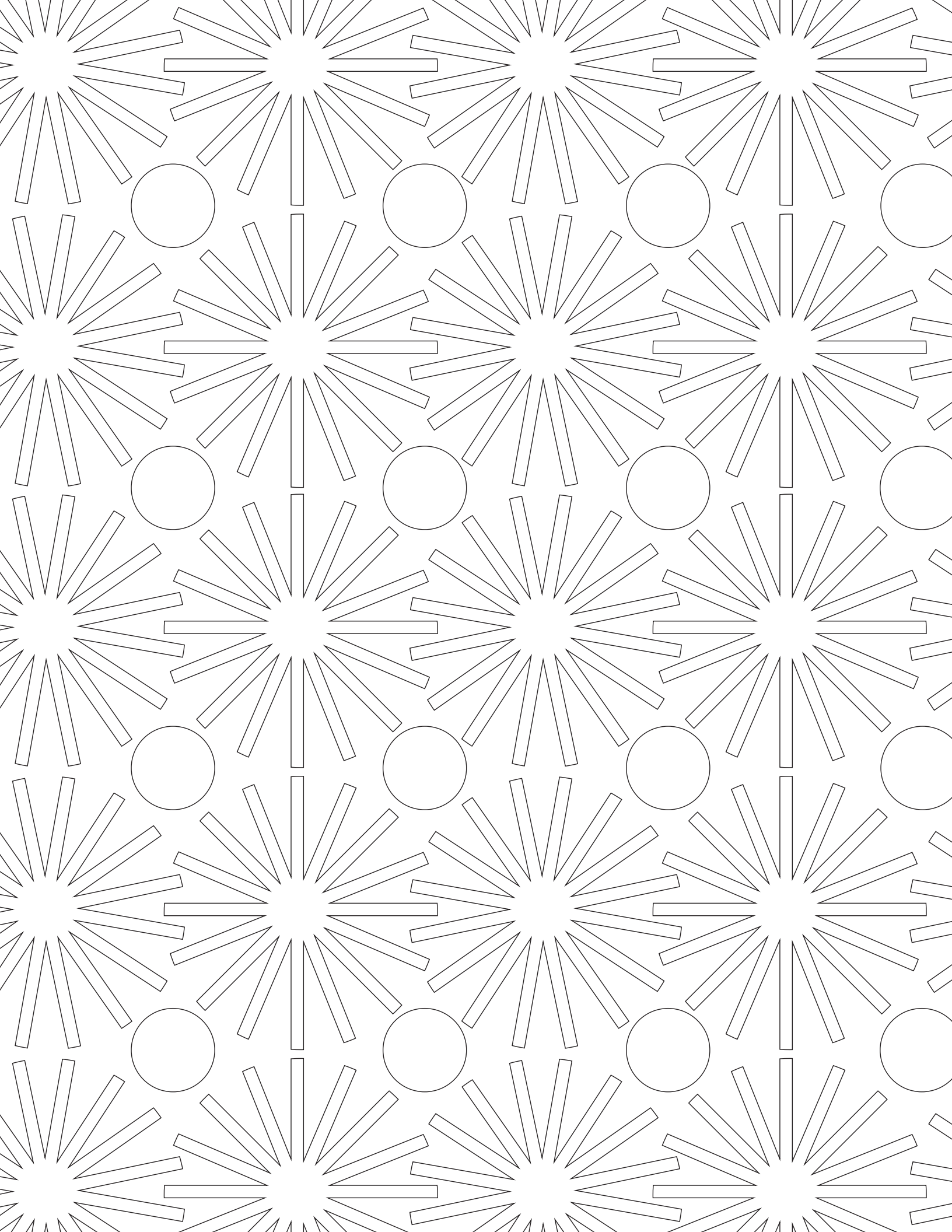


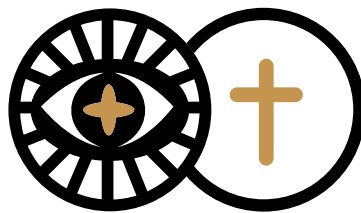
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Woodside Family,

We're living in exciting times! God is on the move in incredible ways, and a generation is turning to Christ right before our eyes. Missing from major news headlines is the fact that our neighbors are more spiritually open than we've seen in decades. According to recent research by Lifeway, 80% of unchurched people say they would attend church if invited by a family member or friend.

