

▼ **How Are We Doing?**

Rocklyn Clarke Sr. - Sunday June 5, 2016

© 2016 Life Church Ministries, Inc.

<http://www.LifeChurchBoston.org/>

- **Read the Passage: Matthew 5; Matthew 5:21-26**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Understand the context - God's Kingdom is characterized by a new lifestyle.
- Learn to recognize and deal with our anger.
- Train ourselves to seek reconciliation.

▼ **Understand the context - God's Kingdom is characterized by a new lifestyle.**

- The Sermon on the Mount, beginning with the beatitudes marks the inauguration of Jesus' Kingdom of God movement.
- God is doing a new thing. What he promised Abraham is coming to pass.

▼ **Learn to recognize and deal with our anger.**

- Take time to reflect - regularly (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, etc.). Try a sabbath.
- Get feedback from someone you trust if necessary.

▼ **Train ourselves to seek reconciliation.**

- Just go - make that phone call, send that email, ring that doorbell!
- It may be inconvenient. It may feel awkward. Do it anyway.
- Is there anyone you know who used to be upset with you? Did you do anything specific to resolve the issue? Is it really resolved?
- Pray! Ask God to help you. Rely on the Holy Spirit. Don't expect the awkwardness or inconvenience to "magically" go away however.

▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions**


- Are you angry with anyone right now? What do you plan to do about it? When?
- Are you aware of anyone who is upset with you right now? What will you do about it? When?
- Do you need help dealing with anger and/or walking in reconciliation. How can we help you?





# Life Church Ministry Update

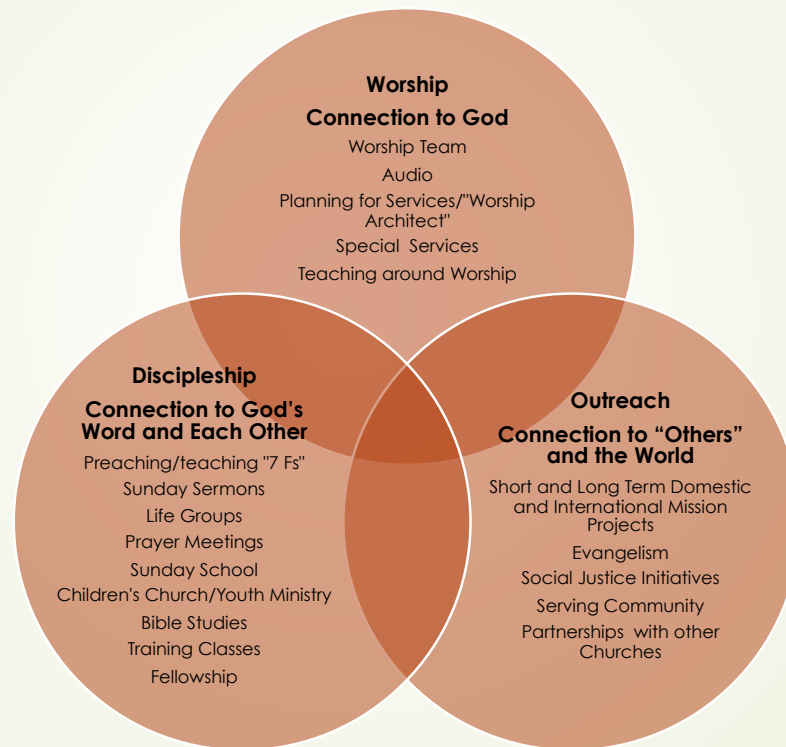
System and Structure



## Goal: To Fulfill Our Mission and Love and Serve You Well

- ▶ **Life Church Mission: To teach people to enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt or shame, to follow him together as his family, to function together as his body and to work together to expand his kingdom and bring him glory.**
- ▶ “enjoy knowing Jesus without fear, inadequacy, guilt or shame” – evangelism and intimacy, **Connection with God – Worship**
- ▶ “follow him together as his family, function together as his body” – fellowship, spiritual growth, **Connection with God’s Word and Each Other – Discipleship**
- ▶ “work together to expand his kingdom and bring him glory” – service, worship and evangelism, **Connection to Others and the World - Outreach**

# "Circles of Ministry"





## Worship “Circle” Praise Report

- Built on a solid foundation
- Maintained excellence in the heart of worship
- Launched network ministry partners
- Successfully transitioned leadership
- Brought in new gifts and energy

### **Worship**

Worship Team

Audio

Planning for  
services/"Worship  
Architect"

special services  
Teaching around  
worship

# Outreach “Circle” Praise Report

- ▶ Established our Friends, Family and Spheres of Influence Outreach Strategy
- ▶ Previewed evangelism training series “I Once Was Lost”
- ▶ Identified some Life Church Spheres of Influence:
  - ▶ The area around our Sunday morning meeting space
  - ▶ The area around our business office
  - ▶ The pastor’s campus ministry efforts
- ▶ Held our first Outreach Sunday service
  - ▶ Made Housewarming Baskets
  - ▶ Connected with Friends of Boston’s Homeless

## Outreach

Short and Long Term  
Domestic and  
International Mission  
Projects  
Evangelism  
Social Justice  
Initiatives  
Serving Community  
Partnerships with  
other Churches



## Thank You Life Church!

- Dear Life Church Boston - Thank you so much for helping make a house a home for some of our community's most vulnerable people. The baskets you made mean a lot to the people who receive them. Your housewarming gifts will not only help create a warm, welcoming home for people who've struggled for years with homelessness, but will also help them get started on their journey to living peaceful, independent lives in our community. This year, we expect to help over 150 more people move from the streets and shelters into stable, safe housing where they'll receive the support they need to rebuild their lives. We, and they, couldn't achieve this without your support! Thank you again for being an important part of this work and helping transform the lives of so many in our community. With best wishes & much appreciation, Mariann

Mariann Bucina Roca

Executive Director

Friends of Boston's Homeless

## Discipleship “Circle” Praise Report

- Moved forward with Preaching the “7 Fs” in Sunday Sermons: completing Follow the Message, Family Up and Feature the Story and planning for Face Your Problems, Farm Your Land, Find Your Purpose & Fulfill Your Mission
- Celebrated our long term Life Group
- Initiated a short term Life Group
- Promoted Prayer Meetings
- Strengthened Married Couples Fellowship
- Established our Retreat Planning Committee
- Witnessed Youth Commitments to Christ
- Inaugurated our Old Testament Survey Class
- Conducted Life Church 101 class
- Began our Fellowship Brunch Services

### **Discipleship**

Preaching/teaching “7  
Fs”  
Sunday Sermons  
Life Groups  
Prayer Meetings  
Sunday School  
Children's Church/  
Youth Ministry  
Bible Studies  
Training Classes  
Fellowship