



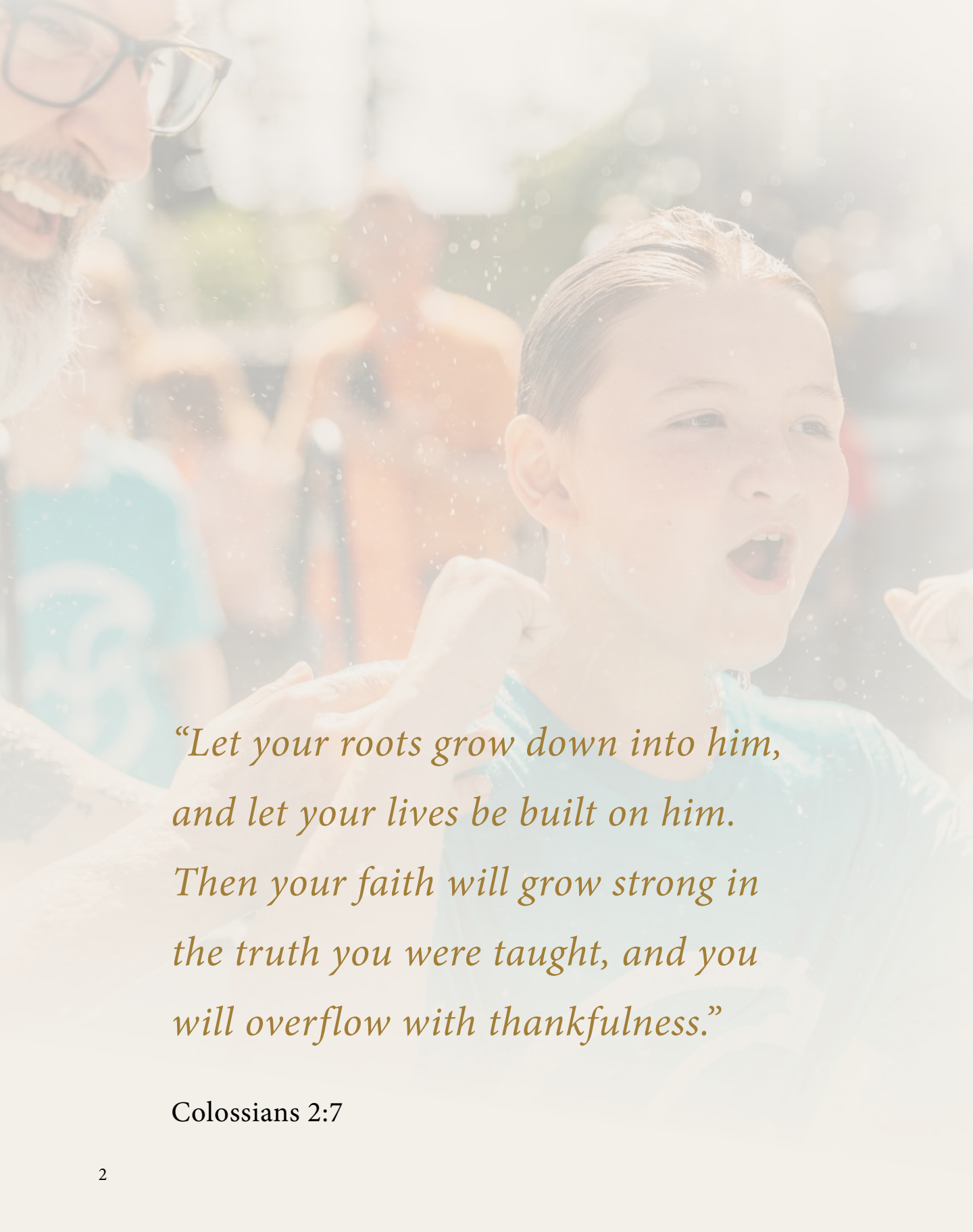
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A young girl with her mouth open in excitement, surrounded by water spray, with a man's face partially visible on the left.

*“Let your roots grow down into him,
and let your lives be built on him.
Then your faith will grow strong in
the truth you were taught, and you
will overflow with thankfulness.”*

Colossians 2:7

GENEROSITY CHANGES GENERATIONS!

In the summer of 1973, a small group of believers established the roots of what is now called Christ's Church. These were people, just like you and me, whose love for God caused them to step out in faith and pursue His calling to Make Disciples, Better Disciples and More Disciples for Jesus.

Fast forward 50 years later and you can see how those small seeds of faith have grown to produce massive fruit with tens of thousands of people declaring Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

The generosity of a few impacted the lives and eternity of the generations that followed.

