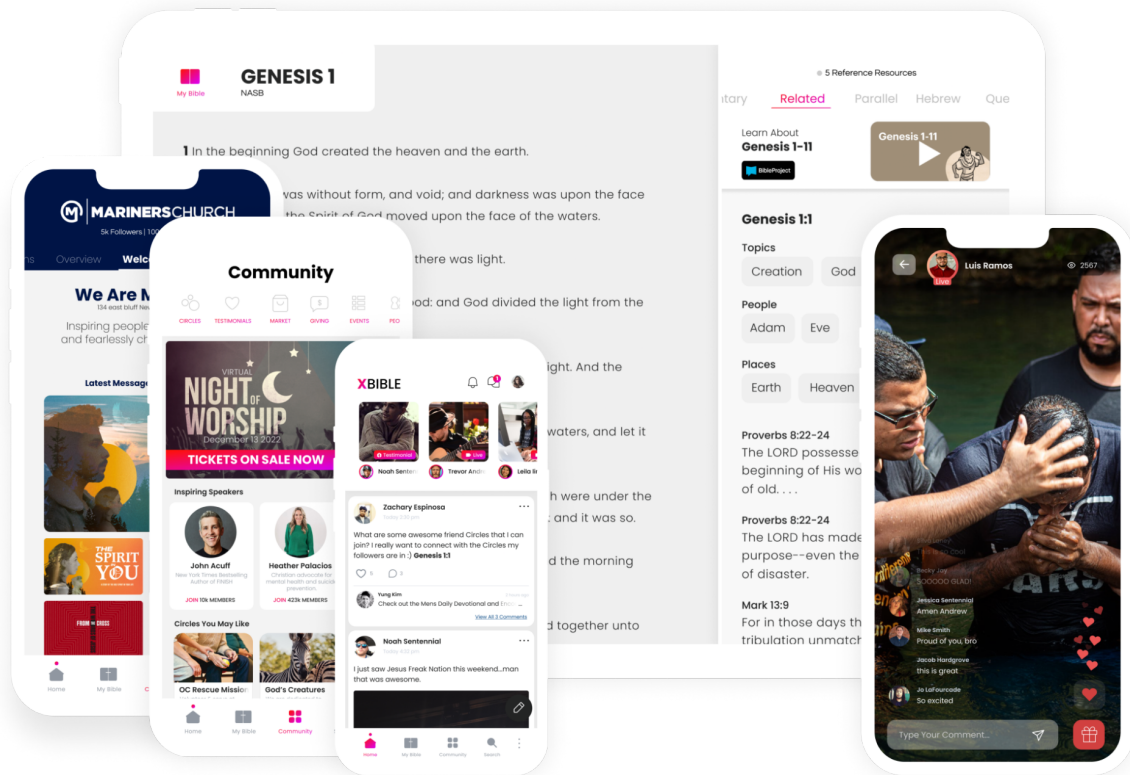




Connecting Christians



Abstract

XBible is the culmination of ten years of research and development from founder Chris Adam on creating an app that efficiently and intimately connects believers to believers, and believers to God. Merged with technology from Forum 12's HolARgram, the platform acts as both a Bible reading and study tool, and a social network. Believers experience Scripture in a totally new way through XBible's groundbreaking yet simple reading and study features, while connecting with other believers throughout every section of the application. XBible allows users to curate their Bible reading experience so it is digestible and relatable for them personally. Users have access to parallel translations, original text, and commentaries that equip believers with a new level of Scriptural understanding and revelation of the character of God. Beyond this, XBible features groundbreaking technology from Forum12, including user generated 3D Augmented Reality video and an NFT content curation mechanism that will catapult the Church to the front lines of innovation and inspire intimate, genuine connections among believers on a global scale.

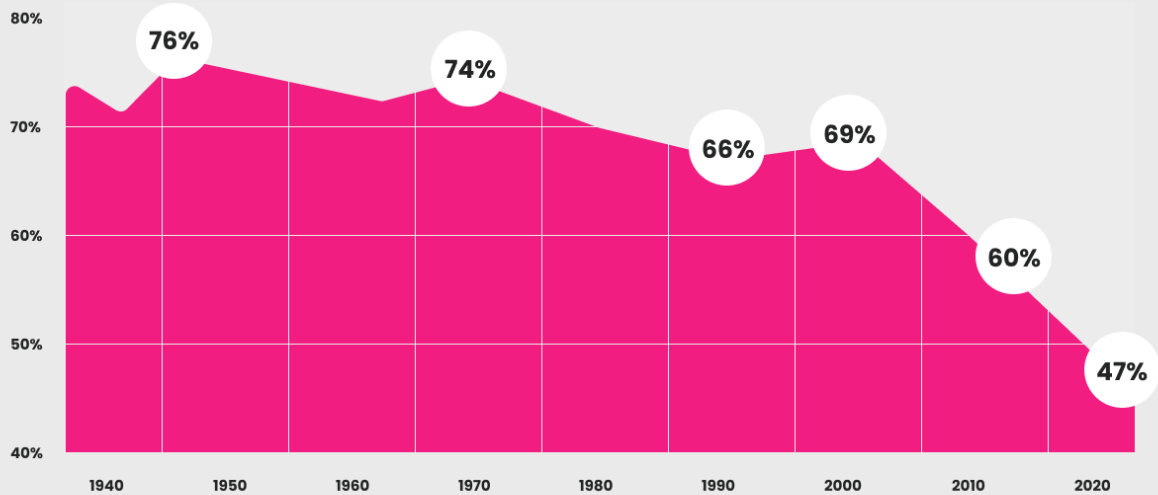
Vision

We live in an unprecedentedly globalized and connected world, yet so many feel lost and alone. As paradigms continue to shift and culture moves farther away from the truth of the Gospel, believers are far from immune to these feelings of isolation and hopelessness. XBible presents believers with the opportunity to connect with one another in community and fellowship, while connecting with the heart of God through Scripture. Our vision is to use advancements in technology to regain ground that the enemy has taken, and restore the Body of Christ to her Bridal identity. The Church has been on the margins of innovation for too many years, allowing the world to shape the social landscape rather than establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Religious affiliation has been on the decline in the United States for almost two decades, with church membership among Americans standing at 47% in 2020, falling below the majority for the first time ever ([Gallup](#), 2021).

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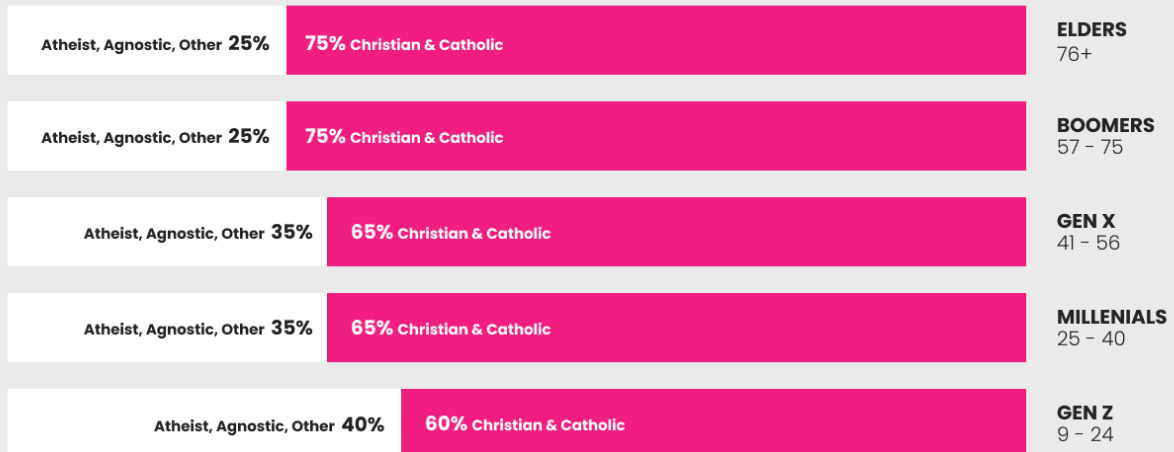
the majority of U.S. adults do not belong to a church



While there are many factors that undoubtedly contribute to this decline in faith, the founders of XBible believe that the disconnect between traditionalism and modernity is negatively impacting churches' ability to reach new believers, especially young believers.

A 2018 study by [Barna](#) produced the following graph indicating that the two younger generations (Millennials and Gen Z) have significantly higher rates of non-affiliation than their older counterparts.

Religious Identity by generation showing growing disconnection



Church is most powerful when it feels like home, but young people (18–35) often feel out of place in an environment that firmly plants itself in tradition without exploring modernization. **Demonstrating willingness to realize new practices without eroding the integrity of the Gospel is one of the best ways to attract this demographic.**

XBible offers churches and believers the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of the next era of technology by integrating them into the digital world of metaverse technology (augmented reality recording) and NFTs, while providing new levels of access to the Word of God. The establishment of the Christian church as leaders in innovation will open new doors to reach youth and those individuals who would not otherwise be interested in faith, bringing them into a space where they will be met by Jesus.

Social media has been an unprecedented force for globalization, connecting humanity in a way that was impossible before the digital revolution. Social media has provided companionship, enlightenment, camaraderie and inspiration; however, social media has also been a force for darkness – pandering propaganda, instilling fear, and policing thoughts and ideas.

XBible is a new kind of social media platform, free from the agenda of centralized human authority and focused on the agenda of Christ. The founders of XBible recognize the need for a platform that will not silence the Gospel or ostracize those who proclaim it, but elevate the voices of believers around the world and connect them to each other in fellowship and like-mindedness. We believe that testimonies of God's goodness and salvation are the most powerful truths that humanity has to offer, yet there is little to no promotion of Christian content on current social media platforms, and certainly no platform that compiles the testimonies of believers in one place. XBible rectifies this issue by centering its platform around the furtherance of the Gospel and the Kingdom through the sharing of testimonies, faith-based content, and Scripture on a network that is free from the restrictions of monopolized influence.

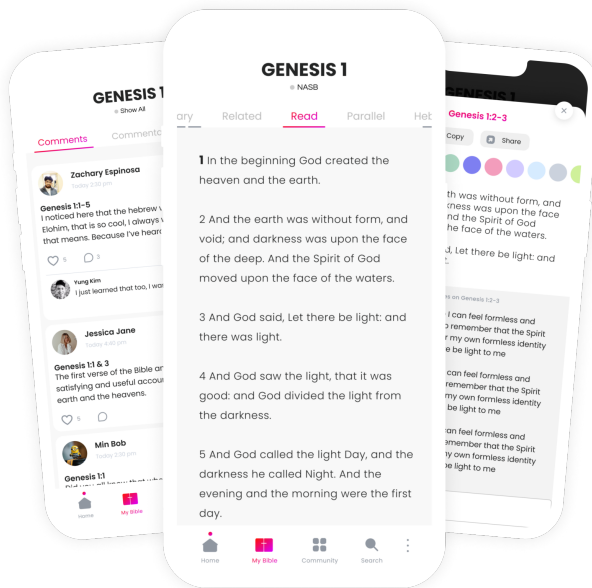
Who We Are

XBible was originally envisioned by Chris Adam, a former pastor with a focus on college and career age individuals. He pastored from 1997–2000 before transitioning into app design. He has worked on various innovation projects between 2000 and 2020, as well as his own design agency: Branch Design.

The four founders of Forum12 ([Carrie](#) and [Brandon Millsap](#), and [Luke](#) and [Jennifer Richey](#)) are dedicated Christ followers, and seasoned entrepreneurs and investors. As a family, they have determined to commit the best of their work and finances to further the kingdom of God. The Lord gave them a vision for their lives and for their work, a vision of excellence that would require the firstfruits of each new blessing. XBible is one of the initial phases of this decades-long, multi-generational vision to expand, protect, and unite the worldwide Church.

Forum 12's mission is to spread the gospel and testimony to the entire planet, and disciple the coming billion soul harvest. Both the Godborn visions of XBible and HoIARgram combine to create an unparalleled platform to facilitate a global renewal and rebirth.

The Plan

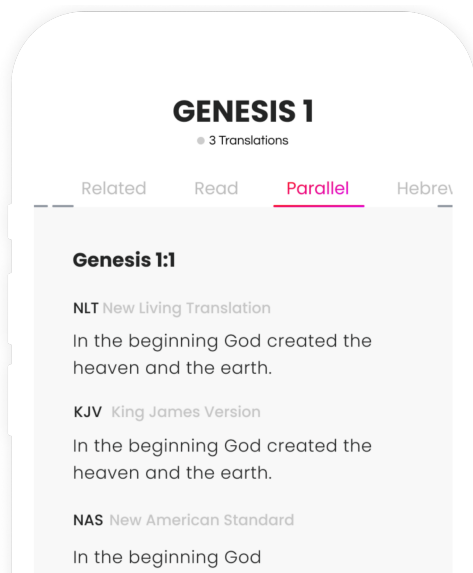


Bible Engagement

God gifted us His word so that all believers may know Him, not just the academics or theologians. XBible offers today's believers the opportunity to understand Scripture at a new level by democratizing theological study and making in depth reading available to every believer by leveraging a never before experienced user interface created specifically for bible reading.

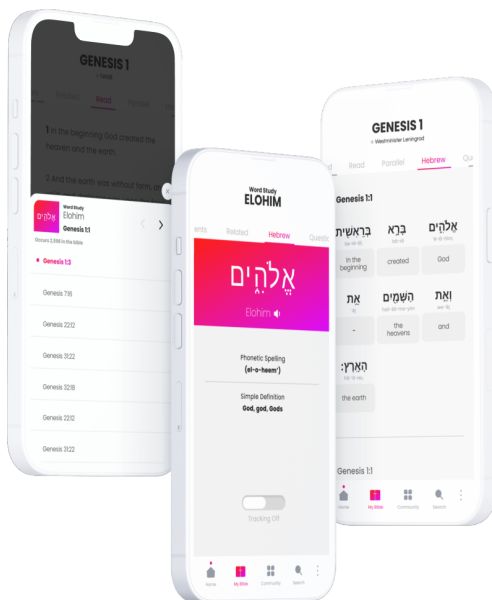
Scripture study has often been layered by outside books, separate experiences and academic incentives. The bible section of XBible was created to bring deeper study tools and often ignored academic pursuits into a user experience that allows readers of any level to engage in deeper material that would otherwise require multiple steps to discover. The entire XBible network was designed around the bible section, to increase user adoption as a flagship reading experience for those studying Scripture.

The founders of XBible are dedicated to equipping Christians with the necessary tools to critically read the Word of God and gain new revelation of His character. Each feature on **XBible was designed specifically for the everyday believer, allowing users to tailor their Bible reading experience to their own needs, level of Scriptural understanding, and preferences in a convenient and intuitive environment.**



Parallel Translation Study

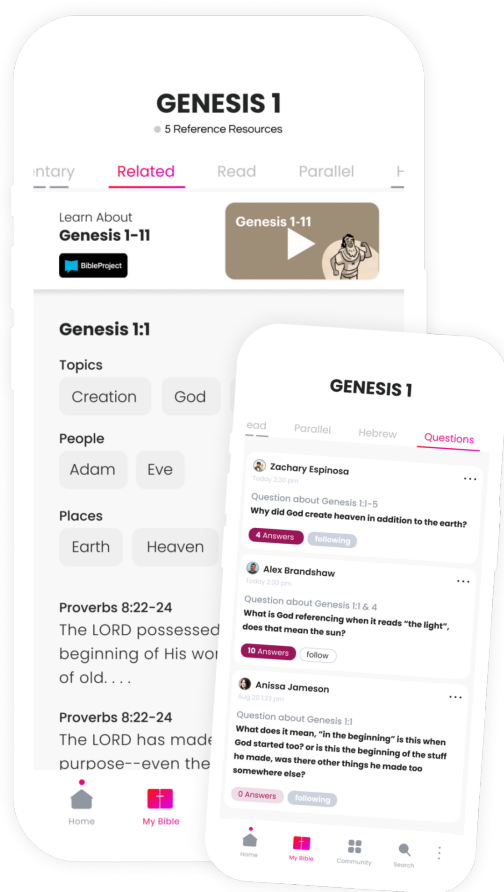
The parallel translation feature allows users to **view multiple translations** of Scripture at once, so that they can compare and contrast versions as they read through a passage. Having simultaneous access to multiple translations provides users with deeper context and detail for each verse, facilitating a more holistic understanding of important passages.



Original Language Experience

XBible offers users the option to view significant words and verses in the original text language (Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic), along with allowing users to **create real time word studies** at any point in their reading through a dynamic study overlay experience. This feature will revolutionize the Bible reading experience for believers as many Hebrew or Greek words hold meaning that do not directly translate into modern language. For instance, the different Greek words for love (Agape, Eros, Storge, and Philia) that are used

throughout the New Testament. Each word has a different meaning and connotation but is translated as the same word – “love”. Convenient access to original text will have an indelible impact on the way Christians read and interpret the Scriptures, further enlightening us to the intended message of the Bible



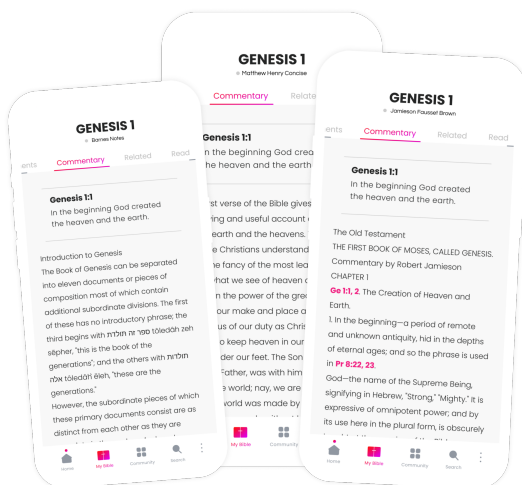
Contextual Bible Study

This feature provides readers with related information to the passage they are reading – other **connected Scriptures, historical context, significance of terminology or words used**, etc. Related information for relevant passages paints a clearer picture of why each Scripture was written, to whom it was originally written, and what message it is trying to convey to the reader.

Social Integration

Part of equipping believers with the tools necessary to understand more of the character of God is connecting them to other believers. XBible features the ability to **read Scripture alongside fellow believers**, and read their comments or questions on verses or studies. This feature ensures that believers are surrounded by community and do not feel alone or discouraged

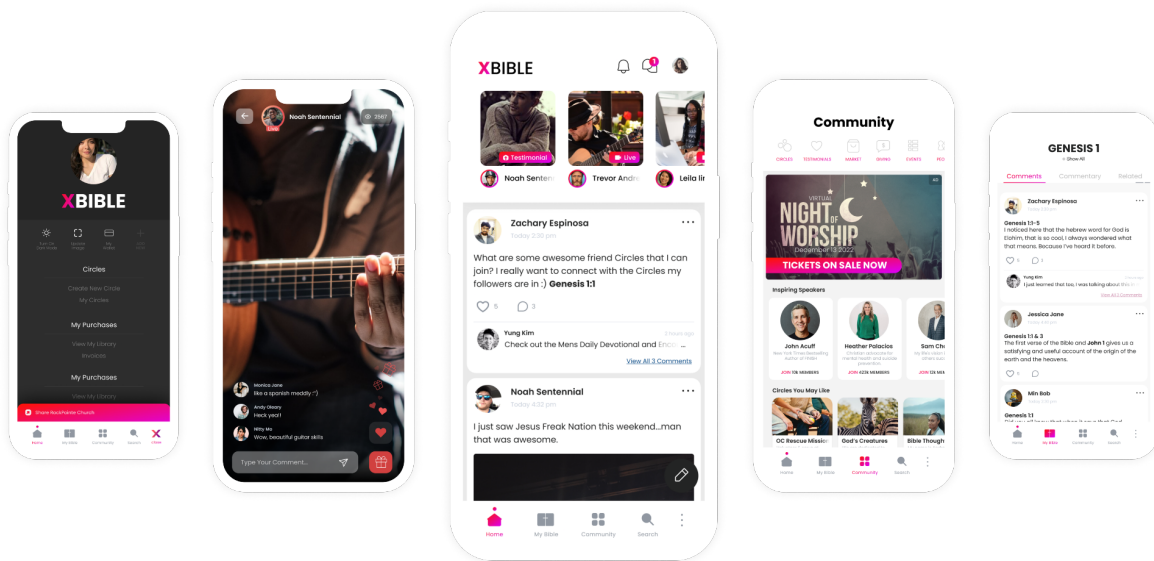
in their questions about the Word and faith. Additionally, this feature gives users the opportunity to see how their friends and family interpret different areas of Scripture, and gain new insight into the same verse.



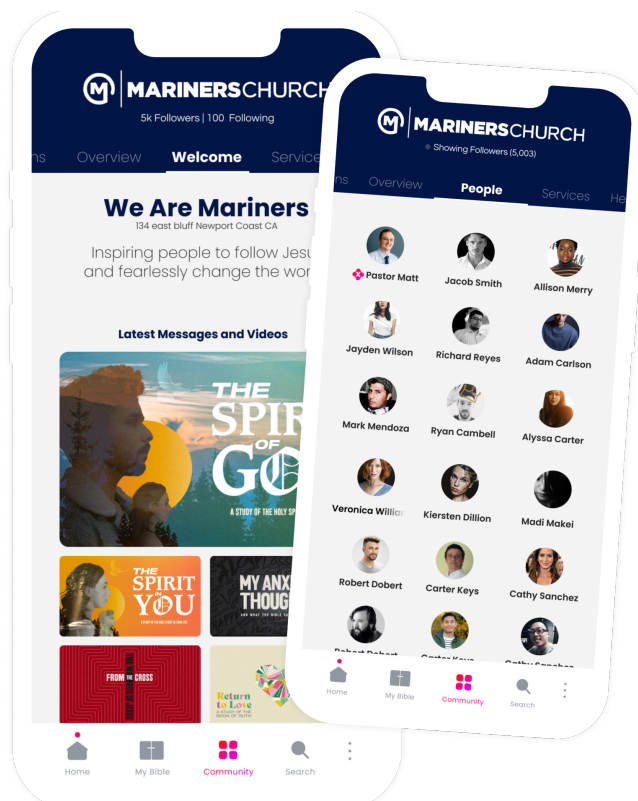
Bible Commentaries

XBible allows users to incorporate commentaries from established sources into their reading, to **gain further understanding** of the context of each verse and what it says about God. The commentary feature is part of XBible's [monetization plan](#), and allows users to cost effectively subscribe to different commentaries from reputable sources, while also giving access to free versions that are in the public domain.

Deep Social Network



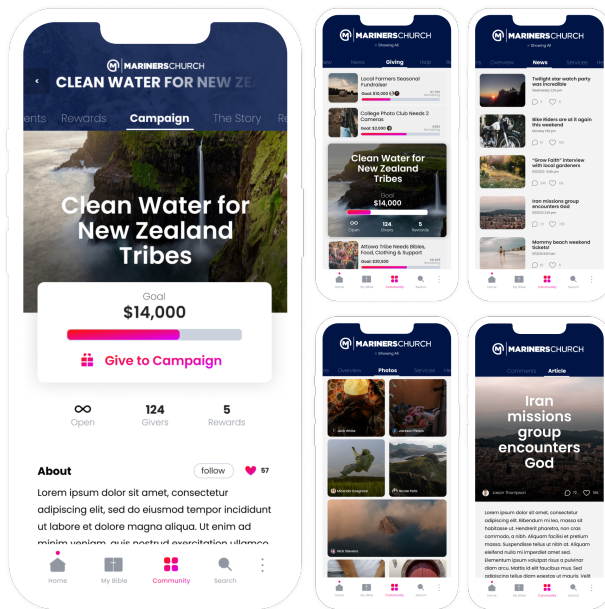
The vision for XBible is one of worship, fellowship, the Word, and testimony – a sneak peak of life in heaven as the Church raises up its collective voice in praise. It is an opportunity to gather in unity as the Church, despite living in a divisive world. The social network aspect of XBible is designed to **connect believers to one another and provide a borderless home for Christians** across the globe.



Circles

The circles are essentially user and platform generated **hubs of interest within the platform** – centered around specific topics, products, passions, groups of like-minded people, or organizations. For instance, believers who are interested in worship music or songwriting can form or join circles with other musically inclined people to share projects and ideas. Or, users who

were freed from addiction to substances can form or join a circle with believers who share similar testimonies to encourage and strengthen each other. Users can form circles to do specific Bible studies or contend for specific things in prayer, or to support a certain cause or organization. Additionally, some circles may also be created dynamically when actions are taken by the user, for example, a user may post a prayer request and toggle "create a circle" for that request.

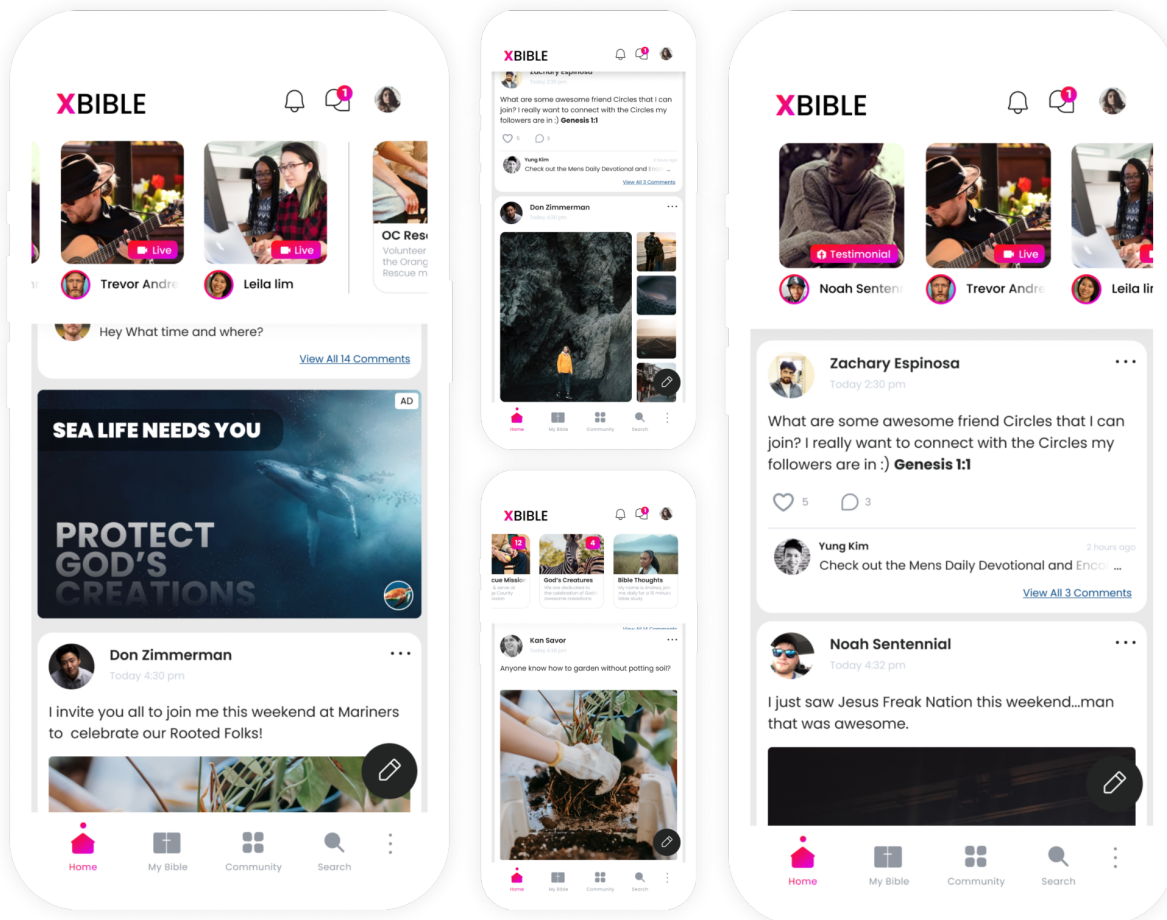


Circles are not only user generated social hubs, but are also created along with connected in app assets such as products, music, video and more to enhance the social experience, personal connection to the asset and internal community of XBible and its users. Beyond this, circles are website ready, as an upgrade for circle owners, one of the premium features is to allow the circle to have a place online with its own domain and website experience. Actions, posts, content, pages and updates are

simultaneously created as a website for the outside world to engage. This allows for ministry groups and churches to create new website experiences without going to a DIY online web builder or hiring web designers to create new services and ministry opportunities. Premium web functions may be added to these experiences such as live feeds, site-visitor personalization and more.

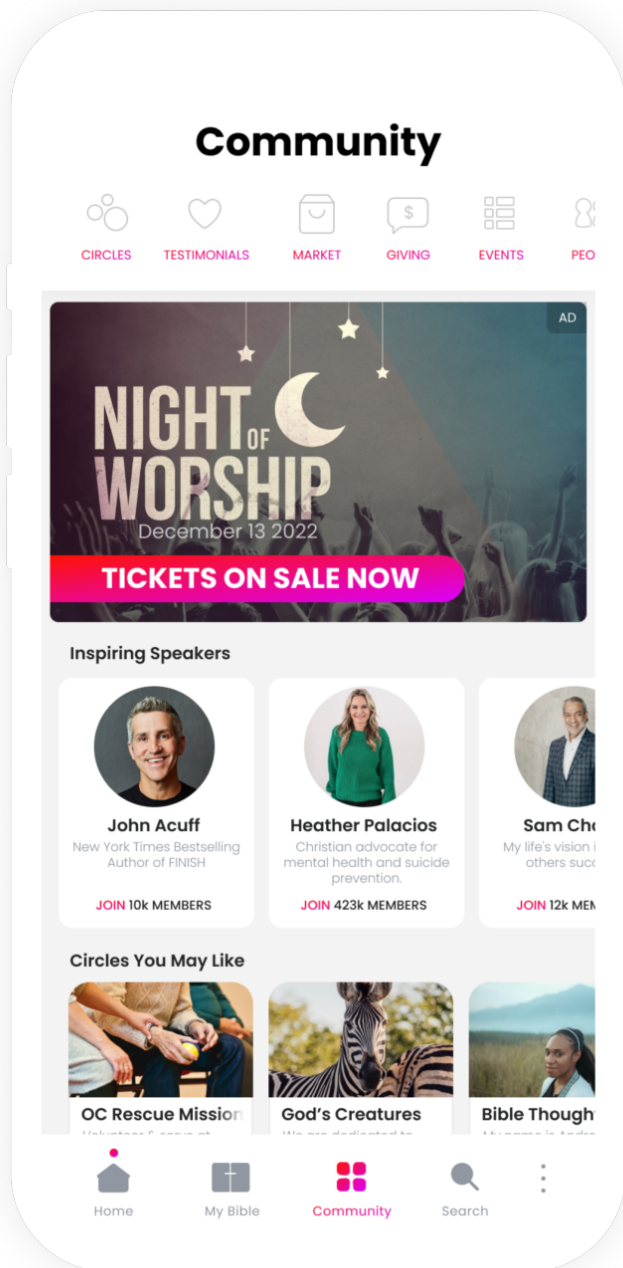
Circles are a crucial element of XBible in that they facilitate fellowship with like minded believers and create genuine connections among the worldwide Church while also inspiring real and tangible action to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Community is the antidote to feelings of isolation that plague today's Christian, and XBible is determined to foster relationships that remind believers they are never alone.

Home Feed Experience



The home section of Xbible acts as an **enhanced traditional social media feed**. Users see updates from friends they follow, their circles, text posts, traditional 2D images and videos, and 3D augmented reality content. The home page is an opportunity for Xbible users to share life and gather in fellowship with other believers. Users post testimonies, Scripture, live streams, or special life moments similar to most social platforms.

A social media feed curated by other believers and focused on the Gospel will bring new levels of unity and peace to the worldwide Church as we collectively cultivate a space to share life and pursue God together.



Community & Discovery

The community section of XBible allows discovery and exploration of new content, friends, leaders, products, circles, giving opportunities, prayers, biblical questions and so much more across the depth of the platform.

Users are given the opportunity to join new circles that might interest them, discover local or virtual events, hear from influential members of the community and worldwide Church, meet new people, participate in or share crowdfunding campaigns, and transact in the XBible marketplace.

The community section of XBible creates an **ecosystem of believers supporting and encouraging one another** by providing the opportunity to share all aspects of life and capital with the Body, connecting members of the global Church like never before.

Technology

3D AR Recording



XBible features a recording mechanism that allows users to record and display 3D videos in augmented reality. The technology creates content that is totally immersive as videos look like holograms displayed in real world environments. The software combines the use of CMOS data, LiDAR sensors, and AI deep fake technology to create renderings of content that can be displayed within the user's environment. CMOS sensors are used in cameras to convert photons into electrons for digital processing - essentially they create flat images. LiDAR sensors create mappings of depth using lasers and then use CMOS data to determine where each pixel is relative to the recording device - creating images with dimension. Then, predictive 3D rendering AI is used to fill in any missing data based on available data.

The content is both streamed and stored using a proprietary method of compressing 3D data that is compatible with the current mpeg standard, resulting in a file size that is not significantly larger than that of a legacy (traditional 2D) video. This methodology ensures that the 3D recordings are backwards compatible, meaning users can view 3D content in 2D on traditional video players. In that same vein, the XBible platform will still support legacy content, allowing users to upload traditional videos and images along with 3D recordings.

Users can watch and create videos of testimonies, worship songs, sermons, and life moments and share them on the platform. Imagine watching a recorded sermon that feels and looks like it is happening in your living room! Or participating in a virtual Bible study with recorded commentary from trusted sources. This XBible feature provides an intimacy that is lacking on other social platforms, and will facilitate real and genuine relationships among users. Beyond this, the recording mechanism adds another layer of comprehensibility and relatability to studying Scripture.

