

# MOMENTUM





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## OUR COMMITMENT

One year ago we dared to dream. We heard God's call to embrace our community and love our city like never before. Together, we committed to eliminating our debt and freeing our resources to serve our neighbors.

We heard God's voice in Philippians 2:4, where the apostle Paul calls the followers of Jesus to "look not only to his own interests, but to the interest of others." We imagined what it would look like if we, the people of Chapel Hill, increasingly turned our hearts beyond these walls to the needs of others.

Surely we would selflessly love our community like never before.

Surely we would send leaders who pursue God's call for his Kingdom.

And surely we would make disciples who bring Christ into every corner of our city.

Now one year later, we recommit ourselves to this vision, celebrate this growing momentum, and remember that our central purpose is to introduce people to life in Jesus Christ. That is what compels us to reach beyond these walls.



## OUR FUTURE

This is how we believe God is calling us to make disciples that make history:

### LOVE NEIGHBORS

*Making disciples that make history*

Chapel Hill has always been engaged beyond our walls. The Purdy Prison ministry, Titus, Alpha, World Relief shed projects, the WIC Food and Nutrition Service, and Lighthouse Christian School are but a few of the local ways we have engaged beyond our walls. God is calling us to be more intentional with how we love our community.

#### Our vision:

- Free up resources to help local and regional organizations who have approached us for partnership—without gain or glory for ourselves, but only for love of Christ and community.
- Empower and equip our people to show Christ's love to our South Sound neighbors.

Imagine our "church on the hill" so deeply invested and engaged through its people in so many significant community initiatives that even those who would never want to be a part of the Chapel Hill family would weep if our church were not here.

### SEND LEADERS

*Making disciples to be pastors and missionaries*

Chapel Hill is committed to leadership development. But we need to do more! We have raised up 15 people who have felt God's call of ordained pastoral ministry. Imagine how that number would grow if we intentionally embraced this vision as a congregation? What a blessing it would be to Christ's Church for us to be able to help even more recognize that call and respond to it!

#### Our vision:

- Intentionally and strategically help more people recognize and respond to their call to ordained ministry.

- Make a greater commitment to our denomination's request for Chapel Hill to be one of four "beta" sites in the nation to develop a new approach to pastoral training.

We've also sent out more than 20 missionaries to share the Good News of the Gospel. How many more are there who feel called to serve in other parts of the world as an ambassador for Jesus?

## **MAKE DISCIPLES**

*Making disciples that make disciples*

LifeGroups are where our vision for disciple-making hits the ground. We believe that LifeGroups are the future of Chapel Hill and desire that every member of our congregation is a part of one.

### **Our vision:**

- Dozens more trained LifeGroup leaders who are making disciples in different networks and neighborhoods throughout the Gig Harbor area.
- An increase in professions of faith and more people discovering their purpose through serving others.
- LifeGroups that multiply themselves, raising up leaders within their own groups and sending them out.
- LifeGroups multiplying especially to the north and south of Gig Harbor with the goal of church-planting, reaching more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## YOUR PART

Our church has been so blessed. We don't need more. It's time for us to give away more of ourselves for the good of others. Our goal: to raise \$5 million over three years to eliminate our debt and release an annuity of \$600,000 per year for ministry!

We're well on our way. We've already paid off nearly \$2 million. Together, let's embrace the momentum God has given us and push forward with prayer and purpose to meet our goal and influence our community for Christ.

Our building is not a fortress of faith for us to hide from the world. It is a base camp—a training ground—from which we send our people out and engage 100 percent in our community. God wants us to be agents of transformation and blessing to our neighbors in Gig Harbor.

God's love for us is unlimited and immense, and Jesus' sacrifice for us is living proof of that love. God has called all of us to work together to extend his Kingdom's mission beyond these walls to others: to our community of Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula, to Pierce County, throughout Washington, and to the world beyond. In gratitude and obedience we embrace that mission as our own.





# BEYOND THESE WALLS

## DAY 1

*Acts 2:42, II Corinthians 9:6-8, I John 3:16-18*

### HEAD:

What were the early Christians devoted to?

### HEART:

What image comes to mind when you think of devotion?

What prevents us from being fully devoted to these same things as verse 42? Is there an area you struggle with most?