And now it's our turn to do the same.

As we celebrate the 50 years of hearts and lives that God has changed through Christ's Church, we are prayerfully and humbly embarking on a 14-month generosity journey called "ROOTED."

This isn't just a series or anniversary celebration. It's a movement where we will plant our own seeds of faith to live with UNWAVERING FAITH, UNCOMMON HOPE AND UNSTOPPABLE LOVE as we establish strong roots that point new generations to JESUS!

In the months and year ahead, we are celebrating the impact Jesus has made through Christ's Church over the last five decades. We will also cast a vision for the next 50 years, unite as a church community to deepen our connection with God during a period of authentic spiritual development and we will all be asked to prayerfully consider investing in the next generation of ministry at Christ's Church.

This season will be challenging; all growth is. It will require an openness to God working deeply in you and through you, at new levels of faith and generosity so that you can become all He has created you to be.

Our primary goal on this journey is 100% participation by everyone who calls Christ's Church home, because we don't want anyone to miss out on this opportunity.

Our secondary goal is mission advancement, expanding the good that God desires to do through us to reach our community and the world for Jesus over the next 50 years.

Regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey, we know God has more for you and it's possible that the most life-changing, influential and personally engaging days of your life are still ahead.

Get ready! Our hope and prayer is that through this journey God will move in your life in a way that not only changes your life but also the lives of many to come.

Remember, generosity changes generations and it begins with you!

Celebrating and growing together,



– Pastor Jason Cullum

50 Year Timeline



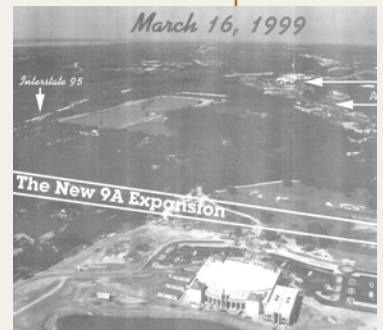
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Under the
Oak Tree

**St. Augustine
Rd. Facility
1974**



1976-1986
Multiple Additions

**Relocation to
Greenland Road
and Community
Center Build
1999-2003**





Online Campus
Launch
2015

New CCA
and Revitalized
Mandarin Campus
2022

2007
Fleming Island
Campus

2017
River City Campus
Adoption



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WHAT IS ROOTED?

In the summer of 1973, a small group of faithful disciples established the roots of Christ's Church. Their love of God caused them to step out in faith to Make, Better and More Disciples while serving our community.

WHO?

- People just like **YOU & ME** established the roots of what is now known as Christ's Church.
- **WE**, as a **CHURCH FAMILY** have **FAITHFULLY SERVED** this community for five decades, obeying God's call to make, better, and more **DISCIPLES** for **JESUS**.

WHAT?

- As we celebrate the 50 years of changed hearts and lives through Christ's Church, we are prayerfully and humbly embarking on a **14-month generosity journey we're calling ROOTED**.

WHY?

- God is not done. **HE** is calling **US** to **GROW OUR GENEROSITY** with **HIM** to new levels.
- Now it is **OUR** season to live out **UNWAVERING FAITH, UNCOMMON HOPE** and **UNSTOPPABLE LOVE** to point new **GENERATIONS** to **JESUS**.
- **GENEROSITY CHANGES GENERATIONS – AND IT BEGINS WITH YOU!**



“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

Philippians 1:6

GROWTH AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH

Christ's Church has been making disciples, better disciples and more disciples for five decades. We have a heart for reaching people with the love of Jesus, serving the local and global community, and generously giving to expand the Kingdom of God. There's more for us to do and we believe the best is yet to come!

BAPTISMS SINCE 2018: **1,147**

STARTING POINT SINCE 2018: **1,313**

FIRST TIME GUESTS SINCE 2018: **2,478**

PEOPLE IN GROUPS 8/1/2022 - 7/23/2023: **1,272**

PEOPLE SERVING 8/1/2022 - 7/23/2023: **725**



FAMILY MINISTRY

CC KIDS and **CC STUDENTS** partners with parents to raise up a generation to **KNOW** and **FOLLOW** Jesus.

Since its inception, children and students have been one of the top priorities of Christ's Church. Whether it is holding and rocking newborns, talking to an elementary kid about Jesus, or keeping pace with teens at summer camp, we are committed to do what it takes to have a voice in the lives of the next generation. To that end, we have carefully developed a program, backed by top facilities and resources, that allow them to experience the love of Jesus in a great environment. Twice a year we host a Family Dedication. Since the pandemic, 100 families have chosen to dedicate their families to following Jesus.

