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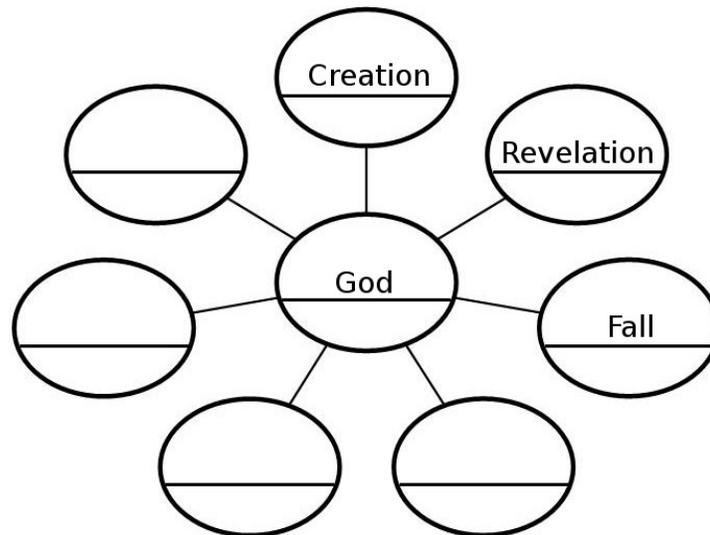
**Discipling Leaders • Building Nations**

**SOM-01 Foundations of our Faith**

**SOM-01-01 Worldview 2**

This class will examine the basic foundational beliefs of the evangelical Christian church, with a focus on Redemption, Church, Calling, and Re-creation.

## How do Evangelicals view the world?



## V. Evangelical Worldview: Redemption

### BCPI Statement of Faith on Redemption

6b. REGENERATION: We believe that those who repent of their sins & trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Ro 3:23-24; 6:23; Ac 2:38; 17:30

- Man could not be saved by his work.
- Personal redemption is needed in Christ.
- Cosmic redemption: new heaven & a new earth.
- Satanic defeat is certain.
- Lasting peace will come.
- The redemption of God is holistic.

### Seven (7) 'Salvation' Words

1. Justification is God's declaration that He finds the believing sinner to be positively righteous on the basis of the imputation of the righteousness of Jesus Christ.
  - Romans 5:1 – Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Propitiation is the fact that Jesus Christ is the satisfactory mercy seat at which God is willing to meet the repentant sinner.
  - 1 John 2:2 – It is he who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, & not for ours only, but also for the whole world's.
3. Reconciliation is that act of Jesus Christ in bringing the sinner back into proper relationship with God.

- Romans 5:10 – For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
4. Redemption is that truth that Jesus Christ paid the price to remove the sinner from the bondage of sin & to set him/her free in Himself.
    - 2 Peter 2:1 – ... there will be false teachers ... who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them ....
    - Galatians 3:13 – Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us."
    - Romans 3:24 – By his grace they are justified freely through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ...
  5. Regeneration is the act of God in bringing new life to the believing sinner while he/she is dead in sins.
    - John 3:3 – Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
  6. Remission is the act of God in placing our sins upon Jesus Christ who in His death removed those sins that he might deal with us in grace.
    - Romans 3:25 – [God] did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because he had waited patiently to deal with sins committed in the past.
  7. End of the Law – The law has no hold over us because of the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus. The Law condemned every person because no one could keep it. Now there is freedom for us because Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law & set us free from it. Our living of life is not based upon keeping the Law but upon the Grace of God.
    - Galatians 3 – Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, ‘The righteous will live by faith’ .... Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: ‘Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree’ .... [the law was given so that people would keep from doing too much bad stuff] .... Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.’”



## VI. Evangelical Worldview: Church

### BCPI Statement of Faith on the Church

7. THE CHURCH: We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head & all regenerated persons are members.

Scripture: Ro 16:3,5a; Col 1:18, 24; 1Co 10:32; 12:28; Ep 1:22-23; 3:8-10; 5:23-30

We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith & associated for worship, work, & fellowship.

