



EVERY/ONE

GUIDEBOOK





GENEROSITY GENERATES TRANSFORMATION

IN US, IN OUR FAMILIES, IN OUR REGION

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October 1, 1963 - The first group gathers as McCook Christian Church at the home of Jay Hauxwell.



Phillip Olsen, sent by the Indianola Church of Christ, traveled to McCook to preach and help plant the new church.



1963-1964 - After outgrowing homes, MCC gathered at the City Auditorium and Carpenter's Funeral Home.



December 1964 - Fred Hardie and Jay Hauxwell present the down payment check for the lots where the new church building would be constructed.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR...



An aerial photograph of McCook marking the lots selected for the future church building.



Easter, 1965 - The completed McCook Christian Church building exterior.



2004 - MCC gathers to discuss the future move to a larger facility, a renovated grocery store on B street.



MCC met at the McCook HS Auditorium and Fairgrounds during the transitional season between facilities.





**TYLER
MCCARTY**
LEAD PASTOR

A NOTE FROM TYLER

Friends,

We are in a fight to take ground for the Kingdom, and every one of us has been handed an assignment. What a time to be part of McCook Christian Church.

So wherever you are with God right now, hear this. The most significant days of your life are ahead of you. You are not a spectator to what God is doing. You are an agent of the living God, and He fully intends to use you.

And it's already happening. People are being invited into the story of God, and they are saying yes. We're pouring into each other in real relationships, the kind where change actually happens. And what God is doing here is spilling out into our community and beyond.

None of that is new for us, by the way.

This church has a long habit of stepping out in faith, trusting God to move. In 1963, twenty-two people started a church that met in homes, in the city auditorium, and even in a funeral home, with a minister they paid thirty dollars a week. A year later they signed a mortgage they had no business signing. Some sixty years later, everything this church has become traces back to people who moved before they could see how it would work out. And God has never once missed.

But He's not done yet.

This fall we're launching EVERY/ONE, a two-year discipleship and generosity initiative, along with the six-week teaching series that opens it. Here's what it's all about.

Jesus once described a shepherd with a hundred sheep who loses one, and then walks away from the ninety-nine to go find it. As a business plan, that's malpractice. As a picture of the heart of God, it's everything. That's kingdom math. Out in the world, a great number is measured in thousands. In the Kingdom, ONE is a great number.

The power of everyone is found in the ONE. Not a crowd, not a demographic, not "the lost." One name. One face.

Which means every person reading this is needed. Not helpful. Not nice to have. Needed. There is a part in this that belongs to you, and this church becomes what God intends as every one of us steps into it.

Which brings me to this booklet. It's a working tool, not a souvenir. Inside you'll find each week's message summary, questions for your group or dinner table, material for your kids and students, and the full vision for the initiative. Write in it. Argue with it. Let God meet you in these pages.

One request. Don't do this alone.

Sixty years ago, twenty-two people gave generously of their time, talent, and resources, toward a mission they could only dream of, for people whose names they would never know. One of those people was you.

Your turn.

Creating the future together,

EVERY/ONE



WHAT ARE WE DOING?

For the next two years, McCook Christian Church is going after one goal together: 100% engagement. Not a headcount. Every one of us owning this mission and carrying it forward.

We're calling it EVERY/ONE. It's an invitation for all of us who call MCC home to take a real step of trust with what God has entrusted to us.

Here's what that makes possible.

The everyday work. Sundays, kids and students every week, groups, teaching, care, staff, the electric bill. Churches file this under "general operations," which makes it sound like the boring part. It isn't. This is the daily work of making disciples.

Environments for the next generation. Renovating and expanding the spaces where our kids and students meet. We give them more time and attention than anything else we do. Their spaces should say the same thing.