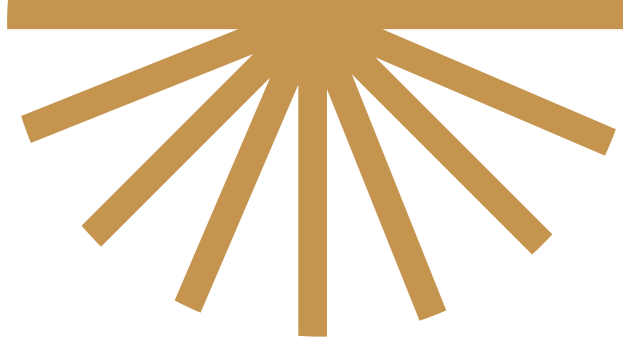
God is opening the hearts of our neighbors and the nations. People are looking for Jesus, and it's our job to help them see that He's closer than they think. Acts 17 recounts the Apostle Paul arriving in the ancient city of Athens and quickly discovering that the city was full of idols (v. 16). Much like in our day, people were looking to satisfy their legitimate core longings for love, purpose, security, justice, and belonging in illegitimate ways.

The idols of Athens had blinded the men and women of that great city from seeing Jesus. Paul knew that their only hope of salvation was for him to share the grace that God has shown all men in Christ. He urgently wanted them to know that God is "not far from each one of us" (v. 27). As a result of his compassion and courage to share the Gospel, many believed.



God is inviting us to help our neighbors and the nations see Jesus. In response, Woodside is launching our boldest missional campaign ever. Our hope is to mobilize every member of the church for the redemptive mission of God while funding the spread of the Gospel through radical generosity. Our ultimate prayer is that those who are spiritually blind would see Jesus through the reach of the local church. We encourage you to lean in and to join other Woodsiders as we commit to praying, telling, and giving until all have heard...until Christ returns!

**Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Chris**



How to Use This Magazine

This special edition of the Woodsider was designed to walk you through a movement that will shape the future of our church family: the See Jesus Campaign.

Articles

Like chapters in a story, the articles in this magazine were crafted to guide you through the campaign from start to finish. As you read, you'll discover **why** we're capitalizing on this generational moment and learn **how** you can be part of it.

Life Group Applications

Life Group Applications will help you work through key elements of the campaign in Christian community. Don't have a Life Group? Visit woodsidebible.org/groups to find one.

FAQ

Find high-level questions and answers about the campaign on pages 94-95.

Message Series Notes

The See Jesus Campaign launches on September 13 alongside a special, eight-week series at Woodside: You're Looking for Jesus. Use the message series notes on pages 96-101 to follow along.

