

# There is more ...

A Spiritual Journey  
to Infinitely More



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Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

**EPHESIANS 3:20**



# There is more . . .

is a church-wide journey to partner with God as He accomplishes infinitely more than we might ask or think through His mighty power at work within us. This journey includes a six-week message series, life group experience, and daily devotional. No matter where we are in our walk with Christ, He's always encouraging and inspiring each of us to take our next step and do our part because:

- *one life is all we get*
- *one moment with Jesus is all we need*
- *one person is worth everything*

Together, we'll grow in our relationship with God and build our faith as we look beyond where we are to infinitely more. Join us as we discover that there is more God wants to do in our faith, family, church, and community.

# A Spiritual Journey to Infinitely More

# Spiritual Journey

Thank you for going on this spiritual journey with us called There is More. From the beginning of OneLife Church, we have enjoyed living life together as a loving community built by God. From our adults to our students and our kids, spiritual journeys are something we love doing together. We are doing this There is More journey because we believe there is something God will do in the hearts of everyone as we participate in this together.

We want to encourage you to fully commit to this church-wide journey over the next six weeks. Bring this guide to church with you each week, join a There is More Life Group, commit to the daily devotions, and don't miss a single Sunday of the series. We promise you won't regret it. With God's help and your dedication, we will see this vision become a reality. Individually each of us will make an impact and together we will leave a legacy to impact generations to come.

Thank you again for committing to this journey. We're praying that you will encounter God in a new and amazing way.



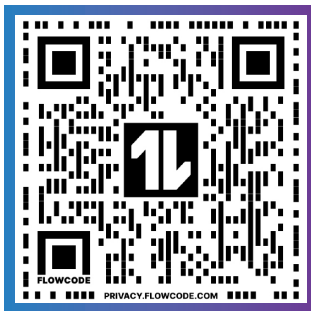
**Jon and JoAnna Brannberg**  
*Founding & Lead Pastors*

# Stories Of Lives Changed

Throughout this Guide, you will find stories of changed lives from our own people at OneLife Church. These stories remind us of the incredible things God is continually doing through our church to reach people for Jesus and help them find belonging in a spiritual family. We hope these stories inspire and encourage you as we go on this journey together!

## Share Your Story

Be sure to let us know what God speaks to you during *There Is More*. Share your thoughts and stories with us at [onelifechurch.co/more](https://onelifechurch.co/more)



# How To Use This Guide

The *There Is More* Guide has everything you need to go on the journey.

## Weekly Message Notes

Each week begins with fill-in-the-blanks from the weekend message and a place to take your own notes. Use this space to jot down anything God speaks to you during the message series.

## Life Group Guides

Next, you will find the big idea, key verse, and discussion questions you will use in your Life Group during the week. Be sure to bring your Guide with you to your Life Group. Not in a Life Group yet? Find one near you by visiting [onelifechurch.co/groups](https://onelifechurch.co/groups)

## Daily Devotional

Finally, you will find the devotional we will read together as a church, beginning Monday, January 23. The daily devotional takes place five days a week, Monday through Friday. Spend a few minutes reflecting on the questions each day. In addition, there is a place where you can write down anything God is saying to you.



# Our Vision

The vision of OneLife Church started in June 2019 with Pastors Jon and JoAnna Brannberg's dream of glorifying Jesus and bringing as many people in the Denver area into a life-giving relationship with Jesus as possible. God called Pastors Jon and JoAnna Brannberg to "step out of the boat and walk on water." They knew if their dream wasn't a little scary, it wasn't big enough. The loving community God built through OneLife Church is exactly what people needed. We have welcomed hundreds of families since our beginning. In January 2020, we began meeting in Grandview High School in Aurora, then leased our first building in October 2020 and bought our Miracle Building in August 2022. At the core of this amazing growth is the mission of OneLife:

*One life is all we get*

*One moment with Jesus is all we need*

*One person is worth everything*

It will remain the same as we continue to grow as a church community for God's glory. More than ever before, we are excited about reaching people and inviting them into the OneLife community. There is a place for you and your family to share in the vision.

Over the last  
three years...

384

DECISIONS  
TO FOLLOW CHRIST



42 Kids  
Dedicated

516

CONNECTION  
CARDS FILLED OUT

FROM 120 TO 550

Average Weekly Attendance

85



PEOPLE  
WATER  
BAPTIZED





# Project Overview

Over the past three years of our church's life, we have seen God do miracle after miracle. We give Him all the glory for the unprecedented growth we have seen in all ministry areas of our church.

However, with our move to the new building and the rapid growth we have experienced since the move, there are challenges that impact key areas of our church community. To continue caring for every person who walks in the doors, our building needs to be updated, improved, and expanded upon in a substantial way.

There is More is an all-church campaign designed to meet the \$1.2M needed to fund these various projects necessary for the sustainability of our building and will allow us to complete all renovations by 2025.

- **KIDS AND YOUTH SPACES** - moving walls to expand and improve kids/youth room, upgrade audio/video, carpet for main room and classrooms, improve security, improve lower-level multi-purpose room with lighting, paint, audio/visual, and better acoustics
- **DEFERRED MAINTENANCE** - repair front and back parking lots, improve exterior lighting, replace or repair 14 HVAC units
- **AUDITORIUM AND THIRD SPACES** - new auditorium chairs to increase our seating capacity, additional side and front speakers, preschool playground and Astroturf, kitchen remodel, lobby coffee shop, security system and fire alarm panel, doors and accessibility, hire a facility manager to oversee building improvement projects

<b>Kids and Youth Spaces:</b>	\$250K <i>(approx.)</i>
<b>Deferred Maintenance:</b>	\$650K <i>(approx.)</i>
<b>Auditorium &amp; Third Spaces:</b>	\$300K <i>(approx.)</i>
<b>Total Need:</b>	\$1.2M

# Kids and Youth Spaces

The Next Generation has always been a key part of our vision. Our kids program is not childcare; instead, we are discipling and raising up the church of tomorrow by encouraging our kids and teenagers to find their place in our church. To do this, we need to open up the kids and youth room. The elementary wing of our building was divided into unnecessary storage spaces and extra-large classrooms in the past. We need to move walls and remove storage areas to make our main room bigger to accommodate the weekly kids, youth, and young adults ministries that use it.

Every week, God is bringing more and more teenagers into our Wednesday night student ministry. It's getting harder for them to fit into our youth/kids room. Our vision is to move walls and remove an extra storage room to make the kids/youth auditorium bigger, build a new stage, install a new sound system, acoustically treat the room to solve the echo problem, and re-route electrical and HVAC. We will also be expanding the kids lobby to improve the flow of kids check-in, installing new carpet for our bridge rooms, and updating the flooring in the hallways. All of these improvements will double our capacity not only on Wednesdays, but also on Sundays.

The lower level of our kids wing is currently being used as our second experience room and for men's breakfast, but we have plans to make it better and more functional for life groups as well as our kids and youth ministry in the years to come. We have a vision to update these rooms, improve acoustics, flooring, and lighting so that we can disciple more people for years to come.

## PROJECT DETAILS:

- move walls to expand and improve kids/youth room
- upgrade audio/video
- build a new stage
- install carpet for main room and classrooms
- expand kids lobby and check-in area
- fix bridge room and hallway flooring
- improve security
- update lower-level multi-purpose room with lighting, paint, new audio/visual, and better acoustics

Total Project Cost: **\$250K** (approx.)





# Deferred Maintenance

When we purchased this building, we knew we were buying it with cracked parking lots and outdated AC and furnace units, but we also knew we were buying it for millions of dollars less than a brand new building in this prime location. We did not know that the heating and air conditioning units would be an immediate problem, causing us to redirect money that we needed to be spending on ministry and staff towards constantly fixing broken HVAC units.

This building has 18 heating and air conditioning units. Of those 18 units, only four are 0-4 years old, and 14 of the 18 are over 20 years old, with some of them being the original, 30-year-old units. Many of these units are not currently working, which has caused major issues cooling the building in the summer and heating the building in the winter. There have been many nights this winter where the units that are working are constantly running and we can still barely keep the building warmer than 50 degrees. Our plan is to keep maintaining our current units, but we need to make a major investment into at least 10 new HVAC units over the next two years to keep our kids warm and the space useable throughout the week.

Our parking lot, which is the first impression of our church, is also in bad shape and has not been properly maintained for years. We have discovered that if we do not do something about the major deterioration in the parking lot in the next year, we will have to spend upwards of two million dollars to grind the parking lot down to its foundational layer and then rebuild it. Our plan is to move quickly to remove and replace the top two inches of the parking lot as well as repaint the handicap and parking lines for a fraction of the price now as opposed to a major unavoidable cost in the future

## PROJECT DETAILS:

- Repair or replace 14 HVAC Units
- parking lot surface repair in front and back lots
- parking lot lighting improvements

**Total Project Cost: \$650K** *(approx.)*

# Auditorium and Third Spaces

We have plans to continue to improve our auditorium and what we are calling our other third spaces. First, we need to rebuild our 6-month reserve funds that we already spent on tech upgrades when we moved in last fall. We also need to add additional speakers so the front rows and side sections can hear the message and worship. As our attendance has grown, so has our need for more chairs. We need to purchase 250 additional chairs so that we can increase our seating capacity and in turn reach more people.

The "third spaces" will include upgrades to our nursery and little ones areas. We want to improve our outdoor playground space with new playground equipment and AstroTurf to replace the pebble gravel. We also want to prepare our little ones space to eventually host a Monday through Friday Christian Preschool.

We have plans to redo our kitchen with commercial appliances, cabinets, and tile. We will also make a new coffee area in our lobby so we can brew coffee without carting coffee back and forth to the kitchen. Our life groups room also needs new paint and upgraded audio/visual so that we can better host women's and men's ministry events and other medium-sized life groups. Lastly, we need to increase the security of the whole building to ensure that we are protecting our kids, staff, and church members for years to come.

