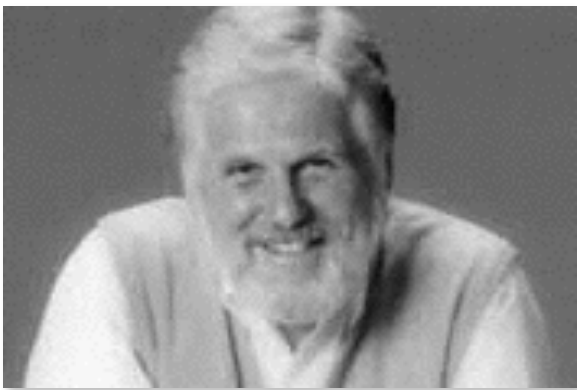


What On Earth is the Vineyard & What Does it Mean to be Part of it?

Vineyard Distinctives

1. Jesus
2. The Bible
3. The Kingdom of God
4. Worship
5. Compassion
6. The Church
7. Church Planting
8. Training



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1. Jesus

Colossians 1:18 “When it comes to the church, he organises and holds it together, like a head does a body.” (The Message)

Jesus gives us our aim and focus.

As a church community he organises us, holds us together.

He’s our role model for life & ministry.

Matt 28:19 - Go & make disciples of all nations....

Eph 4:12 - Equipping the saints for the work of ministry for the building up of the body...

2. The Bible

2 Timothy 3:16 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

“It is not enough to be biblically literate; we want to be biblically obedient too.”

3. The Kingdom of God

- a lense through which we interpret the bible.
- our key theological interpretations which is
- foundational to what we believe & who we are as a church.

Matt 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

The Kingdom of God is the dynamic reign or rule of God.

Matt 4: 23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

- Jesus ministry was one of words and works.
- We are called to pray for & expect signs of the Kingdom.
- We can expect God’s presence to be with us making a difference, and we can see God heal and work miracles in the lives of those around us.

The ‘Now’ & the ‘Not Yet’:

Jesus Christ’s Kingdom rule is not yet fully established here on earth. Its started but its not complete, and we are living in the time between the inauguration (Jesus’ first coming) and the full consummation of the Kingdom of God (his second coming).

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1. Invest in relationship with Jesus

Psalm 46:10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

- be real, make space, deal with our stuff
- even if he doesn’t reveal his plans to us, he wants to be with us

2. Persist in Prayer

Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

- The more we ask, the more he’ll answer
- Remember we’re in a warfare situation.

**“Run if you have to, Walk if you have to, Crawl if you have to, but never give up”.
(Bear Grylls)**

John Wimber Testimony: “I’m a fool for Christ, Who’s fool are you?” 1hr 20 mins

VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/40600736>

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