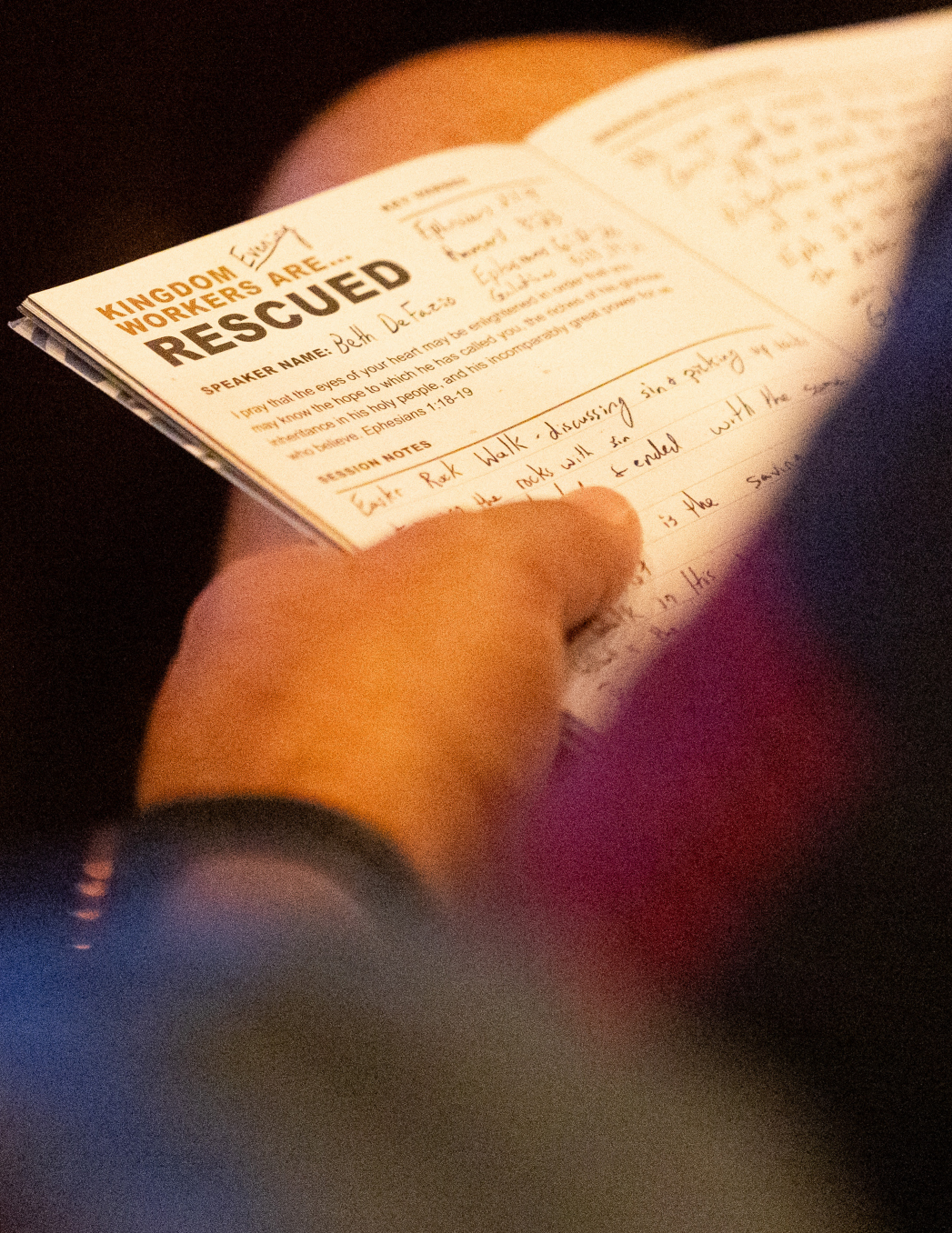
A building that belongs to McCook. Exterior updates, more glass, remodeled common spaces. We want this building used by as many people, on as many days, for as many good reasons as possible. MCC can mean two things at once: McCook Christian Church, and McCook Community Commons.

Impact, near and far. Deeper investment locally, and a clearer strategy beyond it. We want to be the kind of church this community would miss if we were gone.

There's a financial goal attached to all of it, and we'll be direct about it. It isn't the point. It's what happens in us and through us on the way there.

FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, MCCOOK CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS GOING AFTER ONE GOAL TOGETHER: 100% ENGAGEMENT. NOT A HEADCOUNT. EVERY ONE OF US OWNING THIS MISSION AND CARRYING IT FORWARD.





WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

The mission of MCC is to help everyone gain traction toward transformation in Jesus. One word in that sentence carries more weight than you might think.

Everyone.

When “everyone” means the crowd, three things happen. Responsibility dissolves, because someone else will handle it. Urgency goes quiet, because nobody in a crowd is sprinting. Ownership disappears, because the church looks like it’s running fine without you.

The way out is hiding in the same word. Every. One.

One is personal. One is a name and a face and a soul that God loves and you know. There’s nobody else standing where you’re standing.

So why generosity? Because generosity generates transformation. This was never a fundraising plan with a little discipleship bolted on. God has never needed our money. He wants our hearts, and generosity is how he tends to go after them. Where your treasure is, your heart follows. Jesus said it in that order on purpose.

Which makes the real ask a question each of us answers alone. God, what would you have me do with what you’ve given me? A whole church taking that seriously at the same time does something no program can manufacture. It moves people from consumer, to contributor, to owner.

This initiative will help us become the people God created us to be, and the people our ones need us to be. Not a program competing for our calendar. A church shaped around transformation in Jesus and the people we’re trying to reach.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT NOW?

Eternities are on the line.

The mission has a clock on it. Every day, this church brushes shoulders with someone living without Jesus. You carry the one thing they need most. The gospel made its way to you on its way to someone else.

The next generation isn't waiting on us. Their faith is worth everything we have to give to it. Most people who put their faith in Jesus do it before they turn eighteen. That's a window, and it closes.

Great environments make our commitment visible. A first-time family reads this building before they hear anything we say. Spaces built with real care tell a nervous mom her four-year-old is safe and wanted. Students who love where they gather want to come back. They bring friends.

A church can also drift into being a crowd without ever deciding to. It happens quietly, through good years, while everything looks fine. We've had good years. We're not in trouble. That's exactly when a church either grabs the mission with both hands or settles into being a well-run audience.

It's going to take every one of us.



**ETERNITIES ARE
ON THE LINE**

PRIMARY GOAL

100% ENGAGEMENT

We believe God is calling every person who calls MCC home to deeper trust and discipleship. This journey is about more than a financial commitment, it is about spiritual engagement.