## PROJECT DETAILS:

- new auditorium chairs to increase our seating capacity
- additional side and front speakers,
- preschool playground and astroturf
- kitchen remodel and lobby coffee shop
- security system and fire alarm panel
- doors and accessibility

**Total Project Cost: \$300K** *(approx.)*





# Get Ready

- ✓ Mark Your Calendars
- ✓ Attend Every Week
- ✓ Join A Life Group

# Key Dates & Events

JAN  
22

**There is More:** Week One

+ Daily Devotional Starts Monday, January 23  
+ Life Groups Launch

JAN  
29

**There is More:** Week Two

+ Worship & Prayer Night at 6p

FEB  
5

**There is More:** Week Three

FEB  
12

**There is More:** Week Four

+ Leadership Event on February 18 at 6p

FEB  
19

**There is More:** Week Five

+ Pledge Sunday

FEB  
26

**There is More:** Week Six

+ Miracle Offering Sunday

# Your Opportunity

The *There Is More* campaign is a two-year journey designed to meet the needs our church has experienced since purchasing our miracle building. Buying this building wasn't the end for our vision but is just the beginning of what God has planned for our church. We're going to take care of the people God's bringing to us and provide an updated home for them to get to know and experience God for years to come.

Reaching people and changing lives always comes with obstacles and resistance. Our problems are an indication that God's just getting started with our church in this building. It's time to take our next step together to invest in and steward this facility well so that we can steward the people God is bringing to us.

As I reflect on this process, I'm so grateful for many of you who have already sacrificed so that hundreds could come to know Christ in these short three years as a church. Think about it, where would you be today if OneLife Church wasn't here? Would you say that God has used our church to impact your life and your family? Now think about the hundreds and maybe thousands of people that will soon experience what you have and will say yes to Jesus and make OneLife Church their home.

As you probably know already, God's kingdom doesn't advance by accident. It takes normal people like you and me stepping up in the *one life* we are given to make this vision a reality. It's going to take all of us sacrificing and exercising our faith to get there.

This is a spiritual journey of faith and stewardship. As we continue to build Jesus' church, He will grow us in the process. To complete everything we are wanting to do, we have an approximate need of \$1.2 million over the next couple of years. Don't be distracted by the number because what we're doing is so much bigger than money. This isn't about a facility or a building, this is about how God chooses to build. It's clear in scripture that God builds through the local church. He chooses to use a spiritual family where people do life together, love one another and grow together – that's what this this is all about. It's about all the lives that will be changed when we say yes.



To help visualize your pledge's impact over time, reference the chart below. Individually each of us will make an impact, but when we do it together, we will leave an even greater legacy that will impact generations to come.

## THIS CHART SHOWS THE IMPACT YOUR GIFT CAN HAVE OVER 2 YEARS.

TOTAL GIFT*	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
\$750,000	\$375,000	\$31,250	\$7,212
\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$4,808
\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$2,404
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$962
\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$721
\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$481
\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$240
\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$96
\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$48
\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$24
\$1,000	\$500	\$42	\$10
\$500	\$250	\$21	\$5

*\*Two (2) annual total gifts through February 26. Calculation approximations based on 24 months (104 weeks).*

# Creative Ways To Give

## **Gifts In-kind / Appreciable Assets**

Stocks, bonds, real estate and other assets provide ample giving opportunities coupled with considerable tax savings. Our Finance Team will help you donate appreciable assets, give stocks in certificate form, and make broker-to-broker transfers to optimize charitable contribution benefits and capital gains savings.

## **Automatic Contributions**

By signing up for online giving, either through your bank or our website, you can ensure your gift is automatically transferred on the day(s) of your choosing. This is an easy way to make your giving hassle-free and consistent.

## **Cash Flow Gifts**

You can give significantly by contributing smaller amounts at higher frequencies. Weekly, bi-monthly or monthly giving allows substantial gifts to be reached in smaller steps.

## **Diverted-Funds Gifts**

Some easy lifestyle adjustments can help allow you to increase your giving to God's work. Diverting funds from your budget for entertainment, dining out, subscriptions, etc., can help you free up funds to have a significant impact on your giving.

## **Delayed Non-Essential Purchases**

Forgoing some big purchases, such as automobiles, vacations, clothing, trips, etc., for a few years can create substantial giving opportunities.

## **Raises, Bonuses, Extra Work Income**

Dedicating forthcoming raises or bonuses is a creative method for increased giving. Taking a second or part-time job, utilizing your marketable hobbies or skills, or working overtime can create extra revenue you can funnel into God's kingdom.

### **Income-Producing Assets**

Any interest income, payments from rental properties, or monies from other income-producing assets can provide a source for increased giving.

### **Special Sales**

Consider selling unused items, hosting a garage sale or holding an online auction and giving the proceeds toward *There Is More*. The sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land or a business can also provide previously untapped revenue for giving.

### **Tax Refunds & Savings**

Added giving to OneLife Church can create tax savings. By giving these tax refunds and savings back to God's work, you can increase your total giving.

### **Freedom From Debt**

As you look ahead to the next couple of years, you may discover some current loans or debt obligations that will be fulfilled. By investing the money you would have been paying on a car or credit card balance once it's paid off, you can free up additional funds to give.

### **Charitable Giving Resources**

Reviewing your charitable gifts in light of the kingdom of God affords a resource for significant giving. For example, you might usually give to other causes and non-profits. Consider diverting those gifts to *There Is More* during your pledge, and resume these contributions afterward.

### **Corporate Gifts**

You might be able to make a significant donation by using the products or services of your business as a resource for giving.

*\*For additional assistance regarding your contributions or to make bequests and charitable planned gifts, call us at 720-379-3640.*



## Jon and JoAnna's Story

Jon and I moved to Colorado one year into our marriage. Before we even got married, we had decided that Colorado was where we knew God called us to plant roots – partially because Jon is a native of Colorado and partially because where else would anyone want to live but here. We found the church we wanted to be a part of and jumped in immediately. It was almost 2 years of volunteering before they were able to pay us, but we lived off my teaching salary and faith. We learned and grew so much in that church, and it eventually became comfortable – our safe place. By this point we had a full-time salary, good insurance that allowed us to have all four of our kids, and enough money to buy and renovate what we thought was our "forever home". We were prepared to stay at that church forever, but God had other plans for us.

In January of 2019, Jon preached a series in our youth group on Dreams. We had told the youth that if your dream doesn't scare you and if you know you could accomplish it on your own, then it wasn't big enough. We knew God was stirring our hearts for more. We began to hear Him calling us to "step out of the boat". The safety and comfort of our boat was a blessing because it brought us to the middle of the sea where Jesus would ask us to walk on water and plant OneLife Church.

God began moving all the pieces and bringing us the right people for our team, and on January 26, 2020, OneLife Church launched in Grandview High School. Every week got better and better until week seven, when Covid hit. The church pivoted quickly to meeting online and in homes and outside for drive-in services, and we saw tremendous growth spiritually and in relationships. In July we started meeting at Grandview High School again, and in September God provided a store-front building we could lease. We renovated it in four weeks and had our Grand Opening on October 25, 2020.

Over the next year and a half, God blessed our kid's ministry, our student ministry, our young adults ministry, our women's and men's ministries, and every part of the church. We began to outgrow the space and we knew God was calling us to start knocking on doors to find a permanent church home.

On Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, I preached a message on the Red Sea. God was telling us to march in faith to the Red Sea and watch it part before us. The next morning, we heard about Edge Church closing their doors and we knew that purchasing their building was our Red Sea. It seemed impossible, BUT GOD. We knocked on every door, talking to multiple banks and realtors. Every one of them told us, "No." It wasn't until we finally gave up trying that we received a phone call the next morning from the Solomon Foundation who said they would loan us the entire amount, with no money down. The Red Sea parted in a big way, and we began the march across the sea into our Promised Land. Over and over we have seen Red Sea moments where we have been faithful to go where God told us and do what He asked and yet we are stuck with the Red Sea in front of us and the Egyptian army behind us. We've had moments where entering our Promised Land seemed impossible, both personally and as a church. But, as we have been diligent to keep marching where He told us to march, and obedient to put our walking sticks into the water in faith, we have seen God do miracles.

Jon and I left our full-time pastoral positions in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 2011 only to accept volunteer positions for the next two years, yet God provided. We left our comfortable job as youth pastors to step out into the unknown of planting a church, yet God provided. We signed a lease that we could barely afford for a storefront location in the middle of 2020 Covid, yet God provided. We purchased a 42,000 square foot building that every bank and realtor told us we had no ground to even look at, yet God provided. Every miracle God has done in our lives individually as well as in the church was a direct response to how we stepped out in faith. We know God is about to part many more Red Seas at OneLife Church as each of us take our own steps of faith.







Week One  
Stepping out  
of the Boat

# Message Notes

## Stepping out of the Boat

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. – Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)*

Take your next step of faith and watch what God can do through you.

*Matthew 14:22-31 – [Peter Walks on Water]*

1. Keep your **focus** on Jesus.
2. Our faith unleashes the **supernatural**.
3. Faith is simply taking your **next step**.

*And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. – Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*

What next step has Jesus asked you to take?

### Three Questions of Faith:

1. What will God do if I do **nothing**?
2. What would God do if I said **yes** to Him?
3. What could God do through me if I **obeyed**?





# Life Group Discussion Guide

## The Big Idea

Each of us encounter defining moments along our life journey and these moments determine the course of our lives. Why? Because they require us to choose. In the Christian life the choices are clear. Will we choose to live our way or will we choose to live God's way. Our choice will determine whether our lives are mundane or infinitely more than we could ever imagine.

## Key Verses

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. – Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)*

*Matthew 14:22-31*

## Life Group Discussion

1. If you could rate your faith on a level from 1-10, with 10 being great faith, what would your rating be? Why did you select that number?
2. Take some time to read the main passage from this week in Matthew 14:22-31 - What stood out to you about this passage?
3. Like Peter stepping out of the boat. Have ever felt like God was taking you on a spiritual faith journey? What was the fruit of that season in your life?
4. What do you feel is a next step for you in your faith journey?
5. If you could get anything out of this life group, what would it be?
6. How can your life group be praying for you as we begin this journey?