Scripture: Col 1:24; 4:15, 16; Acts 8:1; 9:31; 14:23; Php 4:15; 1Th 1:1; 2Th 1:1; Phm 1:2

We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost world.

Scripture: Mt 16:18; 28:19-20

### **The Church**

1. Unconditional promise,
  - “I will build My Church” Matt. 16:18.
2. The Church is One Church,
  - Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 12:12; Gal. 3:28.
3. The Church as Christ's body.
4. The Church as the presence of God in the world – the sign of the kingdom.
5. The church as God’s agent of transformation.

### **The Church: Nature**

1. Came into being by the call of God.
2. Constituted through faith in Christ.
3. A continuity from the OT to the NT.
4. OT believes in Christ of Prophecy.
5. NT believes in Christ of History.
6. Invisible – Visible
7. Universal – Local
8. Organism – Organization
9. One Body
10. A divine reality
11. A covenant community

### **The Church: Marks / *MGA PALATANDAAN ng Iglesia***

1. **Worship / *Pagsamba***
  - “God is spirit, & those who worship Him must worship in spirit & in truth.” (Jo 4:24)
2. **Word**
  - “...inspired by God profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
3. **Sacrament (Ordinance)**

- "This cup is the new promise made with my blood. Every time you drink from it, do it to remember me." Every time you eat this bread & drink from this cup, you tell about the Lord's death until he comes.(1Co 11:25-26)

#### 4. Governance

- "... be in subjection to the governing authorities." (Ro 13:1)

*Paano naging saksi ang Iglesia para kay Jesus?*

### The Church: Functions / MGA GAWAIN ng Iglesia

#### 1. KOINONIA / Kingdom Building – Pagkaisa

- ... they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching & fellowship, to the breaking of bread & the prayers. (Ac 2:42)
- The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (1Co 10:16)

#### 2. KERYGMA / Good News – Pagpapahayag

- "... preach the word; be ready in season & out of season." (2 Tim. 4:2)

#### 3. DIAKONIA / Service

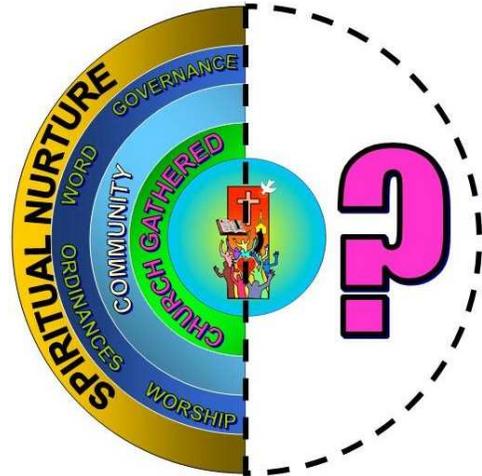
- "... present your bodies as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." (Ro 12:1)

#### 4. MARTURIA / Truth Telling

- "Let him deny himself, & take up his cross, & follow me." (Mt 16:24)