We are inviting every person to prayerfully participate by connecting relationally, serving selflessly, giving generously, and taking a personal step of faith as we pursue God's vision together.

SECONDARY GOAL

\$4 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS

General Operations (2 Years) - \$1.4 million - Don't let the name fool you, there is nothing general about it. This is the engine of our mission — the important work of serving, equipping, and loving our community with the Gospel.

Impact Giving - \$0.5 million - Building and strengthening partnerships, removing barriers between people and Jesus, making an IMPACT in our community and beyond.

Vision Projects - \$2.1 million - NextGen Environments. McCook Community Commons. Investments that will serve this church and this community for years to come.



VISION PROJECTS

NEXT GEN ENVIRONMENTS

Nearly 75% of people choose to follow Jesus before the age of 18. The faith of the next generation is worth everything we have to give to it. We are investing in large, inviting, compelling gathering spaces for kids and students — because our physical environments should reflect the weight of what happens in them. We want to be THE champion for kids and families in our region.



MCCOOK COMMUNITY COMMONS

MCC means two things: McCook Christian Church (people)— and McCook Community Commons (building). We are investing in our building as a place for our city. A space for conversations, friendships, business meetings, and social gatherings. A place to build relationships — because life is always better with an inviting space and a great cup of coffee.

IMPACT GIVING

We are committed to removing barriers between people and Jesus — in our community and beyond our borders. We want to be the kind of church our community would genuinely miss if we were gone. Present. Generous. Relentless about making room for one more.



WHAT IS A ONE FUND?

If you've spent time around church, you might be familiar with a "capital campaign." There's a building to put up or a debt to pay down, so the church names the project, opens a separate fund for it, and asks people for a second gift, over and above whatever they already give. Two funds. Two decisions. Two piles.

We're not doing that. Instead, EVERY/ONE is a one fund initiative. For the next two years, every dollar given to McCook Christian Church goes into one fund, for one mission. There is no separate building fund and no "over and above." No second box to check, because there is no second box.

Why we're doing it this way

Why does this distinction matter? How we handle money should match what we actually believe. We want everyone to be transformed through this season, regardless of IF they currently give, or WHAT they currently give.

MCC exists to help everyone gain traction toward transformation in Jesus. Every dollar entrusted to this church serves that mission. Which means there is no such thing as non-missional giving at MCC.

Take the electric bill. Either the lights matter to the mission and we pay it, or they don't and we ought to be sitting in the dark. There's no third category. No maintenance pile and vision pile, no ordinary giving and exciting giving. One mission, one fund.

What this means for you

One fund means one question, and it's the same question for everyone: what will my total giving to MCC be over the next two years? "Over and above" only means something if you have a clear

baseline underneath it, and a lot of us don't. One number is simple and honest.

If you've never given here, this is a good place to start. Nothing to catch up on first. Just the one step, same as everyone else.

If you already give, none of the mechanics change. Same app, same box. The difference is that you're looking at the whole two years at once, and considering whether God is inviting you to expand what you give.

One dollar. One purpose. One fund.



NEXT STEPS

PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Ask God what He would have you do with what He's given you, and pray that all of us are listening with the intent to respond.

COMMIT FULLY

Be part of the primary goal of 100% engagement by saying YES and encouraging others to do the same.

CELEBRATE LOUDLY

God is going to do amazing things in you and those around you during this season. Share stories and be inspired by all that He is doing.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

Live and give in a way that stretches you to take your faith to a whole new level of generosity.

Some will choose to go first. All of us will have an opportunity to respond.

-Advanced Commitment Night - October 11

-Commitment Sunday - October 18

EVERY DAY, THIS CHURCH BRUSHES SHOULDERS WITH SOMEONE LIVING WITHOUT JESUS. YOU CARRY THE ONE THING THEY NEED MOST.

GIVING JOURNEY



This resource is designed to help you grow as a disciple by viewing money through the lens of God's Kingdom. As our trust in Christ deepens, our relationship with money changes — from something we cling to, into something God uses for His purposes. Each step represents growth in faith, generosity, and joyful sacrifice as we become more like Jesus.

These are not steps you climb to earn God's favor — they're a way to see how your heart is growing. Take a moment to prayerfully identify where you are today, and ask God to show you the next step.

1. INITIAL GIVER

Partnership in the gospel. Philippians 1:5–6

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.

QUESTION TO ASK : God, do I trust You as my Provider? Show me how to demonstrate to You my trust in You by starting somewhere and beginning to give.

2. CONSISTENT GIVER

Since you have excelled, excel here too. 2 Corinthians 8:7

A CONSISTENT GIVER decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving. Often, someone who makes their gift an online recurring gift is learning the behavior of consistency — but non-online givers can be consistent givers too; it just requires discipline.

QUESTION TO ASK : Paul says we should excel in this grace of giving. God, am I giving on a consistent basis that shows my desire to excel in this area of discipleship? Show me how to become more consistent and intentional.

5. ETERNAL GIVER

Making your giving purposeful / planning. Luke 14:28–30

An ETERNAL GIVER thinks about the longer tail of generosity rather than just month-to-month or year-to-year giving. They make short-term decisions with long-term effects on their generosity capacity — what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they keep. An eternal giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God rather than the things of this earth.

