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DISCUSSION GUIDE

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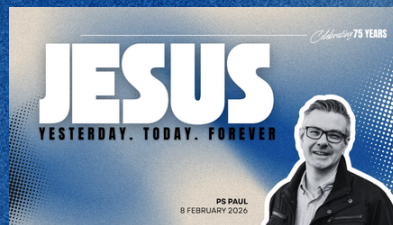
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SERIES INTRO

This year we celebrate **75 years of Clayton Church of Christ**, giving thanks for God's faithfulness across generations. Our theme comes from Hebrews 13:8: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* This series invites us to re-anchor our hearts in Him, live faithfully today, and look forward with confidence to His unshakable kingdom.

INVITATION –The Spirit's Prompt

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

Discuss

What phrase or image from the message stayed with you?

When you hear that Jesus is unchanging, what does that awaken in you right now?

(Pause briefly and invite the Spirit to speak.)

CONVICTION - What God Reveals

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings." (Hebrews 13:9)

Discuss

Where do you think our culture most tries to reinvent Jesus?

Are there ways you feel pressure to make Jesus more comfortable or less confronting in your own life?

What voices are most shaping your heart at the moment?

SURRENDER - Yielding Our Perspective

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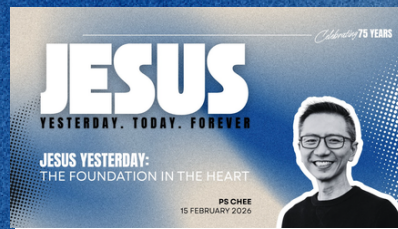
PRAYING TOGETHER

Invite people to pray aloud or in pairs:

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2. Ask the Holy Spirit to re-anchor your heart where you may have been drifting or distracted.
3. Surrender again to Jesus as Lord of every part of your life, trusting His grace to form you.

FEB
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JESUS YESTERDAY: THE FOUNDATION IN THE HEART



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SERIES INTRO

For 75 years this church has not been sustained by luck, leadership, or location — but by Jesus as our foundation. What God has done flows from who He is, and how He forms His people.

Hebrews 13:8, 1 Corinthians 3:1–11

INVITATION –The Spirit’s Prompt

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:11)

Discuss

- What part of this week’s message stayed with you?
- In your current season (work, family, leadership, stress, waiting), what are you actually standing on when pressure hits?
- When something goes wrong in your week, what do you instinctively run to for stability?

CONVICTION - What God Reveals

The Corinthians didn’t reject Jesus — they just shifted Him from the centre.

Discuss:

- What are the subtle ways Jesus can drift from the centre of a life? (Busyness? Success? Disappointment? Comfort?)
 - In a real-life situation this week — a conflict, a decision, a frustration — how did you respond? What does that reveal about your foundation?
- Are there “good things” (ministry, family, reputation, security) that may be functioning as your foundation instead of Christ?

SURRENDER - Yielding Our Perspective

"You yourselves are God's temple... God's Spirit dwells in you." (1 Corinthians 3:16)

The foundation is not just under the church - it is built inside you.

Discuss:

What would it look like for Jesus to be the foundation of your reactions, private thought life, work ethic, relationships?

Is there one specific area where you need to "dig deeper" and rebuild on Him?(Be specific. Name it.)

BELIEF - Living From Christ's Mindset

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

*Yesterday gives you confidence. Today gives you His presence.
Forever gives you hope.*

Discuss:

Think of one area where you feel uncertain or stretched right now.

How does remembering who Jesus has already proven Himself to be change how you face it?

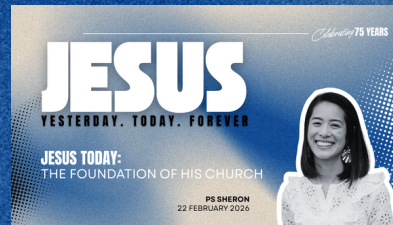
What would it look like this week to live consciously aware that Jesus is present with you — not just in church, but in ordinary moments?