# Monday

**January 23, 2023**

*Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.*

***Ephesians 3:20 NLT***

Have you ever received a gift or experienced a surprise that you didn't expect? Think back to the feeling you experienced at that moment. Really let it wash over you. Now think a little *More* about the fact that what God wants to do in you, for you, and through you will blow away even the most amazing surprises you've ever experienced. But like most things that come from God, it requires our participation, and it takes faith. One of the things about this passage that builds the most faith is that Paul is praying that the 'infinitely *More*' that God has for His people will be felt throughout future generations.

When you think about God doing *More* than you could ask or imagine, do you think about future generations? Are you limiting your expectations of God to what you perceive or hope for? Letting the power of God work through you means that you have to believe for *More* than seems possible. As it has been said, if your dreams are within your reach, your dreams are too small.

Before you wrap up, take a moment to pray and ask God to increase your faith. Pray for His power and strength to overwhelm your natural mind and inspire you to believe for the unbelievable.



# Tuesday

**January 24, 2023**

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Matthew 6:33 NIV**

We live in a time where so many things pull us in so many different directions all the time. While it's easy to blame it on the pace of modern society, the truth is we get pulled often because we want to be. While you may be getting pulled *More* and *More* into work, and hobbies and family, the reality is much of what we chase after is out of order. What the Bible teaches is that there is an order to what we seek after. And it all starts with seeking first His kingdom. But what does that mean?

It can mean a lot of things, but it certainly means putting your focus on God's word, God's will, and God's ways. It means prioritizing time in the word each day. It means praying and talking to Jesus *More* than you talk to anyone else. It also means prioritizing your time with spiritual family. Part of seeking first His kingdom means putting Him first with your time, talent, and treasure. It means faithfully, joyfully and consistently giving back to the Lord from what He has given you. It means showing up and worshipping and growing together. And it means inviting the Holy Spirit into your decisions.

So today, choose to put God's Word and His Kingdom first. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what in your life is coming ahead of His kingdom. He will show you if anything is out of order; your job is to respond in faith and reorder your life with everything behind the Kingdom.



# Wednesday

**January 25, 2023**

*And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.*

**Matthew 13:58 NLT**

Have you ever really considered that even Jesus was limited in what He could do because of the lack of faith in the people around Him? It's deep to really meditate on that, but it is absolutely true. Jesus, the son of God, was limited because of a lack of faith. It's important we understand that the limitation was not on the power of God but in the participation or lack thereof from people. While God is all-powerful and able to do whatever He wants, He chooses to work in and through people *More* than anything else. So often, God is ready to move, but He needs someone to move through. He needs someone to believe and say yes, and that is still true today. God has so much *More* in store for you than you could possibly imagine, but you have to be ready to participate.

Take a moment and pray that God would increase your faith and that He would show you where there is a lack of faith. Ask Him to remove any barriers of unbelief in your heart and mind and overwhelm you with faith for *More*! May it be said of you that God did many miracles in and through you because of your great faith!





# Thursday

**January 26, 2023**

*So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.*

**Galatians 3:26 NIV**

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...*

**Ephesians 2:8 NIV**

If you haven't gotten the picture of just how important faith is, Paul makes clear in these two passages that it is through faith that we are saved and become sons and daughters of God. What this tells us is that the most important things in life begin and end in faith. Everything we do that matters is a matter of faith. As you press into believing for *More*, it's important to be sure that you first exercise faith in the person of Jesus. Before we can believe for anything, we must believe in someone. That someone is Jesus.

Today, take a moment to pray, not just for something but to someone. Ask Jesus to increase your faith in Him. In the reality of His existence, in the reality of His love and in the reality that through Him, you are a son or daughter of the Most High God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you faith first and foremost to follow Jesus as a child of God. Once you experience, by faith, the genuine love of the Father for you, having faith for other things will come much *More* readily!



# Friday

**January 27, 2023**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

*Hebrews 11:6 NKJV*

You made it to Friday! It's only fitting that on this day, we would look at what it means to be diligent. As our passage for today says, without faith it is impossible to please God, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. The reminder in this passage is that we have a part to play in the activation of our faith. It reminds us that it is in fact, rewarding for us to diligently spend time with God. The maker of everything seen and unseen actually wants to spend time with you! He loves you and wants to connect with you in a deep way. He wants to reveal Himself to you along with His plans for His kingdom. Psalm 103:7 tells us that God revealed His acts to the people of Israel but He made known His ways to Moses. Some people only seek after the things that God can do for them- His acts, so to speak. But the writer of Hebrews tells us that reward comes from seeking Him, not just what He can do.

So as you wrap up this week of faith, take a moment to pray and confess with your mouth that you don't just want something from God, but you want God himself. As James says, if you draw near to Him, He will draw near to you.





# Luke and Jenny's Story

We're Luke and Jenny Kodanko, the parents of all those little redheads and blondes running around the halls of OneLife. Our family began attending OneLife in December of 2020, shortly after the church had moved into its first building. At the time, we had four young kiddos and another on the way. Like so many others, lockdowns and COVID protocols had been really isolating for our family, and we were searching for something to help our kids cope with the loneliness and feelings of disconnect they'd been experiencing. After service, our kids raved about the kids' ministry, and we felt great about all the people we'd met who warmly welcomed us after service.

For a few months, we'd felt that tug from God urging us to find a new church home. We'd been faithfully attending an established church in North Aurora for years, but we sensed God was bringing that chapter to a close. Our prayer was to get connected with a church plant and be a part of a church from the very beginning! We loved the authentic faith, contagious energy, and openness at One Life from the first Sunday we attended, and every message series was connected on a really deep level. Neither one of us had ever attended a church that placed such a priority on the emotional health of its people!

By the time our fifth baby was born in February, we knew it was time to officially make the switch. Our kids were begging to go back to church each week to see Pastor Danie, and we were soaking up every minute of the worship and messages. God was clearly moving us into a new chapter!

For the next year, we attended OneLife regularly. For Luke and I, the messages continued to hit home in all the areas God was really digging into within our personal lives. 2021 was a year of delving deep into old hurts and emotional wounds, begging God for healing so that we could move forward in freedom and serve Him well. Every week at church, there would be a song or a sentence in a message, or hugs from new friends that helped equip us throughout that difficult process.

Over the summer and fall, God gave us permission to serve at One Life in specific ways—a week at VBS, greeting before a service, or helping set up the desserts for the New Here lunch. We did all of these things as a family because we want our kids to understand that they too are a critical part of the body of Christ. Serving isn't just for adults!

Our kids were thriving under Pastor Danie's Spirit-led teaching, and they were dropping little nuggets into our conversations that revealed just how much they were absorbing from the teachings at church. One of our deepest desires is to raise our children to love Jesus, and we felt like we had a 'village' supporting us in that goal. It was amazing!

By the spring of 2022, we were helping out in Bridge ministry every few weeks and feeling that touch on our hearts to get even more involved. But

we had a problem, we were living 45 minutes away while we flipped a house. The distance made it difficult to form deep relationships or be hospitable—it wasn't easy to just invite people over for dinner or sign up to host a life group! We discussed moving back to Aurora, but the cost of housing was a significant barrier. We ran the numbers and found out that between appreciation and interest rates we would need almost two and a half times our mortgage to move back. That seemed wildly out of reach.

Meanwhile, at One Life, we were running out of room. We were even teaching the 4th - 6th graders out on the patio because we physically didn't fit inside! The auditorium was packed, and we'd look around on Sunday and think—we need a bigger place! But the church was facing the same problem we were—things were way too expensive.

Good thing we serve a God who still does miracles. The news of the new building was the direction from God that we needed. We dumped our financial obstacles in His lap—asking him to provide a better job and a house close to the church so we could do things like host a life group and have people over for dinner without asking them to drive for an hour. The job and the house seemed like insurmountable challenges, especially after touring a few open houses with our realtor. But is anything too hard for our God? In the space of three weeks, God had provided a new position that offered exactly that additional amount we had calculated, and we were under contract for a home that was six minutes away from OneLife's new building. We closed on our new house on July 29th and spent the next two weeks moving—including helping OneLife move into the new building on August 7th! God is so cool!

Several years ago, Luke began praying Matthew 5:14 - You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. At the time, it was a prayer for our church to have more influence and testimony of God's power and faithfulness within our community. We never imagined how literally God would take that prayer! This entire process, of choosing OneLife as our church, serving as we've been led, and giving financially towards the miracle building has been a huge faith builder for Luke and me. It's been amazing to see God unleash His power through each one of us at OneLife and use all of us to accomplish his mission.

Since the move, we've worked on the greeting team as a family. Our kids love meeting visitors as they come, and even our almost two-year-old gets involved—she is delighted to wave and have people wave back. We've loved every second of working in the Bridge ministry, and our 4th-6th graders are an awesome group of humans! We've filled the huge house God provided for us with a weekly life group, countless dinners, Bridge BBQs, girls' nights, guys' nights, and whatever else has come across our path. It's been a wildly busy fall, but we're absolutely thrilled about what God is doing through OneLife. Our church is a city on a literal hill, shining for Jesus, and we're grateful to be a part of it!









Week Two  
God's Perspective

# Message Notes

## God's Perspective

*But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33 (NIV)*

*The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. – Psalm 24:1 (NKJV)*

A steward is not an \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_ over something owned by another.

### Understanding God's Perspective:

*Matthew 25:14 [Parable of the Talents]*

1. God Owns \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matthew 6:21; Proverbs 4:23*
2. God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_ what He gives us.  
*Matthew 25:15-16*
3. God holds us \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matthew 25:20-30*
4. We must not take lightly what God \_\_\_\_\_ to us.  
*Matthew 25:28-30*
5. Stewardship starts with \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Matthew 16:25*

Biblical and spiritual surrender is a constant choice.

God is the owner and we are the stewards.



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## The Big Idea

God created everything on Earth for us to enjoy. Everything belongs to him and we are just stewards of what he has given us. We can't see His Plan without His perspective and embracing our role as caretakers or stewards of all He puts in our hands. Stewardship starts with surrendering. Opening up our hands and asking God what he wants us to do with our everything in our lives.