QUESTION TO ASK : Do I make large resource decisions in light of eternity, or in light of my time on earth? Show me how to recognize that You are One, and all things are submitted to You — driven by love and devotion for you, for the purposes of eternity.

4. SURRENDERED GIVER

Jesus went first and gave it all, so we surrender our lives to Him. Colossians 1:15–20

A SURRENDERED GIVER recognizes the power of the gospel and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources. This giver's generosity changes them — their giving governs their spending and saving, rather than the reverse. A surrendered giver isn't just concerned with what they are giving, but with what they're not giving and why, seeking to honor God with all He has given them.

QUESTION TO ASK : God, do I trust You as my Provider? Show me how to demonstrate to You my trust in You by starting somewhere and beginning to give.

3. INTENTIONAL GIVER

Making your giving purposeful / planning. Luke 14:28–30

An INTENTIONAL GIVER thinks about their giving in relation to their other financial priorities. This giver starts to make giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize it in relation to the other things on which they spend their money.

QUESTION TO ASK : Does the relation of my giving to my other financial priorities accurately reflect how I feel about God? Show me what it looks like to truly recognize You as my first priority.

EVERY/ONE COMMITMENT CARD

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: 10.18.2026

Use this commitment card sample as a tool to help you seek God on what he would have you do in regard to the EVERY/ONE generosity commitment. You'll get a new card to fill out on Commitment Sunday. For anyone who wishes to go first in making your commitment, you are invited to our Advanced Commitment Night on Oct. 11th.

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COMMITMENT CARD

WHAT I/WE CURRENTLY GIVE IN ONE YEAR

x2

CURRENT GIVING OVER TWO YEARS
(amount above times two)

\$ _____

+

MY/OUR EXPANDED EVERY/ONE COMMITMENT
(total to be given from Nov. 2026 - Dec. 2028)

\$ _____

+

GIFTS/STORED RESOURCES
(savings, property, stocks, etc.)

\$ _____

=

MY/OUR COMMITMENT TO THE EVERY/ONE INITIATIVE

\$ _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TWO - YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this season, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool that inspires and challenges you toward greater generosity for God's Kingdom.

# OF GIFTS	2-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$500,000
1	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$250,000
3	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$300,000
8	\$72,000	\$36,000	\$3,000	\$576,000
10	\$48,000	\$24,000	\$2,000	\$480,000
15	\$36,000	\$18,000	\$1,500	\$540,000
20	\$24,000	\$12,000	\$1,000	\$480,000
30	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$360,000
40	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$240,000
50	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$125	\$150,000
MANY	Under \$3,000	--	--	\$124,000
TOTAL				\$4,000,000

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

Pray → Listen → Engage → Talk → Respond

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says. Join a group during this season, if you aren't already part of one. Engage in personal reflection with God using the Sermon Series Guide in this book. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for your life. We are asking that you make a God-honoring commitment to generosity, whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow Him.

Finally, come with expectant hearts. We believe God is going to do more through our collective obedience than any of us could accomplish on our own. Mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, October 18.

HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?

EVERY/ONE is a two-year journey of generosity and impact. From

November 2026 through December 2028, every dollar given to MCC will help fuel our ongoing ministry, create capacity for future investments, and extend our impact into the community.

You make one commitment covering the whole span. How you fulfill it is up to you: weekly, monthly, annually, all at once, whatever fits you best.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T MEET OUR GOAL?

Our primary goal is that every single person engages in this initiative. Our secondary goal is a God-sized number. And this is intentional. It's a big number because it's a big mission. By nature, it will not happen without an entire community moving together on mission. The vision and commitment to our mission remain regardless of whether our number ends up short or long.

The purpose of this initiative did not start with a specific, "we are doing this," building project in mind. It started with an honest question of "God, what are you doing, and how are you asking us to respond?" Building plans may change, adjust, expand, or contract. Our mission and vision will not. Every dollar committed in this EVERY/ONE season will go to advancing the mission. We will move at the speed of our faithful steps, following Jesus and being led by the Spirit.

ARE THERE WAYS TO GIVE BESIDES WRITING A CHECK?

Yes, and some of them deserve harder thought than your monthly giving does.

Stock. Property. Land. Grain. Equipment. A vehicle nobody drives. Retirement assets. Most of what people own isn't sitting in a checking account, and stored resources are often where the real step of trust is hiding.

These gifts take a little coordination, and handled correctly there are usually tax advantages. Reach out early and we'll walk you through it. Contact Dan at accounting@mccookchristian.church.

WE ARE SAYING THAT THIS IS ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE ARE ONLY TALKING ABOUT GIVING. ISN'T THAT A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

Fair question. While a renovation is part of what we're pursuing, EVERY/ONE is about much more than funding a building project.

EVERY/ONE is a two-year generosity journey designed to invite everyone at MCC into one shared mission. Rather than asking you to give to a separate building fund on top of your regular giving, like in a traditional capital campaign, we're bringing everything together into one fund, one mission, and one opportunity for everyone to participate.

From November 2026 through December 2028, every dollar given to MCC will help fuel our ongoing ministry, create capacity for future investments, and extend our impact into the community. That means whether you've been giving to MCC for thirty years or have never given before, the invitation is the same: pray, listen to God, and respond to what He is asking you to do.