Each week, hundreds of volunteers devote their time and talents to ensure that our kids and student programs run safely and smoothly.

We currently serve more than 1500 kids and students each month from Birth through High School.



CC KIDS

DISCOVERING who Jesus is (Birth-PreK)
TRUSTING in Jesus (K-3rd)
LIVING out their faith in Jesus (Preteen 4th-5th)



CC STUDENTS

In Middle School, we lead one more student to Jesus through **Identity** and **Relationships**.

- Connecting students to strong Jesus-centered *Relationships* that help them find their *Identity* in Jesus.

In High School, we lead one more student to Jesus through **Owning** and **Going**.

- Helping students **OWN** their faith in Jesus so that they can **GO** out in faith for the name of Jesus.



“Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.”

Mark 10:14

DID YOU KNOW?

We have **90,000** square feet of space devoted to family ministry across our campuses.

In addition to our own Christ’s Church Academy, we serve **8** local public schools within our campus communities.

Over **1000** lbs of candy was given out at last year’s Trunk or Treat, a fall event we host annually.

We’ve taken **700** kids and students to Summer Camp since 2021.

We have a ministry dedicated to special needs children called **CCKIDS UNLIMITED**.



GLOBAL OUTREACH

From Hurricane relief, to addressing food insecurities to caring for vulnerable women and children and providing parents a dignified way to provide Christmas for their children, Christ's Church has been at the forefront of meeting needs and loving others for 50 years.

"...go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all commands I have given you."

Matthew 28:19-20

Team Expansion

Florida Church Planters

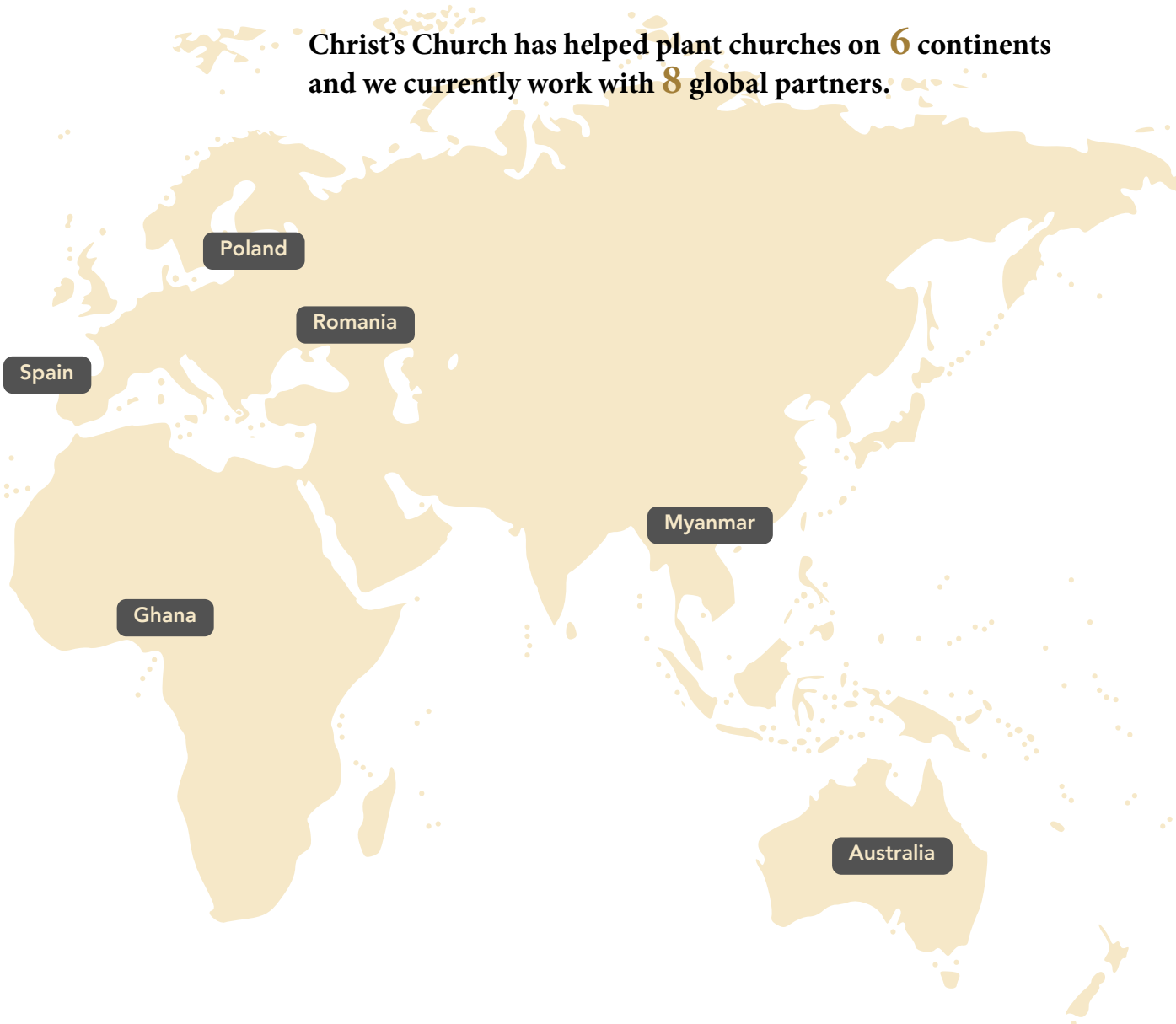
This year we plan on reaching a whole nation for Christ!

Awaken Spain is a major prayer movement. Spain is the only European country that has not experienced revival. Among its **8500 cities, more than 7500 have no church**. Awaken Spain seeks to cover all 17 regions of Spain in prayer, laying the groundwork for planting 1,700 churches in the next 10 years.

22% of our ministry budget goes toward Outreach.

We partner with **50** local and community organizations in the Northeast Florida area.

Christ's Church has helped plant churches on **6** continents and we currently work with **8** global partners.



LOCAL OUTREACH

What happens when Jesus' people assume the role of gathering the government, education, not-for-profit and private sectors together to solve a city's biggest issues? Things get done! Problems are eased and Jesus is recognized. This is the power of collaboration. Our most enduring contribution to our communities has been our ability to get people in the room to talk and act. Impact Clay, in Clay County and Transformation Jax in Duval County, are just two collaborations where the Christ's Church has a seat of influence.



“...Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

Mark 2:17

PRISON MINISTRY

Founded in 2016, our Prison Ministry is an example of a successful partnership between God’s people and government agencies. Utilizing the Emmaus correspondence program, inmates complete in-depth Bible Studies that include graded evaluations. These are returned to the ministry for feedback and encouragement from volunteers. We also hold services on site at several locations.

Baptisms behind bars

2023 YTD: **24**

2022: **60**

Prison Ministry Volunteers: 101

Prisons that we are serving or have served Florida State Prison

- Reception and Medical Center/West Unit
- Columbia Correctional Institute
- Columbia Annex
- Florida State Prison/West Unit – now closed
- New River Correctional Institute – now closed

Birthday and Christmas Card Ministry

YTD: **726**

2022: **1174**

Since 2016: **8127**

Weekly Attendance

Sunday Services: **78**

Weekly Discipleship Classes: **66**

Emmaus Correspondence Course

Current Enrollment: 1298

Total courses sent out (since 2016): 6639

Total courses completed: 4677

**Total curriculum completed
(66 courses): 492**

Re-Entry and Transition Ministry (started in 2022)

Currently, we partner with 2 faith-based ministry organizations, ministering to 58 men who are transitioning back into society.

Inside every believer is a passion to pursue, a skill to be developed, and a gifting to be unleashed. Scan the code to view current serve opportunities.



CHRIST'S CHURCH ACADEMY

“Building a Generation that Will Change the World”

For nearly 30 years Christ's Church has been committed to Christian education. As our largest outreach to the local community, CHRIST'S CHURCH ACADEMY sees over 700 students a day and they are taught more than just reading, writing and arithmetic. We're teaching them to be disciples that will change the world.



ENROLLMENT	2022-2023	2023-2024
Preschool	186	159
Lower School	199	232
Upper School	303	311

New Campus completed in **2022**

College Acceptance Rate: **100%**

Student Volunteers: Our 6th-12th graders have provided **15,000** service hours to the community over the past two years.

State Championships in Tennis, Volleyball and Baseball

Nearly 3 million dollars in Bright Futures Scholarships awarded to the class of 2023

100% pass rate in 7 AP courses in May of 2023

“Direct your children onto the right path and when they are older, they will not leave it.”

Proverbs 22:6



SCAN ME
to visit Christ's
Church Academy!



PRIMARY GOAL

The PRIMARY goal is that **100%** of the Christ's Church family would engage deeply with God in a time of genuine spiritual growth. This is about what God wants to do IN us. This comes first: every person who calls Christ's Church home prayerfully listening to God's leading and growing in generosity discipleship.



SECONDARY GOAL

The SECONDARY goal is **mission advancement**.