## Key Verses

*Matthew 25:14-30 [The Parable of the Talents]*

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. - Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)*

## Life Group Discussion

1. Was there anything in the passage of the Parable of the Talents that stood out to you?
2. According to Romans 12:1, how is surrender tied to worship? According to Romans 12:2, how is surrender tied to understanding God's will?
3. Is surrendering everything to God difficult or easy? Does it make life difficult or easy when we surrender?
4. When God asks you to surrender, He always has your best interest in mind. How does that help you trust Him more?
5. Have you ever had a true "surrender" moment with God? Tell us about it.



# Monday

**January 30, 2023**

*“The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”*

**Psalm 24:1 ESV**

Everything with God begins with surrender. Simply put, if you want to live God’s way, then you have to embrace a life of surrender to God. As the Psalmist says, everything seen and unseen comes from Him. It’s not that your choice to acknowledge that makes it true. It’s true whether you believe it or not. But when you come into agreement with truth, you find yourself in a position to be used by God and blessed by God. Throughout the Bible, you can find a common theme: The people who lived lives of great purpose and meaning were the ones who put God first and chose a life of surrender. Though they were always growing, they never outgrew that lifestyle.

“Surrender” is not exactly a word that evokes a lot of excitement. It feels *More* like a symbol of defeat, like raising the white flag or giving up. Especially if you come from a sports or military background, the idea of surrender is an idea you’ve spent a lot of time pushing out of your mind. But that is because in sports and military, surrender is associated with defeat. The interesting thing about God is that He never forces us to surrender and surrendering to God is the opposite of defeat. It’s actually the act that allows you to be empowered to win. It is in the act of surrendering to Jesus that we get His love, His power, His strength, His vision, His plans, His ways, and ultimately, it’s how we make an impact on the world around us.

Think back on your life for a moment. Have you truly surrendered yourself to Jesus? Not just some of your life, but all of who you are, completely surrendered to Him? Have you gotten past just singing "Jesus Take the Wheel" and actually given Him the keys to the car that is your life? Make no mistake about it; the journey of faith is a journey of surrender. You have to surrender what’s in your power in order to

gain what is not. Take a moment today and pray. Tell the Lord that whatever it is He wants, He can have. Then ask Him what He wants and wait in silence for Him to speak. He will show you the parts of your life that aren't surrendered. And when He does, the best thing you could possibly do is lay down those parts of your life. Give them to Him and watch Him make a miracle out of your mess.

**What is God saying to me?**

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# Tuesday

**January 31, 2023**

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’*

**Matthew 25:23 CSB**

The importance of faithfulness in the economy of heaven can't be overstated. The parable of the talents illustrates so clearly that God wants... no... God demands that we not just sit on what He gives us but that we do something with it. Sometimes what God gives us is finances; sometimes, it's a talent like speaking, leading, playing an instrument, writing software, counseling, teaching, and *More*. Underneath all of this is in fact, a life that is surrendered to God. In the parable, the servants aren't asked to multiply the investments for their own benefit but for the benefit of the Master. In the same way, our entire lives are a gift to us from our master, and He is asking us to give that life back to Him. As we look deeper into what it means to live a life of surrender, we will look at the life of Abraham.

In Genesis 12, God tells Abraham to pack up everything and move to a faraway land. But, instead of providing a specific plan and a specific destination, God says, “to the land I will show you.” In other words, Abraham has to obey God while also not having a complete understanding of where He's going and how to get there.

Sometimes we can think of Abraham as a young man out trying to make it on His own and encountering God, but this isn't the case. At the time that God called Abraham, he was already seventy-five years old. At that age, most people are ready to retire, not go on an unknown trek to an unknown land! Not only was Abraham old, but he was also successful. He was wealthy and had built a nice life for himself. He had servants, livestock, and influence. Yet, God called Abraham away from all that, asking him to risk it all and follow Yahweh God to a land he didn't even know.



Just like Abraham, maybe you have worked hard to carve out a nice life for yourself and your family. Or maybe you are working on a plan to that end. But what if God interrupted your plans and asked you to risk it all—to go on a journey of faith even if you couldn't even see how you would get there and what it would cost you? Could you do it? Would you do it?

Take a moment today to pray and ask God to show you if He has your heart or if your own hopes, plans, and aspirations have your heart. Ask Him to create in you the willingness to surrender your plans for His plans. The amazing thing about God is that when we surrender ourselves to Him, we always gain *More* in the end.

**What is God saying to me?**

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# Wednesday

**February 1, 2023**

*Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."*

**Genesis 22:1-2 NIV**

As we continue on in looking at the life of Abraham to gain perspective on how to follow God in all that we do, we find Abraham living on faith for 25 years. In addition to creating history with following God, we also find that Abraham has finally received the fulfilled promise of a son, which was necessary for everything else that God had promised him to come to pass.

Can you imagine what must have been going through Abraham's mind as he walked Isaac up that mountain? This was his son, his future, his legacy. This was what he had given everything up for, and now God was asking him to lay it all down, to re-surrender, and start all over... again.

Take a moment today to sit with the emotions that would come if you were Abraham. If you had given up everything you had and everything you'd known to follow God, and now God is asking for *More*. Asking the seemingly impossible.

As you consider that, consider this. Living God's way is not a moment; it is a long obedience in the same direction. The idea that we can grit our teeth and push and do something momentarily out of sheer force of will and then check out and coast — is not biblical.

We never graduate from following Jesus in a surrendered life. He always calls us to greater levels of commitment and trust. What could He be calling you to?



# Thursday

**February 2, 2023**

*This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by my own name that I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number.*

**Genesis 22:16-17a NLT**

When God asked Abraham to surrender Isaac, God was asking for it all. This was not an ask for something that didn't cost everything. The ask was for something that could never be replaced. And yet, because Abraham was willing to give God whatever he asked for, God provided a ram to take Isaac's place. Not only did God give Isaac back, but he also pronounced an incredible blessing over Abraham's life, declaring, "Because you have not withheld your son... I will surely bless you."

So what does all this mean for you and me? It means that God does not ask us to surrender something to test us but to bless us. God can't bless what we hold on to with tight fists. When he puts something into our hands, we have a choice to make. Will we possess it and control it, or steward it according to the instruction of the Lord? Though it is difficult, it doesn't have to be. Once we freely give back to the Lord whatever he asks for, then our hands are open to receive from God freely.

Take a moment today to ask the question. Is there something God may be asking you to surrender? Take comfort in knowing that when you obey God and lay it down, you will find a life, a joy, and a peace so much greater than you could imagine. Once you take the posture of surrender, you'll be in the perfect position to receive God's greater blessing in return.



# Friday

**February 3, 2023**

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.*

***Psalms 20:7 NIV***

Living God's way requires trusting in God's ways. As we learned last week, it all starts by putting faith in Jesus. Part of that faith is believing that He is with us, He is for us, and He will never leave or forsake us. Even as we come to believe that, learning to trust God is still a process. Here is what that process looks like:

First, *God calls you to do something*. No matter where you are, God will call you to join Him at some new level and in some new challenge. This call never comes without a cost. You can be sure that whatever God asks of you will involve sacrifice and surrender. So next, *you'll wrestle with God*. "God, was that really You or just the pizza? God, that's crazy! How could You ask me to do that? What will people say?" But what comes next changes everything—you *hear God speak*. Maybe it is during prayer time, or perhaps it is through someone else, through a sermon, a song, or even from a friend over coffee. But when God speaks, there is nothing like it. His word will fill you with vision, passion, hope, and joy. Then finally, you come back to God, openhanded, and *re-surrender*.

Always remember, no matter how old you are and how much history you have with God, you never outgrow this process. Spiritual maturity is not skipping a step; it is moving through the steps faster. Remember, whenever you reach re-surrender moments with God, they are actually invitations to join Him at the next level. As we embark on this journey believing that *There Is More*, think about where God is trying to take you with Him. Are you ready to go follow wherever He may lead?





## Jon's Story

Like many young men and women you will meet, I grew up in the church. I was instructed in right living, and good doctrine, but without any mention of God's grace, his love, or any understanding of what living a spirit-led life consisted of. An attitude of perfectionism grew from the seeds planted in my early years in the church. My dad was a volatile individual, stemming from both his upbringing, and a work accident which left him unable to properly control his anger. His temper rested on a hairpin trigger; his responses often completely disproportionate to the offense in question. Not only was he hard to please, but he was very easy to displease. This, when paired with the perfectionism I was beginning to develop, led to me being repeatedly hurt. All of this swelled up into hopelessness and bitterness towards my dad and God; feelings I was ill-equipped to handle as an adolescent, which would impact my relationship with authority, the church, and God moving forward.

In 6th grade, I was invited to a youth event being held by my grandmother's church at Redstone Park. This is when I met Jon and JoAnna Brannberg, the youth pastors of 6Twelve. I didn't know it then - and I'm sure I still don't fully understand the scope of it now - but this was an encounter which would drastically change the course of my life. Prior to this point, I had no interests beyond computer games and YouTube, nothing even resembling a good role-model, no close friends to speak of, and a total lack of interest in anything having to do with the church. I began to attend 6Twelve's Saturday evening middle school youth services, and slowly began to develop relationships, with friends like Henry Shallenberger and Rocky Holloway, and mentors like Jon and JoAnna.

At some point in my seventh grade year, Jon approached me, asking



if I'd like to learn to play guitar, and join the youth worship team. I'd tried to learn guitar before, because my dad played and I wanted to impress him, but I became frustrated with my failure to immediately master it, and so I gave up. At this point, I had very little interest in music, but for whatever reason though, I said yes and sat down with Jon for a short lesson. His willingness to take time out of his schedule, and patiently sit with me to teach me two chords, meant more to me than he will ever know. I gradually developed a passion for music that likely never would have been if it hadn't been for that one moment where God led Jon to take a chance on the one person: the awkward, quiet kid in his youth group.