And that's where EVERY/ONE is different at its core. Our greatest measure of success isn't simply how much money is raised or what parts of a building gets renovated. It's whether people engage with God, take a step of faith, and discover the joy of living generously. The building is a means, not the mission. The mission is helping more people take their next step toward transformation in Jesus.



That's why we're calling it EVERY/ONE. Everyone matters. Everyone participates. Everyone has a next step.

IS THIS JUST A GIVING CONTRACT?

No. A commitment card is not a contract, an invoice, or a legal document. The commitment is a spiritual decision, not merely a financial pledge.

A number in your head is a maybe. A number on paper is a decision, and decisions are what actually move us. Your commitment is valuable because it creates intentionality, helping you put faith into action.

IS MY COMMITMENT CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Completely.

Your card goes to the finance team and nowhere else. Nobody outside that group sees what any individual or family committed.

We'll share the collective number, because a church ought to know what it said yes to together. What you personally commit stays between you, God, the people you share it with, and the few people whose job is to steward it.

I'VE NEVER GIVEN TO MCC BEFORE. CAN I REALLY COMMIT TO TWO YEARS OF GIVING?

Yes. And this is a better place to start than you'd think.

There's nothing to catch up on first. One fund means one question, and it's the same question every other person holding this book is answering. You're not behind. You're starting where you are, same as the rest of us.

Ask God what He would have you do in regard to your giving. Listen. Then take that step of faith.

WHAT IF MY SITUATION CHANGES?

Then it changes. Two years is a long time and life doesn't ask our permission before it moves. If your circumstances change, there is no shame in adjusting your commitment.

The goal is a sincere step of faith today, not a promise that you can predict the future.

WHAT IF I'M NEW TO MCC?

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

EVERY/ONE is about the vision of our church. We believe that the local church is the most compelling mission to give toward, and we would really love for you to make MCC your home and join us in EVERY/ONE. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB RIGHT NOW?

Commit what you can and let God sort out the rest.

We have no interest in you giving money you don't have. We've also watched God do things in lean seasons that He doesn't seem to do in comfortable ones. That might look like a small number given faithfully. It might look like selling something. It might look like a commitment you can't fully explain on paper yet.

Whatever it is, we want you in this with us.

WHAT IF I'M DEEP IN DEBT? AM I SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

If you are currently seeking to pay off debt, we commend you for that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you on that journey and/or recommend resources that might help you. Being in debt, however, does not have to prevent someone from giving. Giving isn't

about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. So it can be our joy and privilege to give at all times.

Please contact Sandy at sandy@mccookchristian.church if you need assistance with a plan to get out of debt. We would be honored to help!

Still have a question?

Ask it. Grab a staff member or elder on a Sunday, call the office, or email Sandy. sandy@mccookchristian.church



A NOTE FROM YOUR MCC ELDERS



RYAN HARDIN

"Generosity is not natural or instinctual, but a choice which says I trust God with everything I have. This posture of humility and gratitude creates a love and trust spiral where the more I live within this posture, the more I love and trust the God who created it."



MARK REINERS

"I am excited to be involved in the EVERY/ONE initiative. I firmly believe that God is leading us to something new and exciting. My hope is that in generations to come, MCC can look back and be encouraged that we took a step of faith, partnered with God, and ensured that the next generations have a place to share the love of Christ to their children, grandchildren, and their neighbors."



DAN MILLER

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. – Proverbs 16:9

"God is always working in whatever we are doing to provide the best outcome for his people. There is a plan in place, goals we want to accomplish and lives we want to see changed. This is a two year process, so please join us on this journey. I am really excited to see how God is going to work in this in ways we can't anticipate or imagine."



BRENT HAUXWELL

"God uses generosity and giving to generate transformation in many ways. For me, He uses it to teach me to trust in Him only to take care of me. I have been a part of MCC for 52 years. I have personally witnessed what previous initiatives have done for His kingdom at MCC. In the past 5 years, God has shown me and my family that even if we remain generous when things seem tough, He will always be there for us and take care of us. He has taught me that people and His mission are what matters most in this world, not my own financial security. I believe this initiative will have long lasting Kingdom results for the next 50 years."

ONE LAST THING

Pray, commit, celebrate, give. The rest of it is between you and God, which is exactly where it belongs.

The series runs September 13 through October 18. Make it a priority to be here, and bring this book with you.

Two dates worth putting on the calendar today.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, October 18 • 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

All of us together, making our two-year commitments. This is the day everything has been building toward. Come ready. Bring your family. If you circle one date in this book, circle this one.

ADVANCE COMMITMENT NIGHT

Sunday, October 11 • 6:00 p.m.

For anyone who wants to go first. If God settles it with you before the 18th, come make your commitment a week early and help lead the rest of us into it.

We can't wait to see what God does in this season. And we're praying for you by name, that your trust in Him would grow and that you gain traction toward transformation in Jesus.

Phone: 308-345-1561 • Email: sandy@mccookchristian.church

Web: engageevery.one

Gifts of stock, property, or other stored resources take a little coordination.

Email Dan: accounting@mccookchristian.church and we'll walk you through it.