This is about the good that God desires to do through us for the next 50 years of ministry.

During this season we will seek to live out

**UNWAVERING FAITH,
UNCOMMON HOPE, and
UNSTOPPABLE LOVE**

as we continue to point generations to Jesus!

“As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 1:3

UNWAVERING FAITH

\$7.5 million a year comes to Christ's Church through generosity toward our general fund. Our general budget is anything but general. Amazing things happen and lives change day in and day out through ministries like CCKids, CCStudents, small groups, weekend services, Starting Point, care and recovery groups, men's and women's events, senior adults, local outreach and a host of other ministries.

Our top priorities are:

- we will not compromise our daily/weekly giving
- build a healthy church for the whole family and all generations
- annual budget to make disciples, better disciples, and more disciples



Scan to visit **ROOTED**
and watch stories unfold
for how God is moving in
and through His Church.



FAITH
HOPE
LOVE

UNCOMMON HOPE

Coming out of a global pandemic has created unprecedented needs in our community and around the globe. Over the year, we will offer uncommon levels of hope as we serve our global and local partners, including new initiatives in Northeast Florida and Spain. Our plan is to invest **\$2 million** in local and global initiatives.

Our top priorities are:

- the needs in our community and around the globe have never been greater
- train the church for missional living
- launch a local initiative that solves the greatest need in our community
- create a ministry where all generations can engage with one another
- lead a global initiative sharing the Gospel with an entire country



UNSTOPPABLE LOVE

With an unstoppable love we will take radical risks to reach people far from God. This will enable the launch of a new campus, fuel an initiative to revive declining and dying churches, provide needed and ongoing improvements to existing campuses and significantly reduce our long-term debt by **\$5.5 million**. Debt slows us down from doing more to reach people and by reducing our debt, we'll save thousands of dollars in interest and free up more dollars for ministry in the long run.

Our top priorities are:

- risk to reach people far from God
- reviving churches who are unhealthy and declining to establish thriving local churches
- launch new campuses in identified church “deserts”
- launch campuses with the intent to establish an independent local church
- significantly reduce or eliminate our long-term debt so that the next generation will be debt free



WHERE DO WE START?

1. **Pray continually** – pray for the hearts of our people, that we will obediently listen with the intent of responding.
2. **Commit wholly** – be 100% all in and encourage others to join you.



3. **Celebrate passionately** – God is going to move in your life. Share loudly what He’s doing.

4. **Give generously** – live and give in a way that stretches your faith.



GIVING CHART

# OF PEOPLE	MONTHLY AMOUNT	ANNUAL AMOUNT
1	\$83,334	\$1,000,000
2	\$41,667	\$500,000
4	\$20,834	\$250,000
10	\$8,334	\$100,000
15	\$4,167	\$50,000
25	\$2,084	\$25,000
40	\$1,250	\$15,000
75	\$834	\$10,000
100	\$417	\$5,000
Many	\$100	\$1,200

CREATIVE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Sometimes we can overcomplicate our personal finances. Many times, we find ourselves thinking about whether or not we have “enough” money, when we really should be thinking more about how we will “prioritize” all that God has blessed us with!

The Example

Did you know that if **3000** people who call Christ’s Church their family, committed to either begin giving in their discipleship journey for the first time, or increased their giving **\$200 a month for the next 12 months** – WE WOULD MEET OUR OVERALL GOAL!

The Challenge

Think about that example for a second—How could you “prioritize” \$200 a month? What does that look like for you personally? Weekly, you would need to prioritize or set aside \$50 in order to accomplish this goal. Would that be a few less trips to Starbucks or Dunkin to get a coffee, or perhaps packing a lunch several days week? Maybe you can get creative and a family night out at the movies becomes a family game night at home?

The Reality

The reality is, not everyone may be able to contribute \$200 a month as shared in the example. Some may need to consider lesser amounts, and some may be able to consider greater amounts. The amount, however, is not what is most important about your commitment. **It is where your heart is that is most important.** As Jesus said in Luke 12:34 [NLT] “Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” The “heart” represents the deepest and most intimate part of ourselves and the very source of our lives. The “treasure” represents what we prioritize as having the most value both today and in the future.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2023
9:30AM ALL CAMPUSES

On Sunday, November 12th, we will come together as a family to joyfully present our ROOTED giving commitment to God. Each campus will host a unique service, beginning at 9:30am, featuring a special message, an immersive time of worship and a profound time of commitment for children, students and adults. Make plans to be a part of this memorable day.



“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

Philippians 1:6

COMMITMENT CARD

As a part of the Christ's Church family, I/we will prayerfully and joyfully commit to . . .

