

# Small group optional guide: The Manifestation of the Jubilee Vision – The Way of Humility

## UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through the word & worship

WORD: read these key scriptures: LUKE 4:18-21 (ISAIAH 61:1-2) Philippians 2:1-11

**1. The Necessity of Vision (Why Vision Is Necessary)** - Proverbs 29:18 / Jeremiah 29:11 / 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 / Genesis 13:14-15 / Hebrews 12:2-3. Vision is the divine revelation of God's purpose and direction for His people. It provides restraint, focus, and discipline, preventing spiritual drift and destruction. Godly vision enables believers to run with intention rather than aimlessly. What we are able to see by faith shapes what we are able to possess, and vision sustains us when the journey becomes difficult by fixing our eyes on what God has promised.

**2. How We Maintain Vision** - Habakkuk 2:2 / 1 Corinthians 11:1 / Romans 4:17-22 / Jeremiah 29:10-13 / Daniel 9:1-3. Vision is maintained by clarity, movement, faith, and prayer. Writing and revisiting vision keeps it fresh and aligned with the Holy Spirit's ongoing direction. Vision requires action—only those who keep running can stay on course. God also uses relationships: following Christlike examples, walking with others in the same direction, and guarding our hearts against distractions. Persistent prayer and fasting express dependence on God and keep faith strong, even when circumstances seem contrary.

**3. The Imperative of the Jubilee Community Church Vision** - Luke 4:18-21 / Isaiah 54:2-3 / Acts 1:8. The Jubilee vision is rooted in the mission of Jesus Himself: restoration, freedom, healing, and proclamation of God's favour. This vision is empowered by the same Holy Spirit who was at work in Christ and continues through His church today. Jubilee is not postponed for a future season; it is active now, expanding daily through Spirit-empowered witness and service.

**4. The Importance of Humility in the Fulfilment of Vision** - Philippians 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 4:7 / James 1:17 / Philippians 2:13. Humility is the pathway through which God's vision is fulfilled. It is a mindset shaped by Christ—marked by love, obedience, selflessness, and service. Humility values others above self-interest, submits to God's authority, and willingly serves without complaint. God commands humility, supplies grace to the humble, and rewards it with true elevation and lasting fruit.

God rewards humility because it is essential to fulfilling His vision and purpose. The true endpoint of God's plan cannot be reached without humility; it is the only pathway to genuine greatness and lasting elevation. Through humility, others are blessed and given access to what they might never have received otherwise. Humility brings joy and releases increasing measures of God's grace. In contrast, pride carries serious dangers. Pride leads to downfall, invites God's resistance, and can derail both personal destiny and generational legacy. (...continued)

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**5. Response: A Call to Jubilee** - Luke 4:18-19 / Mark 10:45 / 2 Corinthians 6:1-2. This moment calls for repentance, renewed prayer, and active participation in God's work. Jubilee is received through Christ and expressed through humble service to others. Now is the time to seek God wholeheartedly, serve joyfully, and live out the freedom and restoration we have received.

## Application Questions (Action-Focused)

- What specific change will you make this week to better align your life with God's revealed vision?
- Who can you intentionally serve in humility as a practical expression of Jubilee?
- What step will you take to sustain a lifestyle of prayer and dependence on the Holy Spirit beyond this fasting season?

## Worship songs from Sunday:

No one like the Lord / Same God / King of my heart / Worthy / I surrender

## IN; we connect and learn to love one another

Pastoral Response to the Water Shortage: Last week was deeply challenging for many in our community. As a group, create space for care by breaking into smaller groups of 2-3. Invite each person to share what they found most difficult during the water shortage and how it affected them. Listen and pray for one another. As you close, ask if there are any practical or ongoing needs the group could help with in the weeks ahead, and note these so they can be followed up with care.

## OUT; we reach out to show people outside of JCC that God loves them

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