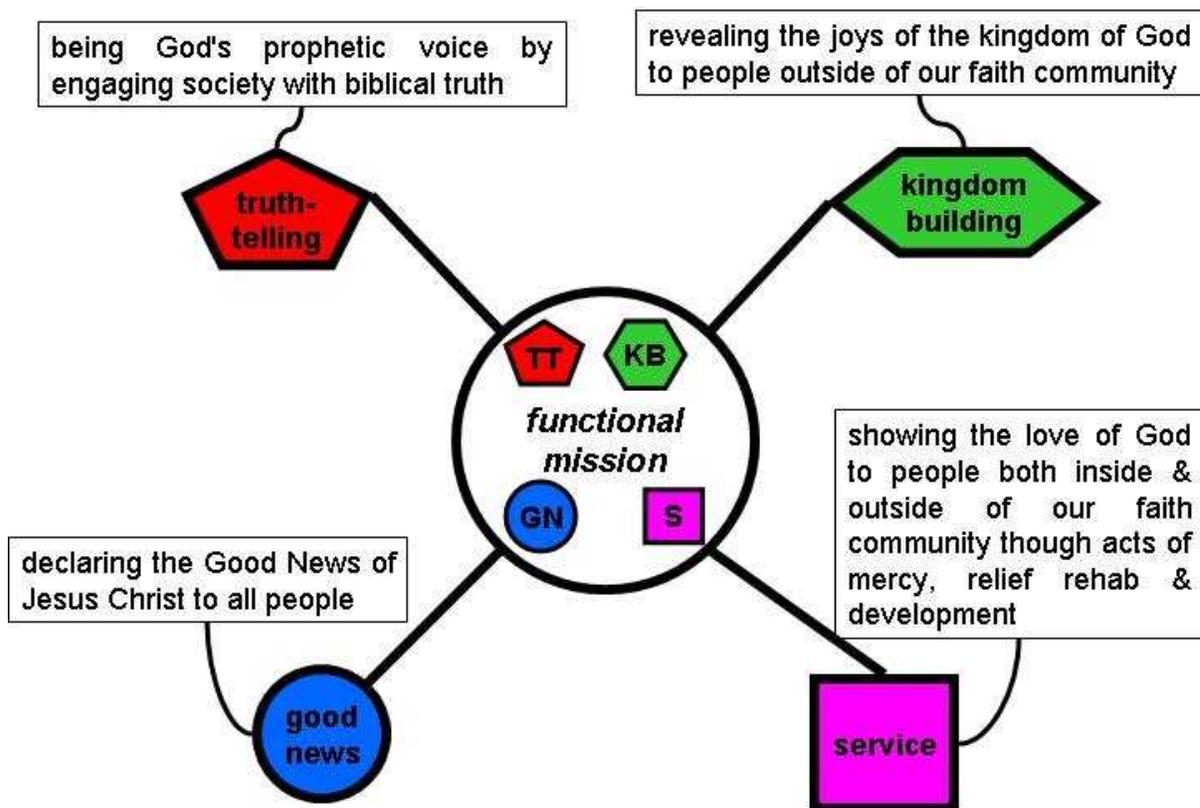
#### 5. Ang Unggoy at Ang Isda

1. Paano natin malaman ang pangangailangan nila?
2. Bakit ginagawa natin ang mga ginagawa natin?



**Group Assignment:**

**How can your cell become functional? *Paano Maging Functional ang Cell mo?***



**VII. Evangelical Worldview: Calling**

**BCPI Statement of Faith on Calling**

**8. CHRISTIAN CONDUCT:** We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God & the well-being of the fellow men; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of this possessions, & that he should seek to realize for himself & others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

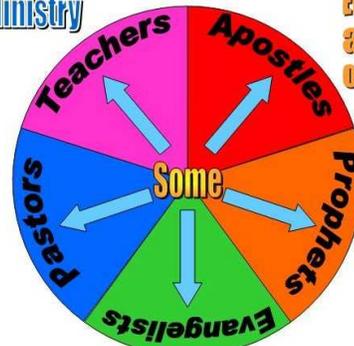
Scripture: 1Co 10:31; Ro 12:1-3; He 12:1-2; Jo 14:15,23-34; 1Jo 2:3-6; 2Co 9:6-9; 4:2; Col 1:9-10

- There are no class distinctions among Christians.
- God calls His people to radical discipleship.
- Every Christian is gifted for His service in all areas of life.
- The Gospel is holistic & transformational..

