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Introduction Video

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With God there is always _____.

Why taking next steps is important.

1. Intentionality
2. _____
3. Encouragement

Session #1

Our overall mission: Making it simple for people to find and follow Jesus.

It is about removing barriers and communicating clearly.

Nehemiah 8:8 – (NIV) – They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so the people could understand what was being read.

1 Cor. 10:33 – (NLT) -... I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved.

Making it simple has nothing to do with watering it down or changing the Scriptures. In reality, it actually makes it more challenging for the one who is making it simple.

Philippians 2:4 – (NLT) - Don't look out only for your own **interests**, but take an interest in others, too.

How do we practice this here at Wyandotte Family? Through faith, family, and fun.

F_____ - is believing God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do.”

Hebrews 11:6— And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him

This is one of the main reasons we gather together weekly to worship

The Bible says, “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”

Discipleship is like a two-sided coin (love and knowledge)

The GREEK WORD for CHURCH in Matthew 16:18 is ek-klā-sē'-ä

The building is not the church, the people are.

Session #2

The second core value here at Wyandotte Family Church is F_____.

The church is more than a program or ministry to attend; but a family to _____ to.

When you said yes to Jesus, you said yes to His _____, the church.

It's kind of like this **Tissue Box**. This box represents the church. What is so amazing about Kleenex is what happens when you pull one out. Have you ever wondered how that happens? You just keep pulling, and another one is right there. WHY IS THAT? (they are all connected). Just like that, you and I are called to be so connected to each other that we pull each up. We are all meant to be connected and give life to each other.

Chuck Miller says, "Christianity was birthed in Galilee as a relationship. It spread to Greece and became a philosophy. It spread to Rome and became an Empire. It spread to Britain, and it became a culture. It spread to the United States and became an enterprise."

We are creating a culture where everyone is challenged and encouraged to be connected and engaged with others. You need others, and others need you.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and **build each other** up, just as in fact you are doing."

The best way to encourage and build others up, and to be encouraged and built up, is through

- a. Courses
- b. G_____

Session #3

We define F_____ as using your gifts and talents to serve others. Another way to say the same thing is, “using your 3 P’s (Passions, Pains, and Proficiencies) to serve others.

Matthew 23:11 – (NLT) – Jesus said the greatest among you must be a servant.

Acts 20:35 – (NLT) – Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. *Everyone wants to experience an abundant life, yet many look for it in the wrong places.

Someone once said, “A man wrapped up in himself is a small _____.”

Ephesians 2:10 – (NLT) – For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

*The longer we grow in our faith and the more mature we become,
the greater servants we are.*

Session #4

The heart behind _____

Take care of the _____

- Being a part of a church family is taking a step from attending to C_____.

- You are helping the house be H_____.

- Membership is taking ownership and stepping into more L_____ roles within the house.

-Membership is making a pre-choice choice to set your heart in the right direction.

-A next step member makes 3 commitments to the church family.

1. Being a part of the C_____ through either courses or groups.
2. Being a part of a Dream Team
3. T_____ (10%)

Session #5

Commitment #1 – C _____

Since we are designed and created to be in relationships with others, a Next Step Member commits to being actively engaged in the community of the church family.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

That is why we, those who become members of Wyandotte Family, commit to being a part of a group. Some of our groups meet bi-weekly, and others meet monthly. Regardless, you have an opportunity to build deeper friendships and become connected to the church family.

Will you take a next step today and check out one of our groups?

Check out our current groups here: <https://wyandottefamily.org/groups>

Session #6

Commitment #2 – S _____

Ephesians 2:10 says, For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God often reveals things in S _____

“As you say yes to serve, something is birthed.”

- What are your pains? What breaks your heart? What makes you sad or angry?
- What are your passions? What excites you, motivates you, and moves you?
- What are your proficiencies? What are you naturally good at? What do others often compliment you on?

Session #7

Comittment #3 – T _____

#1 – The tithe came before the _____:

Genesis 14:17-20 — (NLT) - After Abram returned from his victory over Kedorlaomer and all his allies, the king of Sodom went out to meet him in the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). ¹⁸ And Melchizedek, the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High, brought Abram some bread and wine. ¹⁹ Melchizedek blessed Abram with this blessing: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you.” Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.

