

# Water of Life Community Church

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### WHY SHOULD WE CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY?

#### 1 SAMUEL 7:12

FOR LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

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## ICE BREAKER

- What elements make a celebration for you?
  - What does celebrating what God has done look like?
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## PRAYER

Father God, thank you for being our help. Jesus, we praise You for sacrificing Your very life on the cross because You knew we would need Your help throughout our lives. Spirit, lead us to recognize all the ways God has helped us along the way. Show us what it means to be living stones, an altar for the whole world to see God's grace. Amen.

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## WORSHIP

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## INTRODUCTION

God wants us to remember that He always has been and always will be with us.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**READ 1 Samuel 7:12:** Then Samuel took a stone and placed it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, "So far the LORD has helped us."

- How long have you been attending Water of Life?
- What have you seen God do during that time?

Samuel placed a stone as a sign to remember what God has done. It served as today's statues and memorial displays that commemorate events and sacrifices that we wish will be remembered for generations to come.

- What has God done in you at WOL?
- What are your "Ebenezer stones" of remembrance?
  - Do you have a journal that helps you remember what God has done?

- Do you have other ways to remember God's work in your life?
- What do you want to see God do in you for the future?

Additional questions to consider:

- What areas of ministry have you participated in?
  - What areas of ministry are you interested in?
  - How can you pray for those ministries?
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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Take some time as a group to thank God for what he has done. Then, take some time to ask God to bless and protect Water of Life, our Pastors, Elders and Leaders, and to bless the ministries.

**READ Matthew 9:37:** Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." Ask God for workers for the harvest.

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## MEMORY VERSE

1 Peter 2:5-6, The Passion Translation

Come and be his "living stones" who are continually being assembled into a sanctuary for God. For now you serve as holy priests, offering up spiritual sacrifices that he readily accepts through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

Look! I lay a cornerstone in Zion,  
a chosen and priceless stone!  
And whoever believes in him  
will certainly not be disappointed.