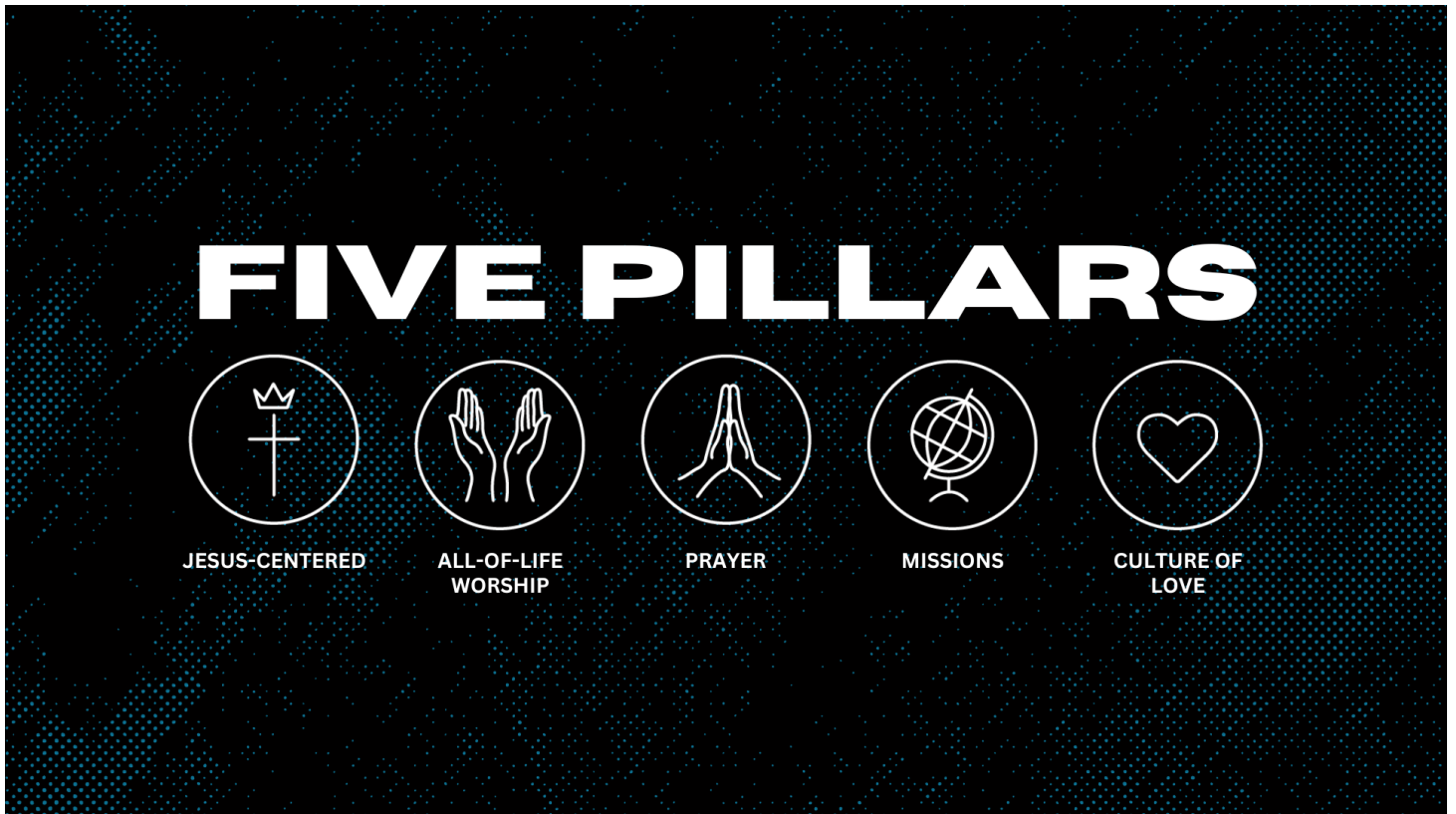


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

¹² "Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. ¹³ Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

¹⁴ Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. ¹⁹ Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Do not scoff at prophecies, ²¹ but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. ²² Stay away from every kind of evil.

Other Passages: Romans 12, Matt 22:17, Romans 16:25 Eph. 4:11, Matt. 28:19, Lev. 19:34, 1 John 3:16, Col. 3:23.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Where do these pillars/disciplines exist in my life now? Is there some reorientation needed on these in your life? Should they become more or less a priority for you and your family?
2. Am I being encouraged to live a Jesus centered life? - In what ways? What is something you were encouraged to do this year that stuck?
3. Are you praying? - Where is your prayer time scheduled? What will help you do it more?
4. Am I supporting and equipping or encouraging others in their giftings? Am I being supported? Are you in a small group?
5. Are you creating a more loving culture around you? How has that culture helped you over the years, why is that important
6. Are you looking for ways to bring glory to God in your everyday life? What was the struggle this year, what needs to shift? Who or what can help?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS