



# THE #WORTHIT INITIATIVE

INVESTING IN GOSPEL, FAMILY, & MISSION

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## BACK IN 2004 . . .

Back in 2004, after years of swearing that I would never be a senior pastor, Erin and I clearly felt the call to leave student ministry and plant a new church. I had always done whatever was necessary – whether it was playing crazy games, or playing loud music, or throwing big tailgate parties – to build relationships with students and share Jesus with them. But it seemed that very few churches were taking this same approach towards reaching adults, and it broke my heart. So Erin, Joey, and I planted a church.

Fourteen years later, the vision of 24 church has evolved, but in many ways is exactly the same. Together, we feel called to reach those who are far from God, disillusioned with church, and struggling to understand what it means to authentically follow Jesus. As the Lord has led us, we feel a renewed call to love the orphan, the widow, and the addict. We're ecstatic about a future bus ministry that will be aimed specifically at reaching needy families in our community.

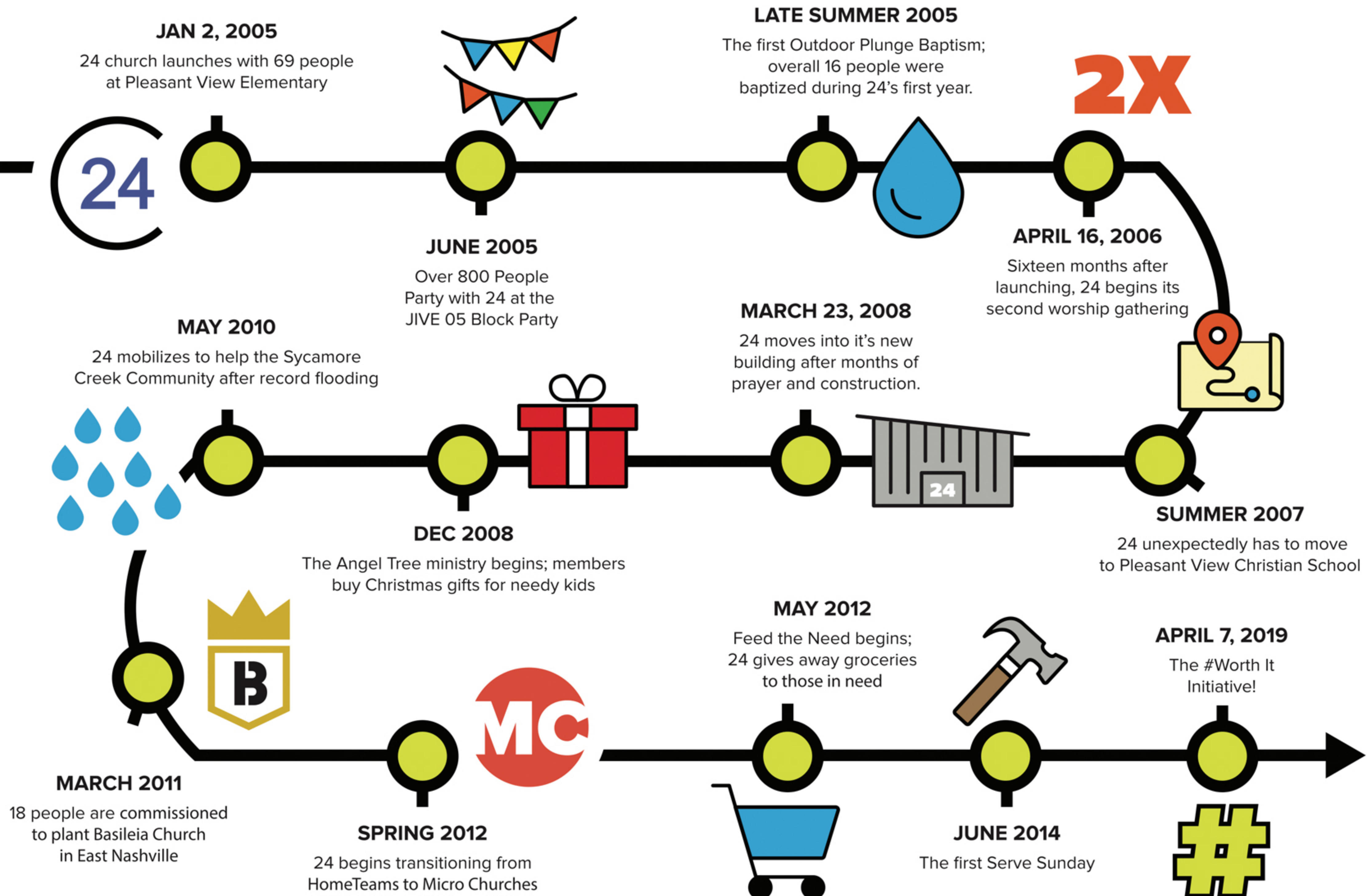
We want to see people fill the halls of 24 church and experience the love of Jesus. This church is for everyone! We're pressing forward to make disciples who are gospel-centered, love each other like family, and who are seeking to follow the Holy Spirit on mission into everyday life.

– Chris Royalty





## A BRIEF TIMELINE OF OUR HISTORY





## WHAT'S GOING ON AT 24?



Pleasant View sits exactly between Clarksville and Nashville, and both cities are seeing unprecedented growth. Nashville is growing by about 100 persons per day, and Clarksville is set to overtake both Chattanooga and Knoxville in size if trends continue. As these cities grow, more and more people are making Pleasant View home. The number of new building permits in Pleasant View virtually ensures that our community will double in size in the near future.





## GROWTH CREATES BOTH OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES.

- Pleasant View is set to double in size, but who will minister to all these new people moving into our community?
- The drug epidemic in our nation is out of control. According to law enforcement, this is one of the most serious issues facing Cheatham County.
- There are new families visiting 24 church each week, but we don't have the room or facilities to minister effectively. Our staff still meets in a foyer.
- Our nation is divided in so many ways, but the gospel has the power to break divisions and unite all nations, tongues, tribes, and peoples.
- Our community would be greatly served by more preschool childcare options. Could we possibly help meet this need?
- The temptation to play church rather than be the church is palpable in our Southern, consumeristic culture.

*The Worth It Initiative is first and foremost a commitment to keep participating in all the ministry that we're currently involved in as 24 church:*



### 24 CHURCH MINISTRIES

Worship Gatherings	Worship & The Arts
FUEL Student Ministry	Serve Sundays
24 Kids	Missionaries
Feed the Need	Church Planters
The Food Pantry	Micro Churches
Chosen with a Mission	Making Disciples
Serve Sundays	Helping Our City
Angel Tree	& Much More

***Your Financial Commitment to the Worth It Initiative  
will help fully fund our regular budgetary and ministry  
needs for the next 2 years.***



## #WORTHIT... NEW MINISTRIES



### 24 CHURCH BUS MINISTRY

We're ecstatic about starting the 24 Bus Ministry. As a church, our heart is to reach those who could otherwise be easily be ignored in our community. As we've tried to grapple with the increasing drug epidemic in our county, we've felt the clear call of God to start a bus ministry. We want to minister to families and children who might not otherwise attend church. Your financial commitment to the Worth It Initiative will make this possible.



### MOTHER'S DAY OUT PRESCHOOL

Our community desperately needs more preschool and childcare options. With the help of a much needed building addition, we're excited about starting a Mother's Day Out Preschool program. Our expanded facilities will include a newly renovated children's area that will allow us to minister to more children and families. This will include 6 classrooms, the renovation of our current kid's worship space, and the addition of an outdoor playground. Your financial commitment to the Worth It Initiative will make this possible.



### NEW OFFICES FOR OUR STAFF

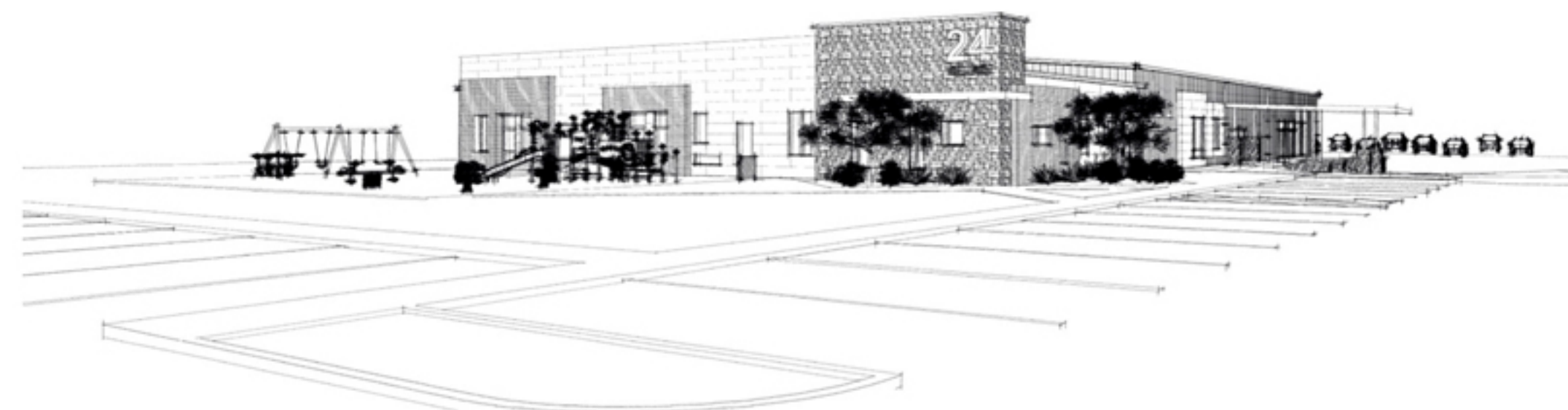
Our staff still meets in the foyer of our building. This is far from a good work environment, nor does it provide adequate space for counseling, meetings, or the study of God's word. The Worth Initiative will provide new offices for our staff and prepare 24 church to more effectively operate as a team. Your financial commitment to the Worth It Initiative will make this possible.

## #WORTHIT... EXPANDED FACILITIES



### BUILDING ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS

Our current facility is in desperate need of expansion and improvement. The Worth It Initiative includes a 6,000 square foot expansion to our current building, a new office suite for our staff, new preschool classrooms, renovated 24 kids worship space, an expanded and renovated lobby and entrance, a commercial-ready kitchen space, and many other niceties. All of this will allow us as a body to more effectively carry out our vision to be a gospel-centered family on mission for the Fame of Jesus and the Good of our neighbors.







## GOALS . . .

# PRIMARY GOAL

**100% ENGAGEMENT**

We want every single person to take his or her next right step in discipleship and generosity.

# SECONDARY GOAL

**1.75 MILLION**

\$500,000	year 1 ministry funding
\$550,000	year 2 ministry funding
\$700,000	towards ministry expansion



## YOUR GIVING JOURNEY



### **INITIAL GIVER** - 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.



### **CONSISTENT GIVER** - 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give something and give it regularly. For some, setting up an online recurring gift can be a good way to develop consistency.



### **INTENTIONAL GIVER** - Luke 14:28-35

An Intentional Giver is someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. For example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to AT&T than I am giving to God?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize and spend their money. Though the tithe (10%) is an Old Testament law, many still find it useful to think about their giving in terms of a specific percentage of their income that they intend to give.



### **SURRENDERED GIVER** - Colossians 1:15-18, 22-23

A Surrendered Giver is someone who has come to recognize that everything they have is really God's. The question has changed for them from "What should a Christian give?" or "How much can I afford to give?" to "Father, this is Your money, how much do you want me to give?" A Surrendered Giver seeks to honor God with 100% of what He has given them whether through direct monetary giving or the God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.

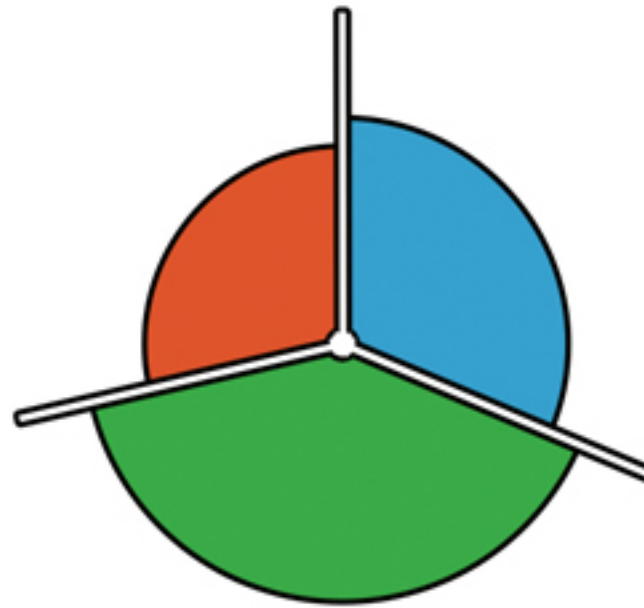


### **LIFETIME GIVER** - 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Lifetime Giver is someone who thinks about the long-term effects of generosity rather than month-to-month or even year-to-year generosity. A Lifetime Giver makes decisions in the short term which have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. A Lifetime Giver might be someone who has a lifetime giving goal which governs their larger-ticket decisions. Much like a Surrendered Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, a Lifetime Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger-item purchases like homes, cars, investments, and the like.



## WHY ONE FUND?



It's possible that you've been part of a church campaign in the past where you were asked to give a second gift "above and beyond" your regular giving. In fact, when we started the Building One campaign, that was exactly what we did, and to date we've raised nearly \$190,000. All of that money will now go towards the Worth It Initiative.

As effective as the Building One Campaign has been, we've found that "over and above" giving is potentially confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their "normal giving." It also has the potential to diminish the significance of the ongoing generous giving of so many people at 24 church.

The Worth It Initiative will last two years, and in those two years, every gift given to 24 church will go to the Worth It Initiative — to help us continue all of our current ministries, to help us launch the 24 church bus ministry, to start a mother's day out program, and to expand our building footprint. Ultimately, all of this will allow us to more effectively invest in **Gospel**, **Family**, and **Mission**. We've included a sample commitment card so you can see how a "one fund initiative" works. Please take the time to think through the math on this card and prayerfully seek God. Then, plan on turning in a similar card on Commitment Sunday: May 12.



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*by faith,*

### MY TWO YEAR COMMITMENT

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ What I regularly give to 24 church in a year  
LINE 1 (General fund, Missions, Building, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My expanded annual generosity  
LINE 2 (Commitment for #WORTHIT)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My expanded annual generosity over two years.  
LINE 3 (Take the total from the line 2 & multiply it by 2)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ My gift from stored resources  
LINE 4 (Additional gifts that I feel led to give to #WorthIt)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **My two year generosity commitment**  
(Add together the totals from line 3 & line 4)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

This commitment card is a statement of intent and is not a legally binding agreement.