*Genesis 14 is the first mention of the tithe (tenth) in Scripture. There were about 430-505 years between Abraham and Moses. (Barr, James (2001). *“Chronology”*. In Metzger, Bruce M.; Coogan, Michael David (eds.). *The Oxford Guide to Ideas & Issues of the Bible*. Oxford University Press. ISBN 978-0195149173.or <https://answersingenesis.org/bible-timeline/>).

Hebrews 7:1-8 – (NLT) - This Melchizedek was king of the city of Salem and also a priest of God Most High. When Abraham was returning home after winning a great battle against the kings, Melchizedek met him and blessed him. ² Then Abraham took a tenth of all he had captured in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. The name Melchizedek means “king of justice,” and king of Salem means “king of peace.” ³ There is no record of his father or mother or any of his ancestors—no beginning or end to his life. He remains a priest forever, resembling the Son of God.

⁴ Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle. ⁵ Now the law of Moses required that the priests, who are descendants of Levi, must collect a tithe from the rest of the people of Israel, who are also descendants of Abraham. ⁶ But Melchizedek, who was not a descendant of Levi, collected a tenth from Abraham. And Melchizedek placed a blessing upon Abraham, the one who had already received the promises of God. ⁷ And without question, the person who has the power to give a blessing is greater than the one who is blessed. ⁸ The priests who collect tithes are men who die, so Melchizedek is greater than they are, because we are told that he lives on.

*Scholar Ray Stedman points out the strong connections between Melchizedek and Jesus. Melchizedek was both a king and a priest, and Jesus was a king and a priest. Melchizedek blessed, strengthened, and refreshed Abraham, and Jesus strengthens and refreshes those who come to Him. Abraham paid a tithe to Melchizedek, acknowledging his position and authority, and Christ followers tithe to the Lord Jesus, acknowledging his position and authority. (*IVP Hebrews, Ray Stedman, 80*)

#2 – The tithe was a sign of full _____ and worship: (still before the law)

Genesis 28:20-22 – (NLT) - Then Jacob made this vow: “If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if he will provide me with food and clothing,²¹ and if I return safely to my father’s home, then the Lord will certainly be my God.²² And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshipping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me.

*The tithe is the ultimate fruit of full surrender.

#3 – What God said about the tithe after the law was given.

*There are many verses on tithe, but we will quickly read one from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 – (NLT) - “You must set aside a tithe of your crops— one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year.²³ Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always **to fear the Lord** your God.

*Scholar Peter C. Craigie says, “By returning a tithe to God regularly, the people would learn to fear the Lord (v. 23) and know that their prosperity did not depend on irrigation or advanced agricultural techniques, but on the kindness and provision of their God. (*NICOT, Deuteronomy, Peter C. Craigie, Deuteronomy 14:22*)

Malachi 3:8-10 – (NLT) - Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

*In Malachi 3, we see God calling Israel to repentance (turning back to Him). The first thing God mentions in the call to repentance is the issue of the tithe. He tells Israel to test Him. They had gotten away from the tithe and felt justified in doing so. God tells them they have been cheating Him.

*He also goes on to say when His children tithe, there will be provision in His temple. He goes on to say in the next few verses that their crops will be in abundance. He will protect what they do have from insects and disease. He will provide.

#4 – What Jesus said about the tithe in the New Testament.

Matthew 23:23 — (NLT) - “What sorrow awaits you, teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

Luke 11:42 – (NLT) – What sorrow awaits you, Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

In summary, the tithe is consistently emphasized throughout Scripture. At Wyandotte Family Church, we practice and teach tithing. The pastoral team and leadership set an example by trusting the Lord with the first 10%. Our passion for this leads us to offer what we call the tithe challenge. We invite individuals to sign up for the challenge and commit to tithing for three months. At the end of this period, if they feel they are experiencing increased financial hardship, specifically due to tithing, they can approach us privately, and we will refund their money. We are confident in the Lord and His provision for His people, especially when they trust Him with the first 10%.

Tithing is obedience. Above and beyond giving is generosity.

Conclusion:

Potential Next Steps:

1. Become a Next Step member. Fill out the application and covenant here: <https://wyandottefamily.org/next-step-membership>
 - The board will be looking to see if you are already doing all 3. (serving, community, and tithing). If you are not, we encourage you to start now.
 - Membership Sunday – Once you are ratified by the Board, there will be a special Sunday where we pray over you and welcome you to Next Step Membership.
2. Take the tithe challenge: [CLICK HERE](#)
3. Try out a group: <https://wyandottefamily.org/groups>
4. Join a dream team: Email us at office@wyandottefamily.org