NFT Curation Mechanism

XBible is dedicated to deposing the current social media structure and establishing a model that empowers users and believers. As a result, Forum12 has developed a revolutionary content curation mechanism that allows users to own their posts and profit from those posts. Users have the option to mint posts as non-fungible tokens, ensuring that from the moment of creation the user holds ownership over their post. The user, now owner, can designate a share of the NFT to auction off to other users of the platform. Users who see the post in their feed can decide to give the post a paid like with [Carbon12](#) (Forum12's cryptocurrency), thus binding the concept of a like with real world value.

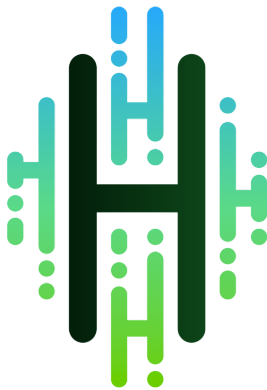
The NFT liking system serves as a content curation mechanism, giving users of XBible a tangible say in the content that is most meaningful to them. Corporate sponsorships or political ads will no longer be the primary source of revenue, meaning that content creators will prioritize positive user experience over

advertisements. In this way, XBible empowers users to be active participants in the platform's culture rather than passive consumers. Additionally, popular posts with high levels of user engagement will be automatically curated into HolARgram, so that non-believers are seeing the most relevant and impactful Christian content.

Beyond this, the NFT liking mechanism establishes a localized economy that circulates funds among believers on the XBible platform – between content creators, the marketplace, crowdfunding campaigns, and products or services from Christian businesses. In this way, believers are truly sharing life with one another and tangibly contributing to the well-being of the worldwide Church through relational and financial support.

Sharing the Gospel

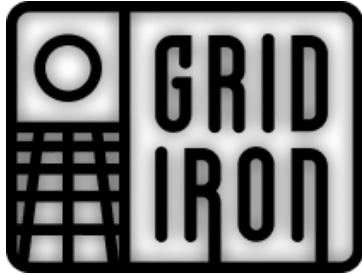
While XBible is designed for believers, the Great Commission remains the overarching goal for Forum12 and the global Church. XBible is one branch of a large vision, and functions to *unite* and uplift the existing Church. Forum12's other developments, detailed below, serve to *expand* the Church and pursue new disciples in the name of Jesus.



HolARgram

HolARgram is a secular social media platform that features the same 3D AR recording mechanism as XBible. It will act as a “3D version” of TikTok, allowing users to post and view videos in 3D. Although the platform is secular, XBible will feature a one way *data sharing layer* with HolARgram so that XBible users can share testimonies, Scripture, and sermons, on the HolARgram platform. Christians will have the opportunity to use cutting edge technology to conveniently minister to non-believers all around the world through the

data sharing layer. With the push of a button, people will be exposed to powerful testimonies of God's goodness and the truth of the Gospel.



GridIron

As metaverse technology becomes more commonplace, HMDs (head-mounted displays) will become the new standard device for consuming content. However, the CPU required to view content in real time requires hardware that is too large and bulky for everyday wear. Forum12 is developing a peer-to-peer computer resource sharing network that allows user devices to share computing power with one another, even if they are being used for other tasks. Once HMDs are commercialized, the impact of the 3D AR recording mechanism will become even more immersive and powerful, as users can view content without the obstruction of a smartphone.

Testimonies viewed through HMDs will feel like the story is being told by a guest at the user's dinner table; sermons recorded in 3D and displayed in the user's environment will allow the user to feel like they attended a church service in Kenya and Alabama in the same morning; concerts can be recorded on multiple devices and rendered in the user's living room.

Churches and believers will be on the cutting edge of technology, meaning that once wearables are introduced Christian AR content will have already permeated the space, exposing countless individuals to the Gospel and powerful testimonies in 3D.

Monetizations

The XBible platform is underpinned with [Carbon12](#), a cryptocurrency designed by Forum12. Users participate in the economy of XBible using Carbon12, and will automatically be designated a Carbon12 wallet within the XBible platform upon creating a profile. The following details the Carbon12 ecosystem within XBible and the platform's monetization opportunities.

Subscriptions

Users can purchase subscriptions to certain circles, Biblical commentaries, or other in-app products and services. Users also have the ability to create their own circle or product subscriptions, though the commentary subscription model is reserved for verified sources.

Advertising

The different community sections of XBible are divided into subcategories to have more authentic connections in specific areas. When moving from the general community page into different subsections, the content, and especially the advertising, gets more specific. The community essentially plays a very large part in creating the ability to purchase products/services from advertisements, further empowering users to foster their own online culture rather than being subject to the corporate and political agenda. Any user has the opportunity to create advertisements for products, services, or events on the XBible platform and reach a specific audience. Companies, nonprofits, ministries, influencers, thought leaders, and more will have the ability to connect with their target demographic without exploiting or manipulating user data. The community organization and user experience allows users to select what they want to hear and who they want to hear from, benefiting both the creator and consumer.

Digitizing Content & Assets

In a future update for XBible, companies and content creators will be able to digitize their content and offer it for sale to users on the platform. For example, if a company or an individual at a company has a book they currently sell, or some other form of content, they can essentially cut out the middleman of a publishing company and offer the content at a discounted rate for more people to access. Any digital content can be repurposed and transformed into added value for the HoIARgram users and the content creators will have an ability to earn an additional stream of revenue.

More details will be coming soon on this as the prototype functionality is developed.