I learned to connect with God through music - songs taught me more about his grace, his love, his CHARACTER, than any sermon I'd ever heard could've. At a youth retreat called Heartwork, during worship, I felt compelled to pray, and to commit my life to the Lord. After praying - for the first time, giving my life to God - and crying in the front on my knees for a while, I went to get prayer from a leader: Craig Carson. He spoke into me a prophetic word I will never forget; he told me that there was a lion's spirit inside of me, that I was called to worship like David, and that one day I would write for the Lord. To this day, I recognize that moment as the moment where God gave me my calling.

Jon and JoAnna would eventually leave 6Twelve to start OneLife, and after some time, I followed them. Despite not talking with Jon for about a year prior to showing up at Grandview High School for a Sunday service, he was immediately excited to see me. I was instantly put on a camera, and brought into the family of volunteers at OneLife. The next week, I was on the worship team, working with JoAnna again for the first time in about three years. The week after that, the first building was announced, and I knew that I was called to make OneLife my church home. He brought me here to walk alongside Jon and JoAnna as they bring glory to God through their obedience and faith. God has put me where I am, and I will continue to do what he called me to do all those years ago at retreat. I'll go anywhere, and I'll do anything, because my home is in his presence, and my purpose is to worship him.







Week Three  
God's Voice

# Message Notes

## God's Voice

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me. – John 10:27-28 (NLT)*

*I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me. [...] My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. – John 10:14, 27 (NLT)*

## Four Ways We Hear God's Voice

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Word (Logos)  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17*
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Word (Rhema)  
*John 1:1; Hebrews 4:12*
3. Church \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ephesians 4:11-20*
4. Following God's \_\_\_\_\_  
*1 Corinthians 14:33, Colossians 3:15*

*For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace... – Isaiah 55:12 (ESV)*

*To hear God speak, we must first \_\_\_\_\_ to obey what He says.*



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## The Big Idea

God is constantly speaking, and the way we show we hear Him is through obedience.

The Christian life isn't about saying yes to Jesus once but saying yes to Him repeatedly, in every step and every season. He wants to speak to us but it may not be loud; it is in the still, small voice. Jesus shows us infinitely more as we learn to listen, trust and obey Him.

## Key Verses

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me. – John 10:27-28 (NLT)*

## Life Group Discussion

1. Do you ever struggle with hearing God's voice? Why or why not?
2. How can you know for sure when God is speaking to you?
3. God speaks to us in multiple ways. Sometimes He speaks through His Word, sometimes He speaks through our relationships, and sometimes He speaks to us directly through the Holy Spirit. Tell us about a time God clearly spoke to you through one of these ways.
4. Which is more difficult: hearing God's voice or obeying what He says? Explain.
5. Tell us about a time you stepped out to obey God. What was the result?



# Monday

**February 6, 2023**

*My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*

**John 10:27-28 NASB**

The God who made all things seen and unseen wants to speak to you! Have you ever thought about that? Like, really considered it? Hearing God is not a privilege reserved just for pastors, elders, and church leaders. The Bible teaches us that God speaks to every Christian. If you are a Christ-follower, that includes you!

In John 10:27-28, Jesus assures us that He speaks to every one of His followers. That means every Christian *can* hear God's voice. If someone says, "God never talks to me," it just means they probably do not know how to hear God speak. If that is you, if you have never heard God's voice before, that can change! It all begins with faith and a real relationship with God. If you want to hear from God and never have, stop for a moment and say this prayer, with faith, out loud, slowly, right now:

*Jesus, I want to know You. I want to follow You. I want to hear Your voice. Please reveal Yourself to me more and teach me to hear you in the midst of this noisy world. Please quiet my mind, quiet my heart, and allow me to hear. Amen.*

A simple prayer like that is a great place to start cultivating your relationship with God. Now that you've done it once, go back and do it again, but even slower, with *More* faith, *More* intentionality. And then wait. Wait a while. Allow at least 5 minutes to sit and wait and listen. The further we press into the journey of *More* is not simply about our finances. We know *There Is More* for us to learn about the love of God, the voice of God, and what it really means to follow Him. God wants to speak to you! Are you ready to hear?





# Tuesday

**February 7, 2023**

*And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*

**Genesis 1:3 ESV**

Yesterday we looked at the truth that God wants to speak to us. However, sometimes we have trouble hearing His voice because we do not really believe He will speak to us. Whether it is a belief that God does not speak to anyone today or that God would not speak to you personally, these beliefs form a barrier that can keep us from hearing from God.

Both mindsets are wrong. At its foundation, Christianity is not just about following rules and regulations; it's about a relationship with the God of heaven, the person of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

We all know that the basis of any good relationship is communication. Do you want to know the good news? God is a communicator! Over and over in the Bible you will find this phrase, “And God said...” From Genesis 1 through Revelation 22, God speaks. And He still speaks to us today.

To hear God's voice, we must believe and embrace the fact that God loves to talk to us. He loves to make His will known to us. Time and again, God is the one who initiates conversations with us. We have to *believe* He is speaking and remain *willing* to listen. Do you believe God wants to speak to you? Do you believe He wants to communicate with you? Whether you have experienced God's voice many times in your life or have never heard Him, the truth is that He speaks. And He wants to speak to you today! If you heard the voice of God yesterday, take a moment to thank Him for speaking and ask Him to continue! If you did not hear from God yesterday, go back to the prayer we prayed at the end of our time yesterday. Take your time and go through it slowly again, paying *More* attention to the listening than the asking.



# Wednesday

**February 8, 2023**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

**2 Timothy 3:16 NIV**

As we press in and learn to hear the voice of God, it's important we understand that there are three ways God speaks to us today:

1. *God speaks through Scripture.* God will never speak something personally to you that contradicts what He has already said in His Word. The great thing about the Bible is that you never have to wonder if it is God or not. It is all God-breathed, but you still have to know what His Word says to learn how to hear Him speak.
2. *God speaks through the Holy Spirit.* One of the Holy Spirit's jobs is to speak to you. His voice could be described as an inner witness that you sense, an impression or a strong recurring thought, a deep calming peace, a genuine excitement, or an internal warning or check in your spirit. The Bible also teaches that the Holy Spirit will remind us of everything in the Word. Again, this means that the Holy Spirit will never speak something to you that is in conflict with the written Word of God.
3. *God speaks through the Church.* That is right! God will use the collective wisdom and counsel of the body of Christ to help you discern His voice. Sometimes it can be challenging to know when God is telling you something. This is where His people can help. God wants you to process your thoughts with other believers. And He can speak so powerfully to you through these conversations. He can give you wisdom and direction.

The *More* time you spend in God's Word, with God's people, and listening to His Spirit, the *More* you will know His voice.

Today, take a moment and pray that God would breathe new life on His Word, that it would jump off the pages and into your heart, becoming revelation *More* than information. And finally, pray that you can hear God *More* clearly through others who are full of His Spirit.

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# Thursday

**February 9, 2023**

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.*

**James 1:22 NIV**

Have you ever tried giving advice to someone who did not want to listen? Maybe it was a child or a friend, a co-worker or a boss... or a spouse—but we will let that one go! It is not that they could not physically hear you, but you knew they would not listen to what you had to say. So, when you know someone will not listen, does it make you want to talk with them?

In a similar way, why would God speak to us if He knows we will not listen? You will hear God a lot clearer when you predetermine to listen and obey what He says. Think of it like tuning in to your favorite radio station. You have to tune it to the right frequency in order to hear. What is God's frequency? It is surrender.

When you fully surrender to God, it places you in a position to hear His voice *More* clearly. That is why we started week one of our journey with surrender. We do not surrender simply because God is good. We surrender because He is God. What He says is absolute for our lives. So right now, determine in your heart that when God speaks to you during this *There Is More* journey, no matter what He says, you will obey. And you will be amazed at how much clearer His voice will be.



# Friday

**February 10, 2023**

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

**Joshua 1:9 NIV**

Almost any time God calls you to take a step of obedience, it can seem scary. But if you fight through the fear and follow God, you will see the miraculous take place. When you obey God, here is what you gain:

1. *You gain God’s presence.* In John 14:21, Jesus connects love and obedience together, saying, *“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me, and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”* We don’t obey Jesus out of duty or obligation. We obey Him because we love Him. And His promise is that He will be with us.
2. *You gain generational impact.* When you obey God, the people closest to you will see. Psalm 103:17-18 (NLT) says, *“But the love of the Lord remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children’s children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!”*
3. *You gain courage.* Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is doing what God has called you to do in spite of and in the face of fear. Each time you take a step of faith and fight through fear, God proves Himself faithful, and your courage will grow.

Today as you conclude this week, take a moment to pray again that the voice of the Lord would be the primary guidance for your life. And pray that you would gain His presence, His courage and that by His power, your life would make a generational impact.







# Jason and Christa's Story

It's hard to figure out where to start since God has been faithful so many times throughout our marriage, but for this story, we will start in October 2021. At this point in time, we had been in a season of splendor after going through some really, really hard financial years before that. However, things at Jason's job weren't looking great and we were getting a little worried that we were heading back into a season of hard times. One Sunday that October, our missionaries from the Dominican Republic came to speak and shared their needs. We felt God speak very clearly that we were to give a very large amount to them. This is not something we've ever done, because when your finances are always up and down, you hold onto your savings tightly. But, we decided to take this step of obedience and give this very large amount away. We hoped God would bless us with some financial stability, but regardless we felt at peace with this gift. God certainly blessed us as He always does with wonderful family and friends, but we didn't see any improvement in Jason's job or our financial outlook.

Fast forward to May 2022 and what we feared came to light. Despite Jason's efforts to find a new job beforehand, he was laid off at the end of May. Now, I only worked part-time, and my income was not even close to enough to cover our monthly expenses. Jason did everything he could to find a job but found himself unemployed for several months. He filed for unemployment, but the state was so backed up that they said we wouldn't see any money for 10-12 weeks (it took more like 16). Thankfully, we did have some savings to tide us over, but we were burning through that pretty quickly. I also began looking for a new job to try and help, though my challenge has always been finding a job that gives me the flexibility to take care of the kids, so it was not a quick or easy search. Things were not looking good, and we feared we were heading into another really dark and trying season, but we knew God had gotten us through before and we knew He would get us through again.

