## welcome to Shofar Christian church

## What we do: CSSS

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## Why Church?

# Why Small groups?

You need to grow your "self"?

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## Why we serve

#### My goal:

 To show from the bible that New Covenant believers will overflow with "Christlikeness" in word and deed.

#### Dispensation

- the divine ordering of the affairs of the world. an appointment, arrangement, or favour, as by God. a divinely appointed order or age
- a political, religious, or social system prevailing at a particular time.
- "scholarship is conveyed to a wider audience than under the old dispensation"

#### Old Testament times

 (Psa 77:12) I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

#### God opens the sea

 (Exo 14:21) Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

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#### The ten plagues

 (Exo 9:8) And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh.

 (Exo 9:9) It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt."

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#### Noah's flood

 (Gen 7:19) And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered.

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#### Jesus on earth

• (Php 2:5) Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

 (Php 2:6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

#### Jesus on earth

 (Php 2:7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

 (Php 2:8) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

#### Jesus came in a real body

- (1Jn 4:2) By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,
- (2Jn 1:7) For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

#### Jesus can be followed

 (Mat 16:24) Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

#### The Father leads Jesus

 (Joh 5:19) So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.

#### The Spirit empowers Jesus

 (Luk 4:18) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

#### The Father leads us

 (Mat 6:9) Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

#### The Spirit empowers us

 (Act 1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

#### What did Jesus promise

 (Joh 7:38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

 (Joh 7:39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

1) Caring for Basic needs

 (Jas 1:27) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.  (Joh 13:14) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

 (Joh 13:35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- 1) Caring for Basic needs
- 2) Serve by overflowing with God's love

 (2Ti 4:5) As for you, always be soberminded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

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- 3) Serve by "going" for God

 (1Co 14:1) Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

 (2Ti 1:6) For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,

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- 2) Serve by overflowing with God's love
- 3) Serve by "going" for God
- 4) Serve with spiritual Gifts