PRAYING TOGETHER or IN PAIRS

1. Thank Jesus for being a foundation that does not shift when life does.
2. Ask the Spirit to show you where you've been building on something else and surrender it to Christ

FEB
22

JESUS TODAY: THE FOUNDATION OF HIS CHURCH



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Hebrews 13:8, Hebrews 10:19-25, Romans 8:31-39

INVITATION – Allowing the Holy Spirit to speak

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(Hebrews 10:22–24)

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- What stirred or challenged you most from this message?
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CONVICTION - Allowing the Spirit to bring awareness

“Let us not give up meeting together... but encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25)

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Discuss:

- In practical terms, what does disconnection look like in your week? (Skipping gathering? Avoiding vulnerability? Staying anonymous?)

- Have you subtly believed, “I can grow spiritually on my own”?
- If you pulled back from community, who would notice your absence?

SURRENDER – Choosing Connection over Independence

The early church understood “ekklesia” as a called-out gathering — not a building, but a covenant people.

“Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:39)

Discuss:

- Is there a next step of deeper commitment Jesus may be inviting you into? (Life group, serving, staying after church, initiating connection?)
- Where have hurt, busyness, or preference kept you from fully engaging in community? (Be specific.)
- Is there someone God is placing on your heart to reach out to?

BELIEF – Living as a formed and forming people

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

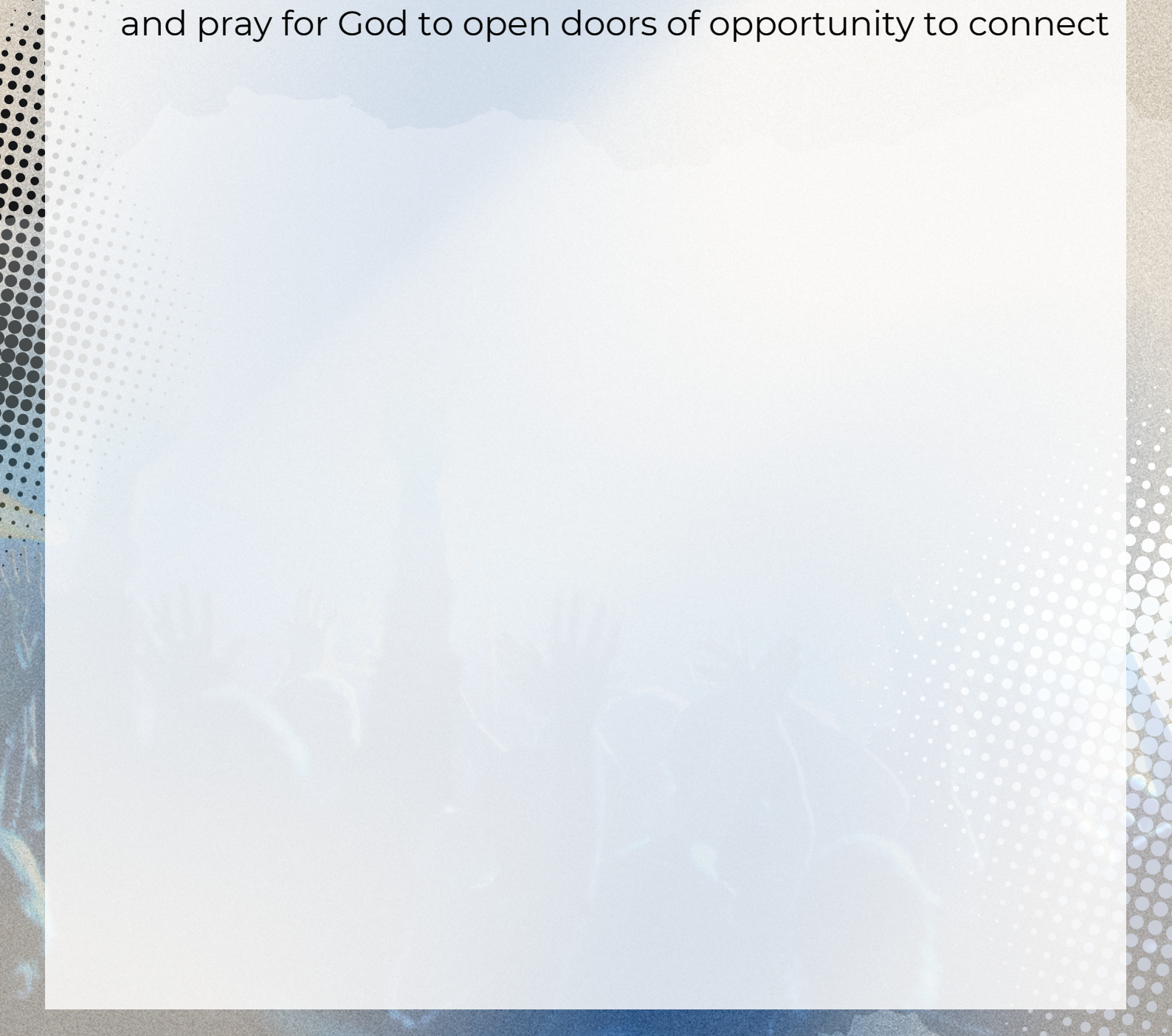
The church endures because it is built on the finished work of Christ, and He is present when His people gather.

Discuss:

- How does knowing you cannot be separated from Christ’s love give you courage to persevere in community?
- What unique “gift” or perspective has God placed in you that the body would miss if you were absent?

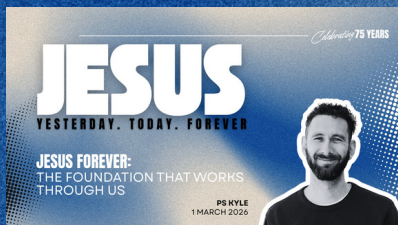
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- Thank Jesus that nothing can separate you from His love.
- Ask the Spirit to reveal any areas of isolation or quiet withdrawal.
- Commit afresh to gathering, encouraging, and persevering together as His people.
- If God has placed someone on your heart to extend His love to or restore back to the church, lift this person up and pray for God to open doors of opportunity to connect



MAR
01

JESUS FOREVER:
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Jesus Yesterday, Today & Forever

Week 4 — The Foundation of Jesus Building His Church Through His People

Key Scriptures: 1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11–16

Big Idea

For 75 years, God has built this church on the foundation of Jesus. Not on personalities, programs, or buildings—but on ordinary people who say yes to God's call. Jesus builds His church through His people, and every part matters.

HEART DISCIPLESHIP

Invitation – Allowing the Holy Spirit to Speak

Read: 1 Peter 4:10, Ephesians 4:11-16

Discuss:

- Where have you sensed God inviting you to step in or serve—recently or in the past?
- What gifts, passions, or availability might God be drawing your attention to right now?

Everyday Practice Prompt:

- This week, notice one moment where God nudges you to contribute rather than consume (at church, work, home, or in your community).

Conviction

Allowing the Holy Spirit to Bring Awareness & Change

Read: Ephesians 4:16

Discuss:

What tends to hold you back from participating fully in the life of the church (comfort, fear, feeling unqualified, busyness)?

In what ways might you be present but not actively engaged?

Everyday Practice Prompt:

Identify one specific pattern this week where you choose convenience over contribution—and ask God to show you a different response.

Surrender

Being Willing to Lay Down Our Lives

Read: Ephesians 4:11–12

Discuss:

What might obedience look like for you in this season?
What is one small but real “yes” God may be asking you to offer?

Everyday Practice Prompt:

Take one tangible step of obedience this week (send a message, offer help, try a team for a short season, or say yes to serving once).

Belief

Embedding Truth & Seeing Discipleship Change

Read: 1 Peter 4:10 (again)

Discuss:

What truth about yourself or God do you need to believe to step forward?

How does believing this truth change the way you see your place in the church?

Everyday Practice Prompt:

Choose one belief to carry this week
(e.g., “God uses imperfect people,”

“My availability matters,” “I am part of the body”).

Pair it with one action that expresses that belief.

Prayer Prompts

Where are You inviting me to take a step
of participation this season?

What fear or comfort am I holding onto
that You want me to surrender?

How do You want to use my gifts or
availability to strengthen Your church?

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