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## GIVING PROFILE

*This chart shows how your gifts over the next two years will allow us to raise 1.75 million for the Glory of God*

GIFTS NEEDED	GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$200,000
1	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$100,000
3	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$225,000
6	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$300,000
9	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$225,000
18	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$180,000
25	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$187,500
25	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$125,000
50	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$125,000
66	\$1,250	\$625	\$52	\$82,500
204				\$1,750,000

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- **PRAY.**  
Pray about what God is leading you to give.
- **COMMIT.**  
Turn in your commitment card on Commitment Sunday, May 12.
- **SHARE.**  
Tell others about the exciting things God is doing at 24 church!
- **GIVE.**  
Give as God has directed you to give with a cheerful heart!



GIVE ONLINE, VIA TEXT, OR ON OUR APP.

Go to [24church.com/give](https://24church.com/give) for more information.







# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, April 7

## WEEK 1 | BROKEN FOR THE PEOPLE

### NEHEMIAH 1

# MICRO CHURCH DISCUSSION

## WEEK 1 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nehemiah was so broken-hearted for Jerusalem that he “wept and mourned for days.” Give an example of a time when you have been burdened for the spiritual or physical state of a person, an area, or a people group?
2. Nehemiah began fasting and praying to God even though he knew his sins, the sins of his family, and the sins of the people in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, he was confident in God’s promise that if he confessed and turned from his sin, God would be faithful to forgive him. Have you ever felt your sins were too big for God to forgive you? Have you ever not followed through with something you felt God was telling you to do because you felt inadequate or unholy? Explain.

#### **James 1:5-8**

*<sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

3. What does “without reproach” mean in this passage? What does this verse say about your standing with God?
4. Are there sins in your life you need to confess? Do you believe God will forgive your sins?
5. What is God calling you to do? What is God calling your MC to do? What is God calling our church to do? How do you plan to respond?



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, April 14

## WEEK 2 | USING THE KING'S MONEY

### NEHEMIAH 2

# MICRO CHURCH DISCUSSION

## WEEK 2 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nehemiah asked the King to send him to rebuild a wall. This was neither a small nor an inexpensive task, but the King was pleased to send Nehemiah to do it. The principle is this, "If our actions please the King, and he is calling us to do something, then our provisions will be met." Do you think God will provide what is necessary for you to complete your calling? Explain.

2. Give an example of a time you asked God to do something big. What was the outcome?

3. Sometimes we feel like its up to us to make dreams and desires happen? Is this true? Why or why not? How can we fall short of truly pursuing our dreams if we rely on ourselves? Is it more natural for you to trust God to provide for your needs, or more natural for you to double down and work harder?

#### **Matthew 7:7-11**

*<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"*

4. What needs do you see around you that your MC cound address through God's provision? What needs do you see around you that our church could address through God's provision?



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, April 28

## WEEK 3 | OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

### NEHEMIAH 4

# MICRO CHURCH DISCUSSION

## WEEK 3 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nehemiah was approached by people who did not want to see things change. Some of them were displeased that anyone would seek the welfare of the people of Israel. Some of them were angry. Some of them doubted the job could be completed, and some even tried to stop the progress completely. What are some obstacles we may face when trying to help people?

2. What fears do you have in making yourself available to broken or lost people? Have you ever served someone but simultaneously kept them at an arms length? Are there situations where this is necessary and situations where this is not necessary?

#### **1 Thessalonians 2:8**

*So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*

3. Is there harm in sharing the gospel without sharing our lives as well? Is it easier to share the gospel rather than to share our lives? Why or why not? Do we miss out on blessings from God, or being used by him, when we limit our investment in people?

4. Nehemiah was not working alone. He had people spread out all along the wall doing work and protecting what they had already started. How can we share the load of the work set before us? How can we protect what we have already started?



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 5

## WEEK 4 | CALLED TO ACTION

### NEHEMIAH 5

# MICRO CHURCH DISCUSSION

## WEEK 4 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nehemiah was appointed a governor in Judah. He knew the people were poor and needy, and so he refused to eat the food allowed for his position. He knew it was too burdensome for the people to provide so much for him when they couldn't provide for themselves. In what ways can we give up what is rightfully ours in order to help those who need it more? Do you find yourself protecting your possessions, or do you freely give them away?
2. Possessions are associated with treasure. Scripture says our treasure is Jesus and our reward is heaven. Do we handle our possessions in a way that demonstrates that Jesus is our true treasure?
3. Why do you think God has given you what you have? What does it mean to be a good steward of your possessions?