- remain faithful to give the amount of \$_____ annually.
- prioritize generosity as a part of this "ROOTED" initiative to increase the amount by \$_____ annually.
- double the impact by contributing \$_____ annually.
- contribute additional gifts from stored resources in the amount of \$_____.
- my first fruit gift TODAY is \$_____.

My/Our TOTAL COMMITMENT to the "ROOTED" initiative that spans from November 2023 – December 2024 will be

\$_____

Please Print Name _____

Signature _____

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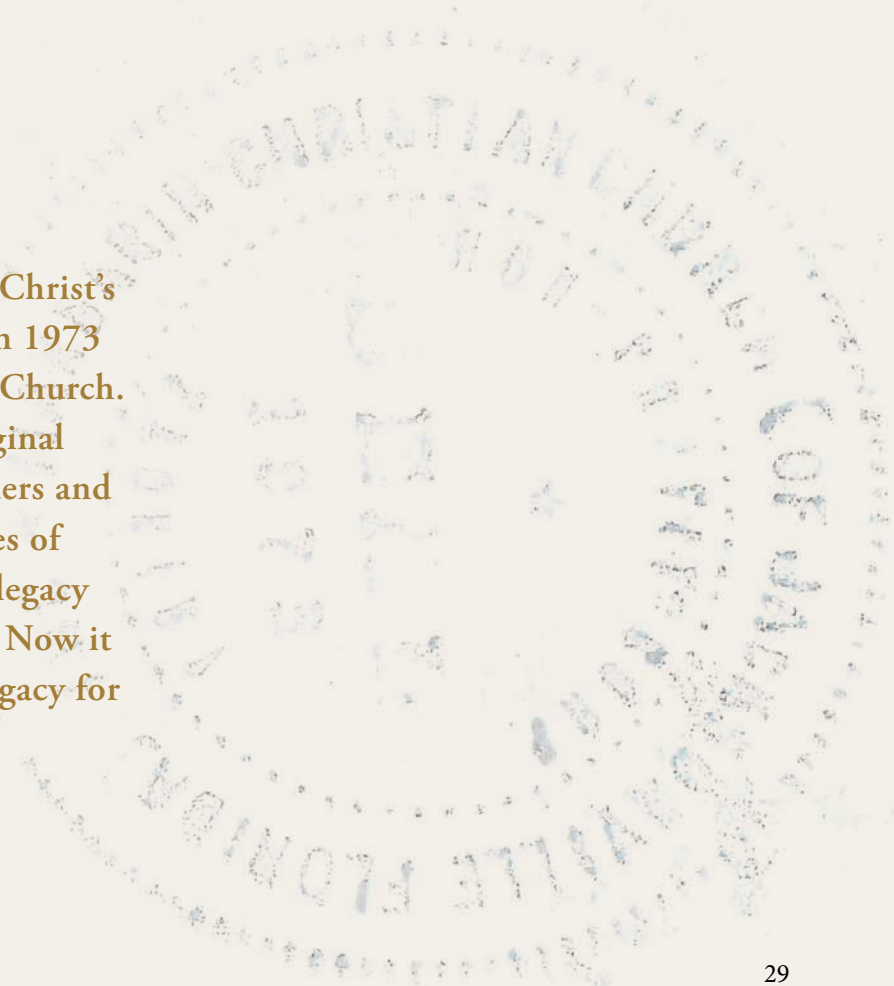
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What we now know as Christ's Church, was founded in 1973 as Mandarin Christian Church. Shown here are the original signatures of our founders and the seal from the articles of incorporation. What a legacy they left behind for us! Now it is our time to leave a legacy for the next generation.







SMALL GROUP STUDY

PRAYER AND PRAISE



HOW TO P.R.A.Y

There is no special formula for prayer. There are no “buzz words” or phrases that capture God’s attention more than any other. Prayer is pouring your honest, surrendered heart out to God and seeking His answers to your struggles. When asked by His disciples about prayer, Jesus responded with the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.””

Jesus’ response points out four key attributes of prayer. We’ve made an acrostic to make it easy to remember every time you pray. This isn’t a formula, but if you need a little direction in your prayers, this serves as a great guide.

PRAISE: Praise God for who He is and His attributes. Begin by giving Him your worship and adoration.

REPENT: Confess to God the things you have done in word, thought or deed which led you into sin. Confess and repent.

ASK: After you have spent time in praise and repentance, make your requests known to God by asking Him to provide your needs.

YIELD: God is always at work around you. Take time to notice when He invites you to join Him to become part of His mission.

WEEK 1: THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

14 “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

15 Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell[e] will not conquer it.”