Marketplace

As previously mentioned, users and businesses will have the opportunity to sell products or services within the marketplace subsection of the community page. The marketplace offers a space for believers to share their projects and businesses with one another; but beyond this, it facilitates a transition from Christian capital funding the world to Christian capital funding the Church. XBible creates an ecosystem that circulates funds between believers, fortifying the worldwide Church and the individual Christian. Similar to how shopping locally with cash stimulates local economies, shopping on the XBible marketplace will stimulate the global Church economy.

NFT Posts

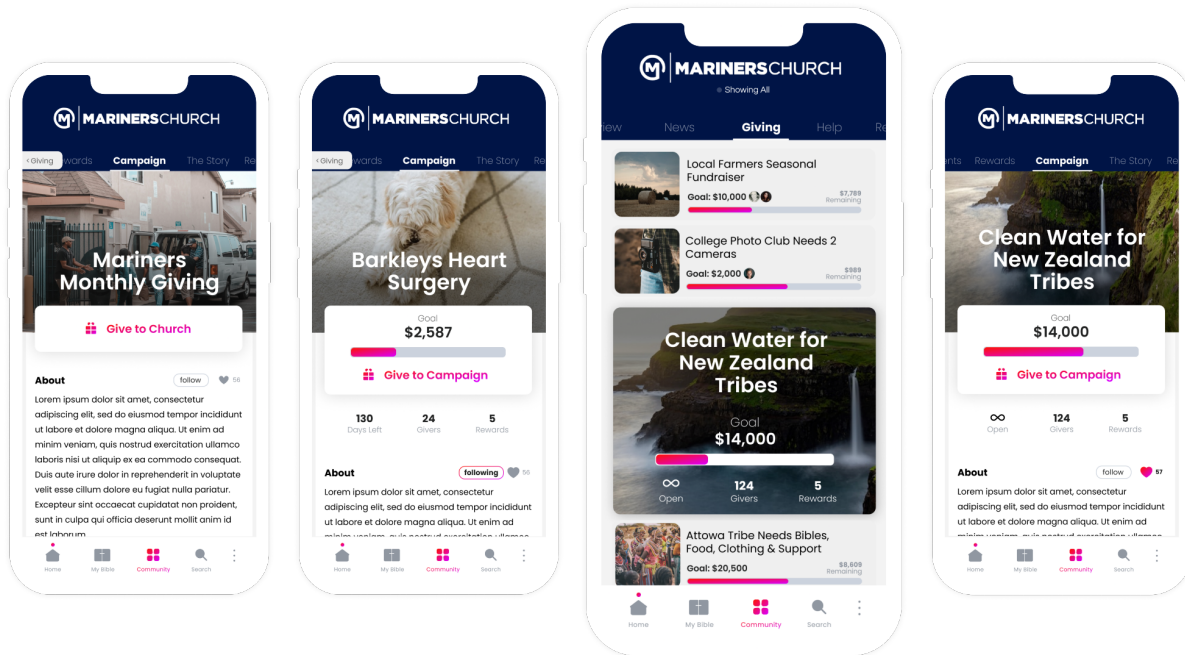
As described [above](#). Any user or vendor who creates content on XBible can offer their content as an NFT for sale within the curation system. Users on XBible will be able to hold the majority of revenue generated from their NFT content.

Tithing and Giving

Our innovative “liking” system requires a wallet within the XBible platform that stores Carbon12 and allows for exchange in and out of USD. The wallet will allow users to transact commerce with one another, with Christian businesses, curate content and support causes, and tithe to their churches.

A recent [Vanco](#) study demonstrated that despite trillions of dollars in income for believers, only 5% of churchgoers tithe (only 1.5 million US Christians out of 247 million); however, churches that incorporate eGiving see a 26% increase in donations – with 30% of churchgoers aged 45–54 saying they prefer to give via credit or debit card, and 30% of churchgoers aged 35–54 saying they prefer to donate via app. XBible provides a method of giving that is convenient for believers, advantageous for churches, and conducive to the coming metaverse. The platform will allow believers to tithe directly to churches on XBible using Carbon12, which will then be stored in the church’s wallet for transactions or withdrawals in USD. Additionally, users’ wallets will feature an optional auto-tithe mechanism that allows them to automatically tithe

10% of Carbon12 income to their church with an XBible profile, making giving convenient and secure for believers and churches.



Beyond this, users of XBible have the opportunity to raise funds or contribute funds to causes or organizations through the platform's crowdfunding model. Users can start and participate in campaigns for certain causes or missional work and raise awareness through sharing on the community page. Users also have the opportunity to share XBible campaigns and crowdfunding opportunities outside of the platform to gain exposure and further funding.

Partnerships

XBible is launching with established partners for Bible translations, content, circles, commentary and products including commentaries and books as well as experience enhancing features. Listed below.



American Bible Society (Bible translation management & State of the Bible database for insights into current statistics on engagement)

Berean Translation (Our default translation in XBible for both New and Old Testaments)

The Passion Translation (New Testament Only until 2028)

The Bible Project (for videos and lessons that provide context for each bible book)

Ligonier Ministries (content creator with commentary subscription available)

Conclusion

XBible is a platform designed to connect believers to one another, and believers to God. Our innovative Bible reading section will revolutionize the way believers interact with the Word of God and understand His character, while the Community section will indelibly change the way Christians interact with one another as it is focused on interaction circled around the Word. Users have the opportunity to curate their entire experience on XBible, from how they read Scripture and the content they see on the community page, to who they interact with and what causes they fund with in-app purchases. Our goal is to create a collective home for Christians around the world to commune with each other and with the Father, effectively uniting the global Church. Forum12's revolutionary technology will equip the Church to utilize development and advancement to share the Gospel across all corners of the earth and pursue new believers. By positioning the Church on the cutting edge of technology, XBible and Forum12 open new doors for an unprecedented level of evangelism and unity in the Body.