desert; ⁸I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm."

Living in an Uncertain World

- Ecclesiastes 11:1-5:

¹Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. ²Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth. ³If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. ⁴He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. ⁵As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

Courageously Facing Our Fears

- The Teacher calls us to embrace the risk and respond courageously to the mysteries and dangers of life.
- The Teacher warns us of spending our lives making excuses for why the conditions are not right to take action.

Living for the Right Things

- Luke 12:16-21

¹⁶And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Losing Your Life to Find It

- Mark 8:34-37

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Seeking God During the Crisis

- What are the lessons that you’re learning from this pandemic? Are they the right ones?
- 2 Timothy 2:8-9
⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained.

Discussion Questions for LIFE Groups:

1. Think about this question again: What has been your experience of this pandemic? What are the lessons that you're learning from this pandemic?
2. In light of this sermon, in what ways has fear arisen in your hearts and in what ways does it affect your life?
3. In light of this sermon, in what specific ways are you convicted by the Word and the Holy Spirit to live by faith in this uncertain world, live for the right things, and/or seek God today?