"The Reformation made all secular life into a vocation of God. It was like a baptism of the secular world. It refused any longer to regard the specially religious calling of priest or monk as higher in moral scale than the calling of cobbler or prince. Christian energy was turned away from the still and contemplative towards action. The man who would leave the world turned into the man who would change it." – Owen Chadwick

5-Fold Ministry

Every Believer a Leader of Leaders



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"... for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

**5-Fold Ministry (Ep 4:11-12)**

CALLING & DISTORTIONS		
PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY
From Christ, to Christ, for Christ.	For everyone, in everything, everywhere.	Occupation, Job
DISTORTIONS		
CATHOLICS <i>Eusebius, Bishop of Caesaria 312 AD</i>		PROTESTANTS
PERFECT LIFE	PERMITTED LIFE	INFLUENCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL ERA
Spiritual, contemplation reserved for monks, priest and nuns.	Secular action for Soldiers, governors, farmers, traders, etc.	• Jobs sacralized. • "who builds a factory, builds a temple." • "work is the salvation of mankind" (Ford). • Vocation degenerates to mere vocational skills or education.
<i>Elevating the spiritual over the secular.</i>		<i>Elevating the secular over the spiritual.</i>

FROM GOD TO GOD		
PRIMARY CALLING - TO SOMEONE	SECONDARY CALLING - TO SOMETHING	TERTIARY CALLING - TO SOMEWHERE
Grace	Gifts	Guidance
SALVATION	MISSIONS / MINISTRY	VOCATION / CAREER
<	NO RETIREMENT	>
But never uncalled.		Maybe unemployed
CALLING PRECEEDS BUT OUTLASTS CAREER		

**Gifts from the Triune God****1. SPIRITUAL GIFTS (1Co. 12; Ro 12; Ep 4)**

- All God's people are gifted & called to various tasks by the spirit
- These are service gifts
- Specific task or functions to which God calls and fits each christian
- Cooperation dei – in Cooperation with God (Ga 2:20) – to perform and accomplish.

**2. FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT (GAL. 5:22-23)**

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Self-control

**What is Mission?**

Historically people have seen mission as relating to one of the following:

1. Soteriological – Save people from Hell
2. Cultural – Introduce people to the blessings & privileges of the West
3. Ecclesiastical – Expand the church
4. Salvation-historically – Transforming the World into the Kingdom of God

The Bible, however, seems to define mission in a different way:

*missio Dei*: Mission as an activity of God

*missiones ecclesiae*: missionary activities of the Church

How does this look?

## Four Lethal Misbeliefs about Calling

**Misbelief #1:** There is a God-ordained division between clergy & laity.

- 1Pe 2:9 – However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Misbelief #2:** The Church is called to operate primarily inside a building often referred to as the temple.

- Ma 27:50-51 – Then Jesus loudly cried out once again & gave up his life. Suddenly, the curtain in the temple was split in two ....
- 2Co 6:16 ... we are the temple of the living God. "
- The early church operated in many places, none of them church buildings as we know today. (Ac 8:26-39; 10:27; 16:25; 19:9; Ro 16:5; 1Co 16:19; Ph 4:22)

**Misbelief #3:** People involved in business cannot be as spiritual as those serving in traditional Church ministry.

- 1Co 10:31 – So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- Jesus, carpenter; Apostles, fishermen; Paul, tent-maker; David & Moses, shepherds; Joshua, soldier, atbp.

**Misbelief #4:** The primary role of marketplace Christians is to make money to support the vision of those “in the ministry.”

- Act 18:3 – ... because [Priscilla & Aquila] made tents for a living as [Paul] did, he stayed with them & they worked together.
- Act 20:34 – You know that I [Paul] worked to support myself & those who were with me.

## Calling.

1. General sense: The call is by Christ, to Christ, & for Christ.
2. It is a gracious initiative of God to salvation.
3. God calls His people to radical discipleship.
4. God has gifted His people for service.
5. Christ shares His power & authority to heal, to cast out demons, to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom.
6. The Good News of the Kingdom is salvation, deliverance, joy, love, healing, peace, justice, righteousness.
7. Christian vocation is transformational.
8. There is no class Christianity.
9. Every Christian is full time, every time, everywhere for God’s glory.

**Question: How do I know what parts of culture to accept & what parts to reject/adjust/modify/change to truly reflect what God wants?**

**Structure:** God created everything, including the proper purpose for everything.

Relationship betw/ God & man and man & man (Ex. 20:1-17; Matt. 22:27-40).