### HANDS:

Is there a neighbor who has need that you can help this week? Make a plan to do it.



## DAY 2

*Acts 2:43-45, I Timothy 6:17-19*

### HEAD

What does the author mean by “they had all things in common” (v. 44)?

What are places people tend to have excess in their lives? What are common ways we seek to “purge,” and how do these contrast with what is written about in these verses?

### HEART

Have you ever given sacrificially to someone in need? How did it feel? How can you make this a more regular practice?

### HANDS

What is the greatest need in your immediate community right now?

How might your skills or resources help to meet all or part of this need? Make an action plan and do it.



### DAY 3

*Acts 2:46-47, Deuteronomy 15:7-8, Hebrews 13:16*

#### HEAD

What are some unique characteristics of this community in Acts? What specific practices contributed to this state of living?

#### HEART

If you were to hypothetically do as verse 44 recounts, how would you feel? What are some things you can sacrifice in order to give to those who have need?

#### HANDS

We want to show our love for God by loving our communities well. If you do not know specific needs, contact Chapel Hill's missions department this week and ask God to show you where to get involved and what to sacrifice.

**TAKEAWAY:** This is the church's mission and vision. Is it your personal mission/vision? Please pray about joining us by supporting the Beyond These Walls initiative.

**BTW MOMENT:** Our love for God is extending into the love of our community even now.

## LIFEGROUP GUIDE



### HEAD

What was distinctive about the first Christian community?

Look at the word "all." How many times is it used and in reference to what? What motivated the early church to live this way?

### HEART

Which aspects of this first Christian community do you long to have in your own life?

What would need to be reprioritized in your life to experience this kind of community?

Think about this passage in the sense of your LifeGroup. Which aspects of this early Christian community mark your LifeGroup?

### HANDS

Pray that God might make your LifeGroup the kind of group that praises God, has favor with all the people, and to whom the Lord would add those who are being saved.

Put a day in the calendar to not just study together but to do one of these distinctive activities of the early church together. Here's some ideas, maybe you'll have others: When can your LifeGroup next share a meal? Or all attend a church service or worship event together? Or serve the community together?

Who could you invite to Alpha? Alpha is a safe place for people to explore life, faith and meaning, and it has the potential to transform someone's life. Which of your friends or neighbors might be open to an invite to be your guest? Visit [chapelhillpc.org/alpha](http://chapelhillpc.org/alpha) for dates and times.



## DAY 1

*Acts 4:13, John 14:12-14, Joshua 1:9, Exodus 4:10-17*

### HEAD

How did the observers know Peter and John had been with Jesus?

### HEART

Do your perceived inadequacies cause you to refrain from telling others about God as a result? How does this verse speak to these areas?

How does encountering Christ change this for you?

### HANDS

Pray for an opportunity to be bold this week and for the courage to take it. Look for those moments and courageously be the hands and feet of Christ!



## DAY 2

*Acts 4:14-18, Acts 1:8, Luke 21:12-15*

### HEAD

What about Peter and John's words and behavior made it difficult for the accusers to make a case against them?

### HEART

How do you respond when you meet opposition? How might your relationship with Christ help you navigate these difficult situations and live above reproach?

### HANDS

Practice listening this week to someone who opposes you, whether in person, on social media, or otherwise. Ask the Lord for guidance and remember that you are a witness to the Kingdom as you respond.



### DAY 3

*Acts 4:19-22, II Timothy 3:12-17, Hebrews 2:1-4, Romans 13:1-5*

#### HEAD

What can we learn from Peter and John's civil disobedience? How did they address the authorities?

#### HEART

When was the last time you could not help but tell someone about something? What both prevents and encourages you to be this bold about Jesus?

#### HANDS

Re-read verse 20 and think of a story of how you have seen God change or heal someone or memorize a verse that stands out to you. Share that verse or story this week with someone in your community.

**TAKEAWAY:** Each of us is called to be sent out from the community as proclaimers of the Gospel with boldness. Please pray for the Spirit to make you bold!

**BTW MOMENT:** We are seeing momentum in making disciples as we release many of our own leaders.

## LIFEGROUP GUIDE



*Leaders: Practice storying, telling the story from Acts 3:1-4:22.*

**Ask:**

### HEAD

What causes the wonder and amazement of the people in 3:1-10?