#### **1 John 3:17-18**

*<sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

#### **James 1:27**

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

4. Who are the poor near you and the widows close by? Think about the specific needs they may have, or the struggles they may face daily. How can you be helpful to them? (Remember small things can make a big difference).



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 12

WEEK 5 | IT'S WORTH IT!

NEHEMIAH 6-7

# MICRO CHURCH DISCUSSION

WEEK 5 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. While Nehemiah was trying to rebuild the wall, his opponents were trying to pull him away from his work. However, he remained faithful and continued working until the job was finished. In what ways can we be distracted or motivated to leave a task that God has called us to do before it is completed?
2. Is it easy to serve God and forget the reasons for our service? If you're serving God in some capacity right now, what was your motivation to start? What is your motivation to continue serving?
3. We like to serve in ways that allow us to work within our comfort zones. However, sometimes God calls us to something bigger than ourselves. He might call us to do something unexpected. When we walk in faith and trust God's leading, He gets the glory for the work that is accomplished. Have you ever served in pursuit of praise or admiration? Why is it important for us to have good motives for our service?

**Proverbs 16:2**

*All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit.*

4. Why are we prone to pursue our own glory rather than God's? How can we preach the gospel to ourselves and to one another in order to align our motives with God's heart? Discuss as a group how the gospel helps us combat pride.



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, May 19

WEEK 6 | JUST THE BEGINNING

NEHEMIAH 9

# MICRO CHURCH DISCUSSION

WEEK 6 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the future, when the building addition is completed, and the preschool is up and running, and the bus ministry is in full swing, in what ways will this only be the beginning for 24 church? What new opportunities will we have to serve and share the gospel with our community?

2. Looking back at your own life, how have you seen God move? How have you seen him move in this MC? How have you seen him move at 24 church? How is God moving now?

3. Discipleship is vital in the Christian life. We must share our lives, teach the gospel, and lead people in the word. In what ways have people invested in you that have directly impacted who you are today? Who are you taking time to invest in?

**John 15:8**

*By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

**Psalms 96:1-3**

*<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup>Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples*

4. Bearing fruit can be seen in the accomplishment of a task, it can be found in discipline, or it can be measured by numbers. What fruit can you identify in your life? Have you overcome anger? Have you been set free from a stronghold? Have you been reconciled with a loved one? Have you led someone to Christ? What fruit would you like to see in your life?



## F.A.Q.'S

### ***Have you considered other options?***

Yes, core leaders and elders have been praying, meeting, and gathering information about this for over a year now.

### ***When does it start?***

We will begin construction as soon as possible after receiving an affirmative vote from the church. While we will not wait until we've received all those funds, we are counting on your commitments to give to keep the scope of the project manageable.

### ***How much will the projects cost to complete?***

We estimate that funding our operating ministries over the next two years will take a little over \$1 million. Funding the bank requirements and putting enough down on the loan to keep the financing manageable is another \$750,000. Based on quotes we've received, the entire expansion project will cost \$1.5 million.

### ***What will our debt be at the end of two years?***

Approximately what it is today.

### ***What if we don't reach the amount needed in commitments?***

### ***What if we exceed the amount needed?***

Our intention is to prioritize the projects in such a way that funds our ministry obligations, keeps the debt manageable or reduces it dramatically, and positions us to make other needed improvements or expand ministries even further.

### ***What if financial commitments aren't kept?***

We foresee the body will keep their commitment in full. Although rare and unique circumstances might keep some from fulfilling their commitment, we know that new people will be joining in along the way and others may even increase their commitment.