Meanwhile, OneLife was given this once-in-a-lifetime chance to purchase our new building, but they needed money. Initially, we thought we had given so much of our time, talent, and treasure to help the church get this far that we would be okay sitting this one out. Certainly, they'd understand we didn't have any money to give. That

worked for a few weeks, but then one week I was leading worship and had come in to catch the very end of the second service. As I was getting ready to go back up, God spoke very clearly to me. God is so unpredictable. Here I am listening to the end of a sermon I'd already heard focusing on not distracting others as I came in, and yet this was when God decided to speak. He very clearly told me to give another very large donation, bigger than the one we'd given in October and almost the exact amount we had left in our savings. This time I was a little less eager to part with it.

I spent several weeks asking God to confirm that I heard Him correctly. He did. I talked to Pastor JoAnna hoping there was some sort of biblical excuse I could not do it. She very lovingly and gently told me what I already knew, there wasn't. We are called to be obedient, period. This whole time I hadn't said a word to Jason because I wanted God to tell him as well, as further confirmation. He didn't. So finally, one day as we were leaving church I told him, and after some reluctant discussion, we decided to obey and give the money to the church. Despite all the resistance we felt peace when we wrote that check. The church ended up with enough money to get our miracle building, but we were personally still living on fumes.

However, in August, Jason finally started a new job that's been the best job he's ever had. He's enjoying it, it's providing for our family, and — for the first time in 8 years — we have health insurance again. I also started a new job in September that allows me complete flexibility, is full-time, and over doubled my salary. On top of that, they offered me an additional bonus, which is the EXACT amount God asked us to give to the church. Go God! I've always heard about these types of stories, but I had never been able to experience this type of "coincidence" that is absolutely not a coincidence.

We hope this brings you some hope for whatever situation you may be going through. Sometimes God's blessings are immediate and obvious and sometimes they take a lot longer. But God is always faithful and that's something you can depend on. The only way you get to see God come through is to step beyond your abilities and let Him carry you. The more you do it, the easier it becomes. If this is your first time stepping out of the boat and into the water, I pray you have the courage to say yes and let God show you who He is. He is loving and faithful and he is always working all things for the good of those who love him. Trust him. He's better than money in the bank.







Week Four  
God's Invitation

# Message Notes

## God's Invitation

1. God's Invitation starts with a \_\_\_\_\_

*John 6:1-13*

2. God's Invitation is sensed by His \_\_\_\_\_

*But he answered, "You give them something to eat." – Mark 6:37*

3. God's Invitation requires a step of \_\_\_\_\_

*Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" – John 6:8-9*

## God chooses to work through people

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work **within us**, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. – Ephesians 3:20*

## Why Is It Hard to Give Up Our Lunch:

1. It's easier to ignore others when we're \_\_\_\_\_
2. God often asks us to do things that don't make \_\_\_\_\_
3. We forget that God \_\_\_\_\_ what you offer Him



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## The Big Idea

God chooses to work through us just like he used the boy with the lunch. It isn't because He wants something from us but because He wants to do something through us. God invites us to give up our lunch to experience a miracle. God will never make us do something against our will. But when we align our will to His, He paves the way to infinitely more in our life.

## Key Verses

*John 6:1-13 [The Feeding of The Five Thousand]*

## Life Group Discussion

1. God uses the little boy with the lunch. Why do you think God invites us to participate in His miracle process? Could God just do the miracle Himself?
2. Can you think of a time when you surrendered a "little" of your time, talents or treasure and God supernaturally multiplied that small lunch?
3. Do we sometimes resist stepping out and participating with God? Why is that?
4. There are three types of giving back to God (giving in all areas, not just financial). Discuss the difference between these three types of giving.
  - (1) I'll give what I can afford.
  - (2) I will give sacrificially
  - (3) I'll give and expect God to multiply my gift
5. Where are you in the process right now: surrendering to God, hearing His voice, obeying what He says, or believing God to do a miracle through you? Which part of this process is the most difficult for you?





# Monday

**February 13, 2023**

*When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.*

**John 6:5-6 NIV**

There's only one miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four gospels, and that is the loaves and fishes miracle. When approaching the Bible, every word of the Lord is of paramount importance, and yet when we find something referred to as the principle of repetition, it stands out as *even more* significant. As we look at this incredible miracle, we find Jesus feeding 5,000 men *and* their families with only a single, small lunch!

The setting for this miracle is also significant. There is a large crowd of people who have all come to see Jesus, but the day is getting long, and there weren't any food trucks at this event! In the midst of an unsettled crowd, Jesus then asks His disciples where they should buy bread to feed them all. With this question, Jesus is actually asking them the impossible. There was nowhere to find enough bread to feed the hungry crowd. Whatever was in their ability to imagine, this was beyond that. But Jesus wasn't asking a question He didn't already have the answer to. He was inviting His disciples into the problem so they would understand the need. The verse says that He did this to test them, for He already knew what He would do.

Philip responded to Jesus, "It would take *More* than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Of course, Jesus knew that as well, but it is exactly that kind of situation that allows God to show off. Luke 18:27 says, "*What is impossible with man is possible with God.*" When you find yourself in a situation that seems impossible, remember this story. God may be inviting you into a problem He already has a solution for.



# Tuesday

**February 14, 2023**

*But He answered, "You give them something to eat."*

**Mark 6:37 NIV**

Every time we see a miracle in the Bible we can find three ingredients in the mix. The first ingredient is 'need.' Jesus had been teaching all day, and it was getting late. The people were getting hungry and needed to eat. There's nothing worse than the preacher running long when you're hungry, right? Jesus knew that too! But He went a little longer and let them get a little uncomfortable because as time went on, the need grew larger. And keep in mind that in the context of this story, starvation was a real and present threat. Missing a meal was a big deal, and the need was real.

Second, not only is there a need but there is a sense of the need. In this story, everyone sensed it! The people were hungry, the disciples knew it, and Jesus highlighted it. What is remarkable is that Jesus not only had a solution but instead of just solving the problem himself, He invited them to participate in the miracle. And that is something Jesus is still doing today! He still works miracles in and through people. Like any good father, God wants us to grow as much as He wants to solve our problems. Often times it is in our own growing and stretching that the problems are solved. But whether the miracle happens quickly or over time, God is always inviting us to be part of the process.

The final ingredient is... you guessed it, faith! Jesus' disciples found the boy with the loaves and fish. They obviously had their doubts about this, but they acted in faith. And that is key. Doubt is a normal part of the process. Some faith teachers will tell you that you can't doubt, but sometimes doubting is inevitable, and thoughts are sometimes hard to control. The key is to act in faith and watch your mindset follow instead of waiting for a mindset of faith to act it out. Sometimes God will give you a gift of faith before He calls you to act. But sometimes He calls you to act specifically to build your faith as you obey. That's

what happened in this story. His disciples gathered the food available, passed it out until everyone had enough, sat and ate with everyone, and then cleaned up the leftovers! They played a part in the miracle! And today, God is calling us to the same type of faith in action. When there is a need that is sensed by a group of people who step out in faith, regardless of the odds, God does miracles!

**What is God saying to me?**

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# Wednesday

**February 15, 2023**

*“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”*

**John 6:9 (NIV)**

Another striking element of this profound story is that in order for God to perform the miracle, there was a boy who had to give up his lunch. Think about it. He was the only person in the crowd who did not need a miracle. He had his lunch. It was everyone else who was hungry! And yet, he was the one who was challenged the most!

There are many times in life when you and I may be that boy. Sometimes you may not see the need for the miracle because you already have what you need. If we don't understand that everything we have comes from God, it can be a tough ask when He wants some of it, or in this case, all of it back. But He's not asking so that the boy will go without. He asks so He can use what the boy has to bless others. And He often does the same with us to shift our perspectives. That shift isn't easy, but it can be made, and once you see it, you begin to actually understand what it means to be blessed, to be a blessing!

Even when you change your perspective, there is still another challenge. Not only did the boy have to give up his lunch, but his lunch was so insignificant when compared to the size of the crowd, the natural question is... how could this small sacrifice even matter? The problem with natural questions is that they are natural. Jesus is in the supernatural business. So He can take a little and turn it into an abundance. He is the God of *“more than enough.”* And this isn't who He was at one time. It's who He still is and how He still works through us. We give in faith because God asks for it, not because it makes sense and certainly not because it seems natural. It doesn't matter how much you have. God is not looking at the size of your bank account. He's looking at the size of your faith and the measure of your obedience. And in His hands, He can turn our seemingly small gifts

into an abundance of blessings for many!

Today, take a moment to pray and ask God to help you see clearly your current perspective and to help you see *More* clearly from His.

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# Thursday

**February 16, 2023**

*He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.*

**Job 5:9 NIV**

Back in week one, we looked at what it means to go beyond our own imaginations. Sometimes before you can believe the impossible *from* God, you first have to get clear about what you believe *about* God. The pages of the Bible are filled with miracle stories where God did what only God can do. But sometimes, it is easy to think of those Bible stories simply as “stories”— something that happened a long time ago. We wonder if God does miracles today.

This isn't unique. The same doubt we experience today existed during Jesus' earthly ministry. Matthew 13:58 (CSB) tells us that the people from Jesus' hometown took offense with Him and that *“he did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.”* As we said before, this verse doesn't mean God is dependent on our faith in order to move. God is God entirely independent of us. Our right belief in Him is not what makes Him exist, but it is what can often determine how He works in and through us.

Let's look again at our key verse for *There Is More*, Ephesians 3:20 ISV, *“Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.”* As a church, we are believing for God to do an incredible financial miracle through our church to expand the reach of His kingdom in southeast Denver. But what about you, on a personal level? What need do you have in your life today? Is there something that seems impossible? That matters to God just as much as the big picture. In fact, that's how it works. God works in the individual pictures to create the big picture.

