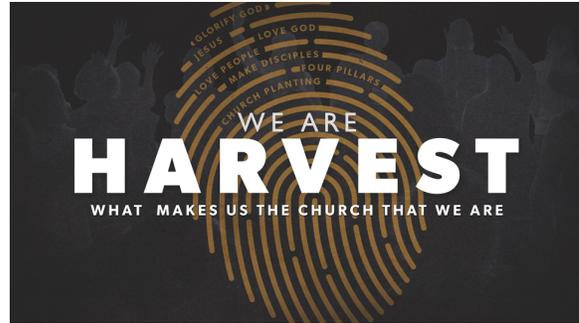


WE HAVE ONE FOUNDATION

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11; MATTHEW 16:18;
 LUKE 6:46-49 // TODD DUGARD
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We are Harvest, an imperfect expression of the universal church called to be a distinctive local church. As such, we have one foundation, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:10-11), the solid Rock on which we stand (Matthew 16:18; Luke 6:46-48). All other ground is sinking sand (Luke 6:49).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What drew you to Harvest Bible Chapel? Why is ongoing participation in a local church important to you?
2. We discussed our beliefs and practices in this sermon. Circle any ideas in this list that received a different emphasis than you expected. What are mature (or immature) ways of handling diversity in the secondary and tertiary issues of faith?

What Harvest believes and practices		
<i>Primary – Non-negotiables. A church that doesn't believe, teach, and practice these things, is not a legit NT church</i>	<i>Secondary – Important and not changing for us but if another church believes otherwise, it is a partner in the gospel mission</i>	<i>Tertiary – Part of our identity and approach to ministry, but we celebrate the diversity when another church does it differently</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One God, Lord of all • Inspiration of Scriptures • Trinity • Deity of Christ • Substitutionary atonement • Salvation by faith alone • Gospel-centred • Christ's return in glory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expression of the charismatic gifts • Credo baptism • Reformed doctrine • Expository preaching • Missional focus on making disciples and church planting • Creation ex nihilo in six days • Complimentarian (male-only elders) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church membership • ESV use • Elder governance • Ministry approach • Small group model • Contemporary worship • Progressive dispensational eschatology

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3. **God has made your relationship with Jesus the foundation of your Christian life and integral to participation in the universal church (See Matthew 16:18).** Can you think of reasons why the foundation on faith in Christ alone is preferable to a foundation on a particular human leader? (*Roman Catholicism sees recognition of a Pope as foundational to the local and universal church experience. Protestant churches reject that dual foundation and declare Christ alone.*)

4. **Look at Luke 6:46-49.** What does obedience to Christ have to do with building a solid foundation? Is *belief* in Christ different than *obedience* to Christ? (Compare your response to James 2:14)

5. How can the following good things become distractions from a foundation of obedience to Christ? (**Doctrine alone / social justice / compassion / worship style / liturgical form / a particular ministry methodology / eschatological view / denomination / history and tradition / a singular leader with exceptional gifts**)

6. Are you confident your life is built on faithful obedience to Christ? What can someone do if he or she is unsure of their foundation?

Read through the following declaration and the biblical texts that support it as part of your personal worship time this week.

*Jesus Christ is fully God **Titus 2:13; 1 Jn 5:20**, eternally pre-existent and Creator of all things **Jn1:1-3**. He is also fully human **Heb 2:14-15** having been born of a virgin who conceived by the Holy Spirit **Lk 1:26-38**, and, as a human, he was tempted to sin. Yet, having never done so **Lk 4:1-13; Heb 4:15**, he took our punishment for sin upon himself **Isa 53; Heb 2:17; 1Jn 4:10** by dying on the cross **Lk 23**. His life for ours. He died, was buried, and yet rose from the grave **Lk 24**, and having been seen alive by many witnesses, he ascended to heaven **Acts 1:1-11**. From*

*there he mediates for us before the throne **Heb 7:25** awaiting the day when he will come again, this time in all his glory, to take us to himself for all eternity **Matt 24:30; Rev 19:11-16.***