

## ***Becoming an Ephesians 4 Community of Believers***

### **I. A PERSPECTIVE ON FCF AND IHOPKC**

- A. We must interpret this season in the right way in order to participate with the Lord in it. In the spring of 1983, Bob Jones told me that we would one day move to Grandview, next to Harry Truman, and that believers throughout Asia would connect with us by “unplugged TV sets.” He said that the Lord spoke to him audibly, saying, ***“I will give a grand view of the kingdom to many nations from Grandview.”*** The timing of this would be when believers from Asia come.
- B. The “grand” view referred to the unified diversity of people of different ages and from many nations working together with other churches to proclaim Jesus and do the works of the kingdom to bless Grandview. It will be seen by many in the nations through the Internet, etc. We plan to open the ***All Nations Prayer Room*** at IHOPU by the summer of 2013. We currently have prayer meetings in seven languages (Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Farsi, and German).
- C. In the summer of 1984, I had a prophetic dream that gave me some insight into what a “grand” view includes. I was in a church building celebrating the growth of our 24/7 worship with prayer. Over 1,000 Christian leaders were present (pastors, believing marketplace and government leaders, etc.) A man said, ***“Proclaim Zechariah 4 and Ephesians 4, for this is where the Lord is taking you.”*** The Lord wants to establish an Ephesians 4 community of believers with a foundation of night-and-day prayer (Zech. 4) that reaches out to every sphere of society.
- D. We are to function as a community of believers with diversity, reaching out to every school, neighborhood, and sphere of society through friendship-based evangelism and disciple-making.
- <sup>11</sup>And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...<sup>16</sup>from whom [Jesus] the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. (Eph. 4:11-16)***
- E. ***Every part does its share:*** A small-group-based structure, each doing four primary activities:
1. ***Bible study:*** We want group discussions on the Scripture and discipleship-making
  2. ***Relationship-building:*** A place to develop kingdom friendships
  3. ***Ministry to one another:*** A place to pray for and speak blessing over each other
  4. ***Outreach:*** A place to mobilize for outreach as we adopt blocks or specific needs in an area

### **II. THE IDENTITY AND CALLING OF FCF AND IHOPKC**

- A. We recognize that IHOPKC has different faces, affecting how different people relate to us.
1. To the nations we are a ***house of prayer*** (they visit us to spend time in the prayer room)
  2. To our staff we are a ***missions base*** (we use a corporate structure with departments/divisions)
  3. To God we are a ***local church*** (we use the NT as our model for vision, values, and authority)

- B. The primary calling of each ministry is to obey the Great Commission and build the Church.  
<sup>19</sup>Go...make disciples of all the nations... <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things... (Mt. 28:19-20)  
<sup>18</sup>I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:18)
- C. The Lord gives specific assignments related to the Great Commission, and ours include:  
1. Keeping a 24/7 sanctuary of worship with intercession in the spirit of the tabernacle of David  
2. Raising up forerunner messengers who function as friends of the Bridegroom (Jn. 3:29)  
3. Calling people to intimacy with Jesus as our Bridegroom God and to the first commandment  
4. Working with others to serve God's purposes for Israel, including a 24/7 prayer network  
5. Strengthening the "Praying Church," including helping others to plant churches (that are not under IHOPKC) as praying communities and to establish a prayer culture in the nations
- D. Our local vision is to work with many churches in the south Kansas City metro area to see Jesus glorified and His salvation proclaimed and demonstrated in practical ways in each neighborhood, school, and sphere of society through friendship-based evangelism and disciple-making.
- E. Three mandates within the FCF community, working together as one spiritual family:  
1. **100 forerunners:** in 1997–98 we started with a focus on the FOTB forerunner message  
2. **5,000 intercessory missionaries:** we expect to have 5,000 vocational intercessory missionaries  
3. **A large church family:** working together in friendship-based evangelism and disciple-making that functions from a foundation of 24/7 prayer with worship and with a forerunner spirit
- F. Four geographic spheres of the FCF calling and assignment:  
1. **South Kansas City metro area:** acknowledging a specific assignment in Grandview  
2. **Israel:** working with many others to see prayer and ministry for the salvation of Israel  
3. **Praying Church:** working with many others to see a culture of prayer in the whole Church  
4. **Connection with Asian believers:** yet relating to believers from all parts of the earth
- G. **How to join a Friendship Group**  
1. Pick a group from the list on the Friendship Groups board (at FCF)—80+ groups.  
2. Email or call the leader to introduce yourself and tell them if you have children.
- H. **How to start a new Friendship Group**  
1. Find a co-leader and fill out a Friendship Group registration form at the Friendship Groups board at FCF (online soon).  
2. Meet with one of our Friendship Groups coordinators.  
3. **Email [friendshipgroups@ihopkc.org](mailto:friendshipgroups@ihopkc.org)** to set up a meeting.  
4. Attend an interactive, three-hour orientation for Friendship Group leaders at our Main Street Building. See [ihopkc.org/fcf/friendshipgroups](http://ihopkc.org/fcf/friendshipgroups).  
5. Join the Friendship Group leaders meeting (Main Street Building, every third Thursday). More information at [ihopkc.org/fcf/friendships](http://ihopkc.org/fcf/friendships).