So today, take a moment to bring your need to God. When you do, ask in faith! Believe He will work on your behalf, and you may just find the God of miracles alive and well today!





# Friday

**February 17, 2023**

*Now to the one who can do infinitely more than all we can ask or imagine according to the power that is working among us.*

***Ephesians 3:20 ISV***

Keeping our key verse in front of us, is there something in your life so impossible that you can only ask God to do it? Is there something so impossible you can hardly imagine it? Ephesians 3:20 says you serve a God who can meet that need and exceed your wildest imagination. He doesn't just work in the confines of what we can imagine. He goes beyond that!

When it comes to what you can give in this journey of *More*, there are three levels of giving to consider. The first level is *what you can afford*. This is what you can easily give. It's what you can fit into your budget. It is a gift, and it is entirely possible.

The second level of giving is *what you can sacrifice*. This goes a step further. It is no longer safe. At this level, you have to give something up. Maybe it is your morning coffee, a new flat-screen TV, a family vacation, or a house renovation. Whatever it is, it's a sacrifice—but it is possible.

This leads you to the final level of giving, which is *what you can trust God to do through you*. This is the supernatural level. This is the miraculous. At this level, the miracle is far beyond and so much *More* than what you can calculate or even sacrifice. It is something only God can do. How amazing would it be to hear God, step out in faith, and go beyond yourself to experience what only God can do?

Today, take a moment and pray. Ask God to show you the expanse of His kingdom vision for the impact our church will make. His plans are certainly far beyond our plan. They are *More* than we could ask or





## Mireya's Story

I was raised believing God was either absent, apathetic, or callous. My parents were of different religions, were strict, and didn't have a clear foundation themselves, so my first beliefs about God were what I learned from them. As a child, I was literally taught to fear the Lord — to literally be afraid of Him — and to work or earn His love and grace, which felt impossible.

As I grew older, I found it easier to keep my distance from God, so I wouldn't feel the guilt and shame of the sins I was living. I did not yet know that I couldn't hide from His Omnipresence. Years after I gave my life to Jesus Christ, I continued to feel like God was condemning me because of my sinful past, hardened heart, and selfish ways. I was nothing and would never be worthy of His love and acceptance. I believed I deserved the struggles, disappointments, and financial hardships that were always present.

It took coming to OneLife Church and surrounding myself with people who love Jesus and want to love others just as Jesus does. I'm blessed to be in Life Groups, where we come together, share our struggles, and encourage one another while asking God's presence to be at the center. Seeking the Word of God has penetrated my heart, and I now know that He loves me, He has forgiven me of my sins, and accepts me into His Kingdom.

My Church family reminds me to find joy in the struggles because I am not alone; God is faithful and will never leave me. The more faith, trust, and dependence I put in Jesus, the more peace and joy I feel. It is not easy to surrender it all for fear of not knowing what God will do next. But not surrendering (for example, our finances) is telling Jesus, "I trust you, but let me control this part." So, I put all my trust in Jesus, knowing that He always provides for me and my loved ones. I fully trust in Jesus Christ, who is my Lord and Savior. I believe the Bible is inerrant, and I ask Him daily for direction.





# Week Five Legacy

# Message Notes

## Legacy

*“One Life ‘twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.”*

### What lasts in eternity?

- \_\_\_\_\_ (the word of God)
- \_\_\_\_\_ who know Jesus

### How to build a legacy:

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your role.

*1 Corinthians 3:6-9; Psalm 145:4; 2 Timothy 2:2*

2. Only what is built on \_\_\_\_\_ will last.

*1 Corinthians 3:10-11; 1 Corinthians 9:25*

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to make a legacy, make \_\_\_\_\_ count.

*1 Corinthians 3:10-15*

What is your legacy?

Don't underestimate a lifetime of faithfulness.

[The Ripple Effect]





# Life Group Discussion Guide

## The Big Idea

Everything in this world is passing away. Only two things will remain, God's Word and people who know Jesus. Legacy cannot be contained by buildings—our legacy will be what God does through the lives of people and future generations.

## Key Verses

*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:11*

*The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."— Genesis 12:1-3*

## Life Group Discussion

1. What do you think of when you hear the word "legacy"?
2. Why is intentionality necessary to pass on the right legacy?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 9:11 and Genesis 12:1-3, why does God enrich and bless us? What is the purpose of God blessing us?
4. How has God already enriched your life and blessed you? In light of God's blessing, what is a practical way you could be a blessing to others?
5. How can you be intentional to pass on Biblical stewardship principles to the next generation?



# Monday

**February 20, 2023**

*Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

**Proverbs 29:18 KJV**

Vision is a powerful motivator. When we receive and embrace God's vision for our lives, He empowers us to work together toward the fulfillment of that vision. We've been doing a lot of imagining on this journey, but imagine again how much *More* God could do through us if we tapped into His vision for our lives, church, and community.

Here are three characteristics of a vision from God. First, *God's vision always aligns with His mission and is bigger than you!* If you can accomplish it in your own strength, it is probably not God. Our entire journey to *More* is a God-sized vision only He can do. Second, *God's vision always releases passion in you.* God's vision will not let you go. It draws you in. It captivates you and pulls you toward God's goal for your life.

Finally, *God's vision impacts future generations.* Psalm 127:1 NKJV says, "*Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it,*" and verse 3 continues, "*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord.*" You see, a God-vision is something that can only be accomplished through Him, but it ultimately has to do with family. It leaves a lasting impact that is felt for generations.

What we are building at OneLife Church is not really about land or a building. It is about creating space to reach people and build family. It is about building something beyond ourselves. It's about reaching this generation and the ones that come after us. The big picture of what God can do through us starts at the smaller picture of what God can do through you.

Take some time today to pray and ask what *His vision for your participation* is. We don't approach miracles based on what we see

but on what He sees. Ask God for His eyes today. Ask Him for His vision and ask Him to give you a glimpse of how your participation will impact others. And as you pray, remember... His vision is far *More* than you could ask or imagine. So keep pressing in and leaning in and listening until He moves you to *More* than you can see on your own!

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# Tuesday

**February 21, 2023**

*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.*

**Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV**

What do you think of when you think about leaving a legacy? Some may think of leaving a great business or organization. Some may think of leaving wealth and possessions. Others may think of the family they leave behind or even the way people talk about their character. But in all of these examples, one thing is consistent. A legacy has to do with what you leave behind. It is how people will remember you one day.

This raises an important question: What will *your legacy* be? You can live for selfish goals or momentary pleasures, or you can decide to leave a spiritual legacy for future generations.

According to Deuteronomy 7:9, your legacy is tied to your relationship with God. Think about that. The legacy you leave for your children and grandchildren flows out of your love for God and your obedience to Him. This is why our journey to *More* is so important! We are believing for what God has for the people in our communities, now and in the years to come. Also this journey also offers a practical way to get closer to God's heart as you step out in obedience. When you understand and embrace God's vision for your life, you can leave a legacy of righteousness for those who follow you.



# Wednesday

**February 22, 2023**

*Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver.*

**1 Chronicles 29:3 NKJV**

In the Old Testament, the temple of God had great significance for Israel. It was the dwelling place of God's presence among His people. In preparing to build the temple, King David made all the necessary preparations and gave extravagantly from his own resources. But notice how he connects his heart to his gift, "*Because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God.*"

While some may have given lip service to God's house, David demonstrated his heart by what he gave. Centuries later, Jesus would echo this same idea in Matthew 6:21 ESV when He said, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*"

There are many causes out there and tons of places you can invest your time, talent, and treasure. But none is *More* powerful than the local church. One of the most amazing things about giving to build God's church is that it will change your heart. Sometimes we give because our heart is attached to something, and we want to give to it. Sometimes we give because we see what God is doing and we want our heart to be attached to it, and it is in that act of giving that our heart for what He is doing grows! If you want to have a bigger heart for God and His kingdom, invest in what He is doing.

Take a moment today and ask God to help you see where your heart is? Is your heart set on the things of this world or the things God wants to do through you, in the world? Ponder that important question and allow room for the Holy Spirit to speak.





# Thursday

**February 23, 2023**

*...Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord? Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly... Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly to the Lord...*

**1 Chronicles 29:5-6,9 NKJV**

David gave his wealth to build God's temple. Then the leaders of Israel gave, followed by the people. But there was a process they all went through first—a process of consecration.

The word “consecrate” means “to set apart.” The people first set themselves apart for God. They determined in their hearts that they would belong to God. They would do things His way, not theirs. And it is something they were willing to do. Then the evidence of their consecration was expressed through giving. Notice the verses say they “offered willingly.” Not out of compulsion. Not because they had to. But because they wanted to give to God.

Here is the principle: Willful consecration leads to willful giving. Like we talked about a few weeks back, it all starts with surrender, and out of a surrendered and consecrated heart comes an offering. Are you willing to be set apart for God? Will you join God on this journey in consecrating your heart, your life, and your finances to Him? Imagine what God could do through you as you give willingly to build His kingdom.



# Friday

**February 24, 2023**

*Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"*

**John 11:40 NIV**

Sometimes it can be challenging to get around our own logical thoughts to make room for God. Jesus faced the same type of skepticism in His ministry. In John 11:40, Jesus spoke these words to Martha after her brother Lazarus had died. He instructed that the tombstone be rolled away, and Mary questioned Jesus' logic. It made no sense. Lazarus had been dead four days. There was an odor! Jesus simply encouraged Martha to believe, and she would see the miracle. And Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead!

To experience God's power in our lives, we must remove any limitations we have placed on Him. In all of our knowledge, we must make room for what is beyond our comprehension. The God who created everything desires nothing *More* than to show up in your world in miraculous, unexplainable ways if you believe.

That is what our journey in believing that *There is More* is all about. It's about hearing from God, stepping out in faith, and seeing God do a miracle.

Take a moment today to reflect on our theme verse once again:

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.*

**Ephesians 3:20 NLT**

Over the last few weeks, we've encouraged you to believe for a miracle in your life and through your life. Take a moment again to bring before the Lord the miracle you are believing for in your life, in your

family, and in your community. Take a moment to pray again about these things and take time to listen to what He is saying about them. Remember, He is speaking!