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SIX WEEK SERMON SERIES

SERMON SERIES SUMMARY

called | sent | engaged | surrendered | invested | multiplied

Four men carry their friend to Jesus in Mark 2 and can't get through the door. The obstacle isn't opposition. No one is trying to stop them. The obstacle is the crowd. People already inside. Already close. Already interested.

SO THEY CLIMB UP AND TEAR A HOLE IN THE ROOF.

Then Mark writes, "When Jesus saw their faith." Not the crowd's faith. Theirs.

Crowds do one thing reliably. They make it easy to assume somebody else is handling it. And that assumption wears a lot of costumes. I didn't know I was called. The real mission field is somewhere else. Nobody needs what I've got. I meant to. I can't afford to. Somebody more qualified will.

Scripture has an answer for every one of those. Six weeks, one at a time. And the answer keeps coming back the same. It's us.

Watch how it happens. Jesus doesn't recruit crowds. He calls people by name. He tells Nathanael "I saw you under the fig tree," which is where a man went to pray for a Messiah he had stopped expecting. Andrew meets Jesus and goes straight for his brother. A woman leaves her water jar at a well. A man begs for a seat in the boat and gets sent home instead, because his story will do more there than his seat ever would.

Every one of them received something before anyone asked them for anything.

That's the hinge. The first half of this series is about what's already been handed to us: a call, a place, a gift. The back half is what we do with it. And that's where it opens up, because what we offer God has a way of quietly crawling back to us, and what we're holding has a way of not letting go. Paul is blunt about both. A living sacrifice can climb off the altar. Money isn't evil, it's just fog. And on the other side of open hands is what he calls the life that is truly life.

Generosity is the thread through all of it, and it runs much wider than a checkbook.

The series ends on that roof.

Because what happened in that house didn't happen because everyone in it believed something. It happened because four people did something.

CROWDS WATCH. INDIVIDUALS CARRY.

Imagine a church where every one of us is willing to go tear off a roof for one person. Not to build a bigger crowd, but to make room for one more.

That's

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EVERY/ONE CALLED

JOHN 1:29-51; LUKE 14:15-24

BIG IDEA

Jesus doesn't recruit crowds - he calls people by name, and you are already one of them.

SERMON NOTES

SERMON NOTES CONT.

THIS WEEK'S WORD

"Follow me." - John 1:43

PRAY THIS

Jesus, I pray that You kindle a burning curiosity in me to come closer to see who You are. I pray for the willingness, desire and ability to step out of my comfort zone to respond to Your invitation with excitement and joy. I pray that you silence any excuses I might make and lead me to You. I pray Your invitation compels me to follow You so that your house would be filled to overflowing and I would celebrate with you in unsearchable peace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 01** Trace your own chain backward. Who first said “come and see” to you, and who said it to them? What does it do to you to realize the church is a centuries-long relay of three-word invitations, and you might be someone’s next link?
- 02** Nathanael’s first reaction was “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” That’s not simply cynicism, but the protective reflex of someone who wants it to be true but stopped letting himself believe it might be. Where do you see that reflex in the people around you? Where do you see it in yourself?
- 03** The guests in Luke 14 had already RSVP’d. They didn’t reject the invitation; they just found reasons not to show up when it mattered. What’s your version of the field, the oxen, the excuse that sounds reasonable but keeps you from engaging?
- 04** The host sends servants to people who never expected to be invited, and the servant’s job is to convince them the invitation is real. Who in your world has probably concluded that no one would ever want them at this table? What would it take to convince them otherwise?

- 05** The EVERY/ONE challenge is one name. Not a category, not “the lost,” not “young families.” A name and a face. What makes that specificity uncomfortable? Why do you think the discomfort matters?

STUDENTS

Nathanael had learned to lower his expectations. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Where do you hear that voice in your own life - about yourself, about others, about what’s possible? Jesus didn’t argue with Nathanael. He just said “come and see.” Who’s one person at your school who feels like they’re on the outside of everything? What if you were their “come and see?”

KIDS

Philip ran to find his friend Nathanael and said, “We found someone amazing! Come and see!” Jesus told Nathanael, “I saw you,” even before they met. Jesus sees you too, and He knows your name. Who’s one friend you could invite to come see something you love about church?

Draw a picture of them and keep it where you’ll remember to pray for them.

FAMILIES

Talk about who in your neighborhood, school, or workplace you could move toward together. Make it concrete - a meal, a text, a visit, a wave that turns into a conversation.



EVERY/ONE SENT

MATTHEW 28:18-20 • JOHN 4 • MARK 5:1-20

BIG IDEA

You're not waiting to be deployed somewhere; you've already been placed exactly where you're needed.

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you." - Mark 5:19

PRAY THIS

Lord, as walk into this week, give me the faith and courage to walk in Spirit and in truth. stand ready to walk in the authority given to me as an ambassador of heaven and earth-to show up on purpose to those I encounter in my home and life. Lord, give me the courage and joy of sharing what You have done for me in Your love and mercy.