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Psalms 71:17-18

17 O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood,
and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do.

18 Now that I am old and gray,
do not abandon me, O God.

Let me proclaim your power to this new generation...

NOTES

WEEK 1: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

LOOK BACK

1. Share your favorite thing about Christ's Church.
2. What is one thing would you want future generations to be able to experience because of Christ's Church?

Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach us as we study God's Word.

LOOK UP

Read Matthew 16:13-18

Repeat the text in your own words (for Group study, have one member do this aloud).

3. What does this text teach us about God?
 - a. Questions to consider:
 - What does this say about His character?
 - What does it say about His plans?
 - What does it say about how He relates to us?
4. What does this text say to me?
 - a. Questions to consider:
 - Is there a sin that I need to address?

WEEK 1: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

- Is there a promise I need to hold on to?
- Is there an example I should follow?
- Is there a command that I need to obey?
- Is there a Gospel truth?

LOOK FORWARD

5. What am I going to do this week because of this text?
6. Who do I think needs to know this?

TO CONSIDER

Describe a time God called you to do something that seemed crazy or impossible for you to do.

What did you find most surprising as God began to do the impossible?

This step of faith for Christ's Church is the largest thing we have ever done as a church. It is literally going to change our church, and it is a risk we are willing to take in light of God's Word and God's leading. We believe that God's work in us is unfinished and He is calling us to take our relationship with Him to a new level. How does generosity tie into the life of a disciple?

Is generosity an area of your life that God may intend to grow through the Rooted series?

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to help us do what the Bible says and share what we learned with one person.

WEEK 2: THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:1-16

1 This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. 2 God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. 3 The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, 4 and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name.

6 And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

8 Let me say first that I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith in him is being talked about all over the world. 9 God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son.

10 One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. 11 For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. 12 When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.

13 I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles. 14 For I have a great sense of obligation to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world, to the educated and uneducated alike. 15 So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News.

16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

WEEK 2: THE GOSPEL

Ephesians 2:1-5

2 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn’t use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God’s secret plan. 2 For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. 4 And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. 5 I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. 2 It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

3 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

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WEEK 2: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

LOOK BACK

1. How has your relationship with Jesus been this past week?

a. Questions to consider:

- How have you obeyed what you learned?
- What are you grateful for?

2. Who did you share last week's lesson with?

Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach us as we study God's Word.

LOOK UP

Read Romans 1:1-16

Repeat the text in your own words (for Group study, have one member do this aloud).

3. What does this text teach us about God?

a. Questions to consider:

- What does this say about His character?
- What does it say about His plans?
- What does it say about how He relates to us?

WEEK 2: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

4. What does this text say to me?
 - a. Questions to consider:
 - Is there a sin that I need to address?

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 - Is there an example I should follow?

 - Is there a command that I need to obey?

 - Is there a Gospel truth?

LOOK FORWARD

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6. Who do I think needs to know this?

TO CONSIDER

What would it look like for your journey of generosity to inspire others in a way that honors God and draws more people to Him during this ROOTED season? In what ways do you need to grow in regard to your generosity?

PRAY for the Holy Spirit to help us do what the Bible says and share what we learned with one person.

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MAKE DISCIPLES

RELIGIOUS
GOODNESS
KNOWLEDGE
SELF CONTROL



WEEK 3: THE HEART

Matthew 5:13-16

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

14 You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

29 Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. 30 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ 31 The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

32 The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. 33 And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.”

34 Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Luke 10:25-37

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

WEEK 3: THE HEART

27 The man answered, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant[b] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,[c] telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

James 2:14-17

14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15 Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16 and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

17 So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

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WEEK 3: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

LOOK BACK

1. How has your relationship with Jesus been this past week?
 - a. Questions to consider:
 - How have you obeyed what you learned?

 - What are you grateful for?

2. Who did you share last week's lesson with?

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LOOK UP

Read Luke 10:25-37

Repeat the text in your own words (for Group study, have one member do this aloud).

3. What does this text teach us about God?
 - a. Questions to consider:
 - What does this say about His character?

 - What does it say about His plans?

 - What does it say about how He relates to us?

4. What does this text say to me?

WEEK 3: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

a. Questions to consider:

- Is there a sin that I need to address?
- Is there a promise I need to hold on to?
- Is there an example I should follow?
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LOOK FORWARD

5. What am I going to do this week because of this text?
6. Who do I think needs to know this?

TO CONSIDER

If Christ's Church disappeared, what would the community miss the most?

How does your generosity towards the things of God leave a lasting legacy?