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# Cody and Shawna's Story

I grew up attending church with my grandparents and I was saved at age 7. I immersed myself in religious culture and doing anything I could to “make God happy with me” I struggled with feeling worthy and a constant need to perform. No matter how hard I tried, I never felt like I was good enough to deserve heaven. I eventually left the church at age 18, giving up trying to please God. I began to live a sinful life that was focused on fun and whatever made me happy. In my search for happiness, I met my husband and got married, ironically in a church. My husband, Cody, did not grow up in church and although he knew of Jesus, he didn’t know him at all. We started to build a family right away. After 2 beautiful children, several job promotions and even purchasing a new home, we still had not achieved happiness. We were broken and lonely.

I reconnected with a friend from high school and their friendship and example of God’s love led our family to seek out the Lord; We wanted the genuine joy that they had. At age 25, I recommitted my life to Jesus and slowly learned what Grace really meant. God did not expect me to be perfect; it is only through Jesus’ sacrifice that I can attain heaven, not how well I performed. My husband blindly followed my example for a while before he surrendered his life to the Lord. I had never seen anyone with a stronger desire to learn more about the Bible. We served in youth group and kids ministry for a while as Cody learned and I relearned more about God’s Word.

Eventually, we became the youth pastors and served as such for 11 ½ years. During this time, God had given us a church family and circle of friends that encouraged us and pointed us to Jesus in all things. We found healing in our marriage, freedom from depression and anxiety, and 2 of our now 5 children have given their lives to the Lord. We found joy in the Lord instead of the world’s view of what makes someone happy. During this time, my husband was leading our family well, we were surrounded by people that loved us, and we had never felt closer to the Lord. God was putting on both my and Cody’s heart that we were going to move somewhere new. After much prayer, my husband was offered a job in Denver. He was ready, but I was hesitant.

I didn't want to leave the life we had built. Through a moment where God used someone to tell me that He felt like God was "calling me to a higher elevation", I knew that I must follow where God was leading us. I felt absolute peace in knowing that God was going to replace everything we were giving up by moving.

One by one every door was opened and it was easy to take steps of faith that led us to Colorado. I had my own ideas of why God brought us here and none of them included what actually happened shortly after moving here. Isolation, loneliness, stress, and immense grief of losing my brother. Our family endured 10 long months craving the security of having a church family and other believers to do life with; then Covid hit. We clung tightly to God's promises and built stronger relationships with each other and our children. Little by little God kept sending people into our lives, and through one friend we found out about a brand new church that throughout Covid was being bold in their love for God and people. On our very first visit to OneLife, this was proven to be true. The guy at the door was very friendly and walked us around telling us about the church. We felt at home immediately. Then he went on stage and preached the message. We were drawn in by not only the pastor's genuine authenticity, but by the fact that everyone we met shone the love of Jesus with realism. We dove right in and found our church home with OneLife Church. Two and a half years later, God has blessed our family with more friends and church family than we could ever have imagined. God has used One Life to grow our faith, help disciple our children, and allow us to serve God through ministry once again. We are so thankful for what God is doing through One Life Church and we are blessed to be a part of it.







Week Six  
Kingdom Builders

# Message Notes

## Kingdom Builders

### Requirements of Kingdom Advancement

1. Availability
2. Risk
3. Sacrifice

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." – Matthew 11:28-30*

Usually after you start advancing, opposition and setbacks are right around the corner.

*Nehemiah 4:1-3, 10-11*

### God gives a strategy to push through the opposition.

1. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

*Nehemiah 4:13-14, 17-18*

2. Practical \_\_\_\_\_

*Nehemiah 4:15-16*

3. Trumpets & \_\_\_\_\_

*Nehemiah 4:19-21; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Peter 5:8-9*



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## The Big Idea

When we take steps of faith to advance God's kingdom, opposition is always ready to meet us head on. We talked about how God is looking for people who are available, people who embrace risk, and people who are not afraid of sacrifice.

## Key Verses

*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. – 1 Peter 5:8-9*

Take a minute to read the main passage before going into the questions:

*Nehemiah 4:1-23*

## Life Group Discussion

1. What kind of spiritual or physical opposition have you faced in the past (especially when making commitments to advance God's kingdom)?
2. Read Nehemiah 4:1-3 - What voices or lies has the enemy try to direct at you since we began this spiritual "There is More" journey?
3. The people fought with a sword in one hand and a tool in the other. The sword represents spiritual weapons like prayer or reading the bible. The "tool" represents natural weapons. Think of a "natural tool" you will use to build the wall to protect yourself. Also, think of a "spiritual weapon" you will be intentional to use in the future.



# Monday

**February 27, 2023**

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! ... For there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore.*

***Psalm 133:1,3 NASB***

One of the incredible things about OneLife Church is that we are here to reach people. Not just some people, not just extra spiritual people, but all people. We also don't exist as a place where only a select special few people make everything happen. We all get involved! We all play a part. That includes you! And that is why our *There is More* Journey has been so incredible. It is something we have done together. We heard from God. We exercised our faith. We gave our gifts, and we did it together. Everyone. Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

There is a word that is used in our English language called “synergy.” Synergy is defined as “the cooperation of two or *More* things to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of the individual parts.” In essence, synergy means we accomplish *More* together. This is exactly what happens when God's people come together in unity to achieve God's vision. Think of it like this:

*Our Unity + God's Supernatural Power = Miraculous Results*

As we move through the final week of our journey which is really just the beginning, take some time to reflect on everything God has done over the past six weeks. What has He done in you? What has He done in our church? Reflect on His blessings and His goodness. And remember, this is only the beginning. The best is yet to come!



# Tuesday

**February 28, 2023**

*“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”*

**Matthew 18:20 NKJV**

As a believer in Christ, God is always with you. The Bible repeatedly teaches that His Spirit dwells in you (Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Ephesians 5:18; 2 Timothy 1:14, to list just a few). Yet Jesus makes the incredible promise that if two or *More* gather together in His name, He will be with us.

You see, something special happens when believers come together, unified in the name of Jesus. There is an expression of His presence that is uniquely sensed when we come together. It is why people visit OneLife Church and talk about the friendliness they experience, the warmth they feel, or the presence they sense during worship. It is Jesus! When we come together, He is with us in a unique and discernible way.

What’s even *More* amazing is that in the prior verse, Matthew 18:19 (ESV), Jesus says, “*If two of you agree on earth about anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.*” So here is the takeaway: When God’s people gather together in agreement and in His name, He hears us, and He is with us!

Throughout *There is More*, we got to experience what Jesus promised. We joined together in unity, He was with us every step of the way, and He answered our prayers. Is there something amazing God did in your life during our journey together? Take a moment today to reflect and thank God for what He has done and continue to listen for what He wants to do.





# Wednesday

**March 1, 2023**

*...The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6 (CSB)**

Throughout the Bible, we find the principle of sowing and reaping. It is a universal truth. And it is something that can work for you or against you, depending on what you do. But Paul takes the principle a step further in 2 Corinthians 9:6. Not only will you reap what you sow, but the *More* you sow, the *More* you will reap. Here is what that means: Do you want *More* of God's blessing on your life? Then sow *More* seeds! Jesus said something similar in Luke 6:38 (NLT), “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Listen, the Bible is not just referring to money here. When you give in any area of life, it puts God in a position to bless you for your act of obedience.

Now, we do not give in order to get. Yet, we understand God's principle still works. The *More* you sow, the *More* you will reap. And remember: You cannot out-give God. Whenever you give to God, He always repays and blesses you even *More* in return. So, keep your expectation and faith level high. God's blessing is on the way!

Take a moment today to thank God for every blessing, every good thing He has given you. And take a moment again to ask and listen if there is anything He is still asking of you that you haven't given yet. Remember, giving isn't about losing. It's all about gaining what He has for you!



# Thursday

**March 2, 2023**

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

**2 Corinthians 9:10 ESV**

It is true; you reap what you sow. It is also true that the *More* you sow, the *More* you will reap. But have you ever stopped to consider where the seed comes from in the first place? Think about it. Where does the ability to give anything come from? According to 2 Corinthians 9:10, the ability to give comes from God. It is God "who supplies seed to the sower." So, if you want to sow into God's kingdom, He provides the seed!

Here is what that means for you today. Maybe you went on this journey and asked God to speak to you. Perhaps you felt God tell you to give something crazy, something beyond what is even possible. And if so, here is the good news: You do not have to worry. You do not have to wonder where the provision will come from. God will supply the seed! And then He wants to multiply your seed so you can give even *More*, and in return, He will bless you. It is a beautiful cycle of obedience, provision, and blessing.

So remember, whenever God asks you to give, He is not trying to get something *from* you—He wants to give something *to* you and *through* you. He will provide the seed. You simply have to obey. And the end result is a harvest of righteousness!



# Friday

**March 3, 2023**

*I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.*

**Luke 15:7 CSB**

Here we are, in the final week of our launching pad into the future. How does it feel? We hope you have heard from God and been impacted along the way. We hope you have stepped out in faith and believed God for a miracle. And we hope this is only the beginning of an amazing new life—of surrendering, hearing God's voice, stepping out in faith, and seeing Him do miracles. What an incredible way to live! At the end of it all, we need to remember the reason we started this journey to begin with. Yes, it was to encounter God. Yes, it was to see Him move. But even *More*, the reason for our journey was very simple: *To continue reaching people for Jesus!*

This is God's mission. It has never changed. And neither has the mission of OneLife Church. We have always been and always will be about *using our One Life to go after One Moment with Jesus so we can reach that One Person who is worth everything*. Everything you have given is to help make room for *More* people to come to Christ and to be a part of our spiritual family.

Take a moment today and ask yourself, "Who is someone I know who still needs Jesus?" Write their name in the space below, and say a prayer for them today. Let's believe God to do *More* than we could ask or even imagine!











Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

**EPHESIANS 3:20**

There  
is more ...