Lord, remind my heart I am not waiting to be sent. My mission field is where my feet stand. Therefore I will go and make disciples in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 01** The restored man begged to leave with Jesus, and Jesus sent him home instead. Be honest: would that answer have disappointed you? What does it reveal about where we think the “real” mission field is, and where Jesus thinks it is?
- 02** Your testimony carries the most weight with the people who know what your life has actually been like. Who are those people for you? Why are they often the very people we’re most reluctant to talk to about faith?
- 03** The Samaritan woman testified from the middle of her own unanswered questions, and many believed because of her. What would you say about Jesus if you were allowed to lead with honest experience instead of a polished answer? Try saying it to the group.
- 04** Jesus told the disciples the fields were “already white for harvest” while they were walking through Samaria seeing nothing. What blinds us to the harvest right in front of us? Is the problem the field’s readiness, or our eyesight?

- 05** She left the water jar, the thing she came for, because something better took over. What’s in your hands right now that you might need to set down while your ONE is waiting for you to show up?

STUDENTS

The man wanted to get in the boat and escape his hard situation. Jesus sent him back into it, because that’s where his story had the most power. Who in your school would believe you over any adult or any stranger, because they’ve watched your actual life? That’s not an accident. That’s an assignment.

KIDS

Jesus made a very sick man completely well. The man said, “I want to come with you!” But Jesus said, “Go tell your family and friends what happened to you first!” The woman at the well was so excited about meeting Jesus that she forgot her water jar and ran to tell everyone. Who would you run to first with really good news? Could you share something about Jesus with them this week?

FAMILIES

Figure out your family’s “Decapolis” - the regular place you go every week - and pick one person there to start noticing on purpose.



EVERY/ONE ENGAGED

1 PETER 4:10 • ROMANS 12:3-8

BIG IDEA

The body doesn't work when parts sit on the sideline - and the church is missing something every day your gift stays unused.

SERMON NOTES

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others." - 1 Peter 4:10

PRAY THIS

Dear Heavenly Father, as I walk into this week with you I am reminded to put everything at your feet. Let me be reminded of the special gifts that you have given to me. Help me become the owner of my gifts and not just consumer or contributor. Push aside the fear, pride, or mental limits that get in the way. I don't want to be the person that isn't heard and sits on the sidelines, I want to be bold in my service to the kingdom of heaven. I declare this over the week in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 01** A consumer takes what's provided. A contributor gives when convenient. An owner carries responsibility for the whole, even the parts that aren't "their area." Where are you honestly on that spectrum at MCC right now, and what put you there?
- 02** Which direction does your "sober judgment" fail: thinking too much of yourself, or too little? Here's the harder question: do both errors land you in the same place, on the sideline?
- 03** What do people regularly come to you for or thank you for? (Let the group answer this for each other. We usually see each other's gifts more clearly than our own.) Now: where is that gift currently being used for the body?
- 04** The servant in Matthew 25 who buried his talent wasn't lazy or malicious. He was afraid. What's the honest fear underneath your non-engagement: doing it wrong, not being wanted, being trapped, burning out?

STUDENTS

Has anyone ever pointed out something you're good at that you hadn't noticed? Paul says every person got a gift, and the body literally doesn't work without yours. Thinking "I'm better than everyone" and thinking "I don't matter" feel like opposites, but they both end with you checked out. What's one thing you could own at church or school this month, not because someone begged you, but because you see the need and you've got the gift?

KIDS

A body needs ALL its parts! Eyes see, ears hear, hands help, feet go. If one part stops working, the whole body misses it. God gave YOU something special that helps other people. If you were a body part, which one would you be, and why? What happens to a puzzle if you keep your piece in your pocket instead of putting it in?

FAMILIES

Make a "family gift list" at dinner - one gift per person - then pick one way to use them together for someone else this month.



EVERY/ONE SURRENDERED

ROMANS 12:1-2

BIG IDEA

The life God has for you is waiting on the other side of the one you're holding onto.

SERMON NOTES

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God." - Romans 12:1

PRAY THIS

Father, Thank You for helping me to recognize true peace comes from You alone. Continue to anchor my heart in your word Lord, that I don't drift away from your counsel and leadership, but draw near! As I go into this week, help me to continue seeking You above all. God open my eyes to what I truly am devoting myself and time to and help me to fight against any selfish desires. I surrender my life and my will to You. I pray I live each day strengthened by Your presence, enthusiastic in my service, embracing Your eternal plan and purpose for my life, and sharing Your love with those around me. I love You, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 01** Think of a real commitment you once made to God, a moment of genuine surrender. What's happened to it since? Can you trace the drift, the small exceptions that accumulated? When did you last audit your life and find something you'd taken back?
- 02** Paul says present your body, not your intentions or your spiritual feelings. Your actual schedule, wallet, home, hands, screen time. Why do you think Paul refuses to let surrender stay invisible and internal?
- 03** "Do not conform" assumes the world is actively pressing you into its mold. Describe the mold your specific world is pressing on you right now. What does it reward? What does it punish? How would anyone tell if you'd stopped yielding to it?
- 04** The transformation in verse 2 is passive: something done to you, not by you. What's the difference between working hard at spiritual growth and creating the conditions for it? Which one are you doing, honestly?

- 05** For people who've built their identity on competence and control, "servant" can feel like a demotion. What would you actually lose if you fully surrendered? Name it specifically.

Now: is it worth what you're protecting it from?