Government & Authority (Rom. 13:1-6; 1 Pet. 13-20)

Marriage & Sexuality (Gen. 2:23-24; Heb. 13:4)

If there is a problem just go back to the norms in Scripture, see where there is a difference & change.

## Evang. Worldview: Calling & Creation

**Direction:** [See diagram, right]

**Personal Story: "Evidence of Christianity"**

**A Christian ... / Ang Kristyano ay ...**

- Does Not Drink Alcohol / *Hindi nag-inum ng Alak*
- Does Not Smoke / *Hindi nanigarilyo*
- Does Not Watch Movies / *Hindi nanood ng Sine*
- Does not listen to Rock & Roll
- Wears Modest Clothes / *Hindi sinusuot ang sexy na damit*
- Does Not Dance / *Hindi sumayaw*



**Framework: Christian Response**

1. What there is about \_\_\_\_\_ that goes back to creation & reflects a gift of God.
2. What is the impact of our fallen condition on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. How can Christians try to redeem \_\_\_\_\_?

**Case Study: Dancing / Pagsayaw**

**Critical issues related to dancing:** sexuality

**Dancing & Creation:**

bodily movement, rhythm, music, social interaction, enjoyment, healthy, Beautiful, Old Testament: a part of celebration

**Dancing & Sin:**

sexual arousal, aggression, promiscuity, provocative dress, suggestive music, hypnotic lighting, liquor or drugs, types of dancing can lead to sexual provocation, "worldly amusement" and can lead to carnality of intent and imagination, to lust against a woman is adultery.

**Proposed Alternatives:**

only between husband & wife; dance as exercise w/out partners; some cultural dances; liturgical dancing; Right place & occasion.

## VIII. Evangelical Worldview: Re-Creation

### BCPI Statement of Faith on Re-Creation

12. THE LAST THINGS: We believe in the personal & visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth & the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, & the endless sufferings of the wicked.

Scripture: Mt 24:30; 26:64; Re 22:7; Ph 3:20-21; Re 20:11-15; Jo 14:1-3; Mt 21:41; Re 20:10; 21:8

Revelation 11:15 – "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, & he will rule as king forever & ever."

*Ang paghahari sa sanlibutan ay inilipat na kay Cristo na ating Panginoon. Maghahari siya magpakailanman!"*

### The Church's Goal:

1. To reorder the internal life of the community in ways faithful to Yahweh.
2. To invite the world outside the community to reorder its life with reference to Yahweh.

## FROM CREATION TO THE NEW CREATION

### A. Created Realities [Ge 1,2; Col 1]

1. Visible (Foreground): Humanity, Physical Universe,
2. Invisible (Background): Moral codes, ideology, races, structures, powers, principles

### B. Fall

1. *Humanity*
  - a. Sin & death.
  - b. Pain & Suffering.
  - c. Conflicts & enmity.
  - d. Idolatry.
2. *World*
  - a. Decay of physical world.
  - b. God rejected by the nations.
  - c. The world, embodiment of evil, kingdom of darkness.
3. *Powers & Principalities*

- a. Powers allied with Satan.
- b. Evil forces foster injustice and chaos.
- c. The wrath of God revealed.
- d. Personal / cosmic redemption promised.

**C. Israel**

**D. Christ is Saviour and Lord**

**E. The Church**

*1. Missionary Task*

- a. Evangelism/ Church Planting
- b. Prayer & Fasting
- c. Social Concern

*2. Divine Gift*

- a. Grace & Love
- b. Plan & Providence
- c. Victory over Satan

**F. The Reign of Christ**

1. Christlikeness
2. Earth filled with knowledge & glory of God
3. Peace
4. Justice
5. Righteousness
6. Economic Sufficiency
7. Satan bound
8. Structures transformed
9. Cosmic redemption
10. A new heaven & a new earth
11. Eternity with God

***Ang Tanong***

- What are the implications of the evangelical worldview on our lives?
  - Thoughts
  - Family
  - Citizen
  - Church

**End of Worldview**