Summarize the main preaching points in Peter's sermon in 3:11-26. What is the problem the religious leaders have with Peter and John in 4:1-22?

This story has two bookends: the two community manifestos of Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-37. Why is this the story here between the two?

### HEART

Peter and John say a lot about Jesus. What are you drawn to? What do you have trouble understanding?

There is a lot of discussion about faith in the name of Jesus, especially 3:16 and 4:12. What power does faith in the name of Jesus have in your own life?

Read Acts 4:13. What is the source of your confidence in your faith; or, perhaps, can you pinpoint what makes you feel inadequate to share Jesus? How does that compare with what training or experiences the disciples did/didn't have?

## HANDS

Please pray for the leaders Chapel Hill is raising up by name, and those God may be sending out from your own LifeGroup. From Chapel Hill: Madison Lian, Rachel Toone, Michael Bouterse, Ryan Palmer, Gunnar Tesdah, and Julie Hawkins.

Is there a specific moment you can anticipate needing boldness in Christ this week?

Pray for one another right now. Set calendar appointments to pray for one another in those upcoming moments this week.





## DAY 1

*Acts 4: 23-26, Philippians 4:4-7, I John 5:14*

### HEAD

What was the community's response to hearing about Peter and John's experience?

### HEART

Do you have a community you can go to when difficult things happen? How do you respond to others when they come to you?

### HANDS

If you do not have a community to lean into when difficult things happen, go to [chapelhillpc.org/lifegroups](http://chapelhillpc.org/lifegroups) and see if a LifeGroup sticks out to you. Or contact Pastor Megan Hackman at [mhackman@chapelhillpc.org](mailto:mhackman@chapelhillpc.org) to get placed in a LifeGroup.



## DAY 2

*Acts 4:27-31, John 15:18-27, Luke 11:13*

### HEAD

Why do John and Peter cite Jesus' persecution as a part of their petition to the Lord?

### HEART

Have you ever prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Consider asking the Lord to fill you that you may see the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

### HANDS

Find a close friend or member(s) of your LifeGroup and take time to pray boldly with one another that God will move as He did in these verses.



### DAY 3

*Acts 4:32-37, Ephesians 4:1-6, Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 19:21, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

#### HEAD:

How did God use a community of believers to meet the needs of those around them?

#### HEART:

Have you ever experienced this type of unity in a group? What keeps you from engaging your community like this?

What is the potential of a group that seeks to become more like the early Acts church? Take a step toward that this week.

#### HANDS:

Verses 36-37 speak of a specific person giving/doing a specific thing. What are your specifics? Ask God and do it!



**TAKEAWAY:** Are you in a community who receives one another back with testimony, praise and prayers? If you are, will you please pray together about whether or not this summer is a season to multiply? Send potential leaders to Multiply training on May 5<sup>th</sup>. If you aren't in a LifeGroup, please join one! Look at [chapelhillpc.org/connect](http://chapelhillpc.org/connect) to jump in!

**BTW MOMENT:** We practice the same rhythms of the early church by being in the community individually and returning to praise God, offer testimony, give, and pray for one another in disciple-making LifeGroups and in weekly worship services.



## LIFEGROUP GUIDE



### HEAD

The first arrests in the early church have just happened. How do the Christians respond?

What does the early church pray for in verses 24-30?

What is distinct in the verses we read the first week, Acts 2:42-47 and this second bookend, Acts 5:32-36? What do you make of those distinctions?

How is the generosity in Acts 5:32-37 different from communism?

### HEART

Have you ever experienced being part of a community or group in the midst of persecution or suffering? What role did your community play in that experience?

How bold do you feel about your faith?\* How do you think community has a part in being bold?

How might your LifeGroup and Chapel Hill as a whole practice boldness in proclaiming Jesus?

# BEYOND THESE WALLS

## HANDS

Would anyone give testimony to how God has been working in their life in 2018?

Pray, using verses 24-30 as an outline for what to pray for. Read one thing they pray for, then pause and pray for that; then the second, etc...

\*Note for leaders' guide: boldness is a key word in Acts, especially this passage. Acts 4:13, 31; 9:27, 28; 13:46; 14:3; 19:8; 28:31.





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