STUDENTS

Every commitment you've ever made - a sport, a friendship, a faith decision at camp - had a moment where it got hard to maintain. That's the "living sacrifice" problem: you can always climb down. What mold is your school or your feed trying to press you into right now? And what would it look like to stop fighting God's transformation instead of trying to manufacture your own?

KIDS

Imagine giving your favorite toy to a friend who really needed it. That's hard! Now imagine sneaking it back the next day. Paul says giving ourselves to God isn't a one-time thing; it's a choice we make again every morning. What's something hard to give, even to someone who needs it? What's one way a kid your age could "give your day" to God tomorrow?

FAMILIES

Each person shares one thing that's hard to let God be in charge of. Then pray one sentence each: "God, this is yours."



EVERY/ONE INVESTED

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

BIG IDEA

You're not giving money away - you're moving it to the only account that outlasts everything.

SERMON NOTES

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

"Command them to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

- 1 Timothy 6:18

PRAY THIS

Father God, thank you for blessing us with abundance. Lord, I pray that you would empower us through the Strength of The Holy Spirit to truly see what really matters, and for the action to move towards those things in our time, energy, finances, and other gifts. I pray for commitment, self-less devotion, and for intimacy in relationship with You. Father God, I pray for a Kingdom mindset, and a mission focus, to bless other people and bring Glory to Your Name. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 01 When has money proven less stable than you assumed: a job loss, a market drop, an emergency that ate the savings? Did the experience change where you put your hope, or just where you put your anxiety?
- 02 Forget what you'd say in a small group. Look at your last three months of spending: where does the evidence say your hope actually lives? What would it take to move it?
- 03 Giving as a transaction versus giving as koinonia - joining someone's story. Have you ever experienced the second kind, where giving felt more like receiving? What made it different?
- 04 Paul's first command to the wealthy isn't "give more." It's "don't be arrogant," because wealth quietly convinces us we matter more. How does money shape how you see yourself relative to others, even at church?

- 05 Paul says the generous "take hold of the life that is truly life." That implies there is a life that looks like living but isn't. What's the difference, and which one are you currently holding onto?

STUDENTS

What would you spend money on without hesitating, and what would you never spend it on? That list is a map of what you actually worship. Paul says wealth is "uncertain," fog you can't grip. What are you building your security on right now, and how certain is it really? And what do you think "the life that is truly life" means, if there's a version that only looks like it?

KIDS

God gives to us richly - way more than we need! Imagine a jar of candy. You could eat every piece yourself, or share with a friend who has none. Which one makes the story better? Paul says when we give, we're storing up treasure that lasts longer than anything we could buy. What's one thing you could give this week: money you've saved, time, or an invitation?

FAMILIES

Do this out loud, together, at whatever level kids can grasp. Spend, save, give: show them the three jars and let them make a real giving decision of their own. The goal isn't the amount. It's raising people who hold things loosely because they trust the One who holds them.



EVERY/ONE MULTIPLIED

MARK 2:1-12

BIG IDEA

The Kingdom doesn't grow through crowds- it multiplies one person at a time, through someone who refused to let an obstacle be the final answer.

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THIS WEEK'S WORD

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' - Mark 2:5

PRAY THIS

Jesus, how can I thank you enough for bringing me to faith in You? I was the paralytic. How thankful I am for those who noticed my desperate need for a Savior. Father, make me aware of the spiritual and physical needs of those around me. I refuse to become indifferent to brokenness. Move my heart, hands, and feet the way Yours is moved. THY will be done. In Jesus' name, Amen!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 01** The crowd in Mark 2 wasn't hostile, they were just in the way. Where in your own life has the presence of a crowd made it easier to assume someone else would take responsibility for someone who needed help?
- 02** "When Jesus saw their faith." The faith Jesus responds to here belongs to the carriers, not the crowd. What does it look like to exercise faith on behalf of someone else, especially someone who hasn't asked for it or shown any interest?
- 03** The four friends didn't wait for the right moment, the right plan, or permission. What's the thing you've been waiting on before you take a step toward your ONE? Is that a legitimate obstacle, or is it the crowd talking?
- 04** Think about the specific person you've been praying about through this series. What's one concrete move - a conversation, an invitation, showing up somewhere - you could make in the next two weeks?
- 05** The miracle in this story is personal and specific: one man, four friends, one encounter with Jesus. How does thinking about the Kingdom advancing ONE at a time change how you see your own role in MCC's mission?

STUDENTS

The four friends in this story didn't have a plan - they just refused to let an obstacle be the final answer. At your school there are people who feel like outsiders, and the "normal ways in" don't work for them. Faith in this story isn't something the four friends just believed - it's something they did, and Jesus noticed. Who's your ONE? Not a crowd. One person. What's your roof-opening move this year?

KIDS

Four friends had a problem: their friend couldn't walk, and the house was so packed they couldn't get through the door. So they climbed up and dug a hole in the ROOF! They didn't wait for someone else to fix it. Jesus saw what they did for their friend, and He healed him. Is there someone at your school or in your neighborhood who might feel left out? You don't need a big plan - you just need to do something. Who's one person you could show up for this week?

FAMILIES

Each person names their ONE and says it out loud at the dinner table. Then pray together for those people by name, every day for 30 days.