As you think about the priority of your generosity to building God's kingdom, do you feel you are committed to generosity above your other financial priorities? Another way to put this might be, does your level of spending control your level of giving, or does your level of giving control your level of spending?

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WEEK 4: THE NEXT GENERATION

Colossians 2:1-7

1 I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. 2 I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. 3 In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. 5 For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong.

6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Ephesians 4:11-15

11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

WEEK 4: THE NEXT GENERATION

Psalm 71:17-18

17 O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood,
and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do.

18 Now that I am old and gray,
do not abandon me, O God.

Let me proclaim your power to this new generation,
your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

2 Kings 20:17-18

17 The time is coming when everything in your palace—all the treasures stored up by your ancestors until now—will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD.

18 Some of your very own sons will be taken away into exile. They will become eunuchs who will serve in the palace of Babylon's king.”

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WEEK 4: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

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TO CONSIDER

How did you come to know Jesus?

How can our generosity change generations? Think big!

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BETTER DISCIPLES





WEEK 5: ROOTED 1, 2, 3, – FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

2 We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. 3 As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Numbers 9:18-19; 18:23

18 In this way, they traveled and camped at the LORD's command wherever he told them to go. Then they remained in their camp as long as the cloud stayed over the Tabernacle. 19 If the cloud remained over the Tabernacle for a long time, the Israelites stayed and performed their duty to the LORD.

23 Only the Levites may serve at the Tabernacle, and they will be held responsible for any offenses against it. This is a permanent law for you, to be observed from generation to generation. The Levites will receive no allotment of land among the Israelites,

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

WEEK 5: ROOTED 1, 2, 3, –
FAITH, HOPE, & LOVE

11 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. 12 So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem[d] will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

Genesis 21:33

33 Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he worshiped the LORD, the Eternal God.

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WEEK 5: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

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TO CONSIDER

Paul impresses upon the early church at Corinth and upon US as the Church of today, the importance of giving in such a way that we believe God will ‘increase our store of seed’ and will ‘enlarge the harvest of our righteousness.’ But focus in on verse 11: *...you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.* Why does God give resources to us? So that we can have more money for ourselves? So that we can feel more secure? So that we can impress others and feel significant? NO! It’s so that we can be generous on every occasion!

WEEK 5: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

If you were God, would you give you more money?

We often say, "If I had more resources, then I would give more." Do you feel God could trust you with more? Why or why not?

Do you believe God can and will do something through you and in you during this ROOTED season? How do you think God is seeking to use your resources in such a way that brings glory to Him and shines alight on His name?

What is preventing you from surrendering to God and His plan for your life?

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WEEK 5: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

EXERCISE TO DO AT HOME PRIOR TO COMMITMENT WEEKEND

- List the financial commitments you currently have – those that go beyond a one-time payment but that have a time duration to them. Examples would be a home mortgage, a lease agreement, a car loan, a cellphone contract, your child's tuition for school, your own tuition for school, etc.
- Now list the commitment you are planning to make for the ROOTED initiative. Where does it fall in the priority of these other commitments? Do you need to change or modify one or more of these other commitments to be able to fulfill your Unfinished commitment?
- What if you wanted to raise your ROOTED commitment? What would that require? Is there a financial commitment you currently have that appears to be prioritized above your ability to make a sacrificial commitment to help rescue and empower disciples for Jesus?
- If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you value?
- Would that statement be true about you? Or is there something that needs to be explained or modified?
- Complete your Commitment Card (page 27) and pray over your decision, your future sacrifice and the generations that will be impacted by your generosity.

WEEK 6: THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

Luke 12:13-21

13 Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”

14 Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?”

15 Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

16 Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ 18 Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’

21 “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

I Timothy 6:17-19

17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

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TO CONSIDER

What is something you would say you have sacrificed in your life? What did that mean for you?

What is something that would be very difficult to give up – something that if you were asked to give it up, you're not sure that you could?

WEEK 6: QUESTIONS AND STUDY

Have you ever been changed by a sacrifice that you've made?

This journey is not about raising \$15 million dollars. Any of us who still think that have missed the point. ROOTED is about 100% of us going before God and determining what a big, bold, believing faith, a humble spirit and a sacrificing heart looks like as it relates to our generosity. It is about 100% of us laying it on the line for God and holding nothing back. Is this what you're doing for ROOTED? Is this how you've been thinking about your giving and sacrifice? Are you going to believe big that God will use you to reach generations in ways He has never done before in your life or mine? Reflect on this and share your heart, thoughts, nervousness, excitement and prayers with your group as it relates to this.

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Yesterday



Today



Tomorrow

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