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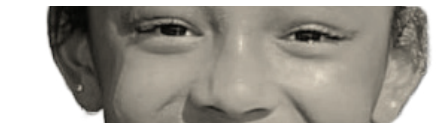
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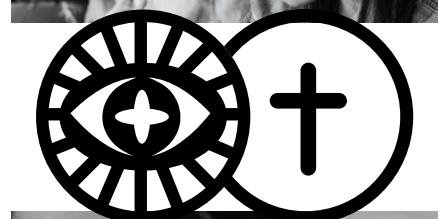
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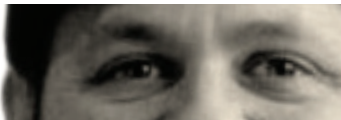
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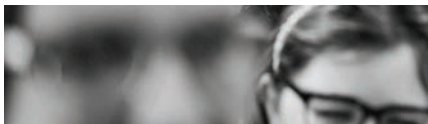
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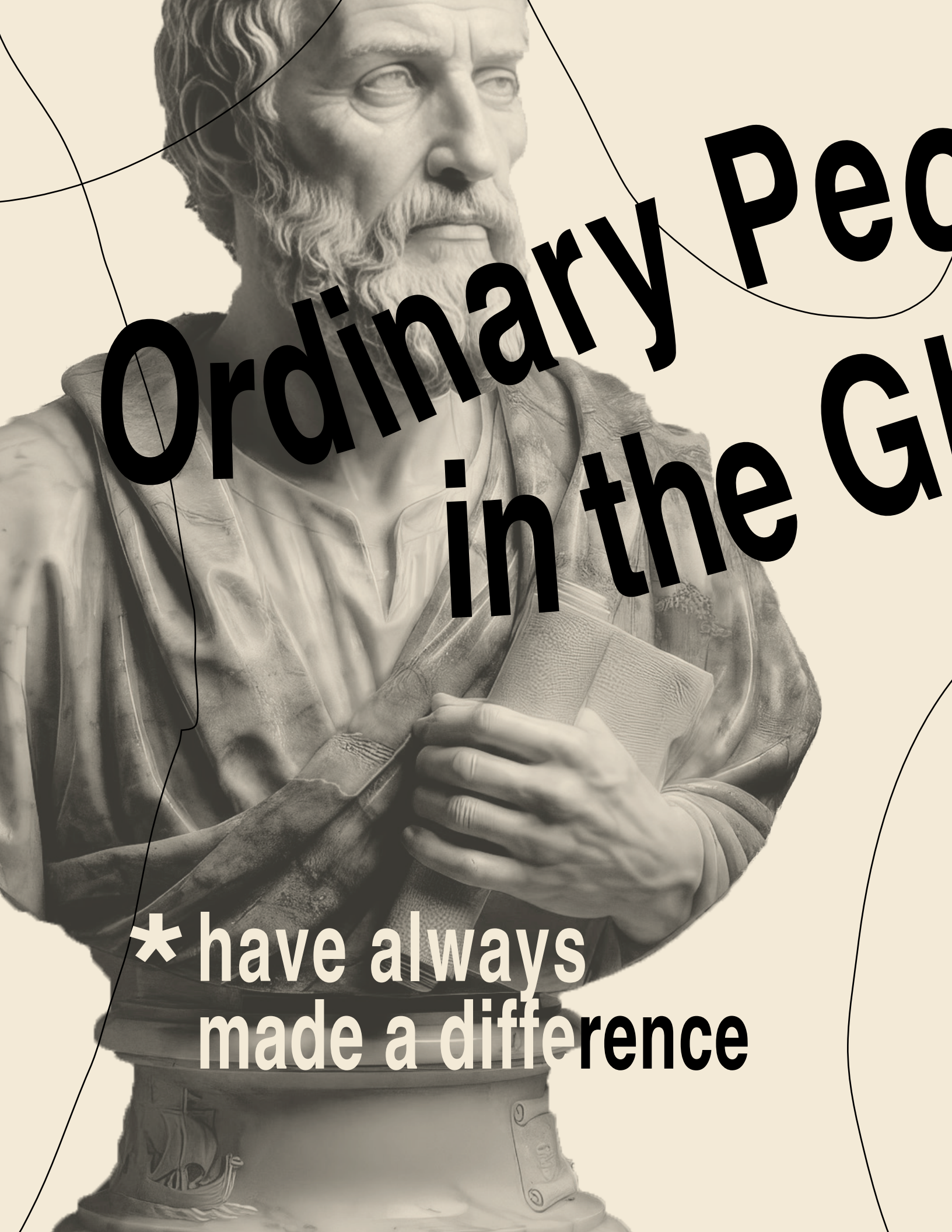
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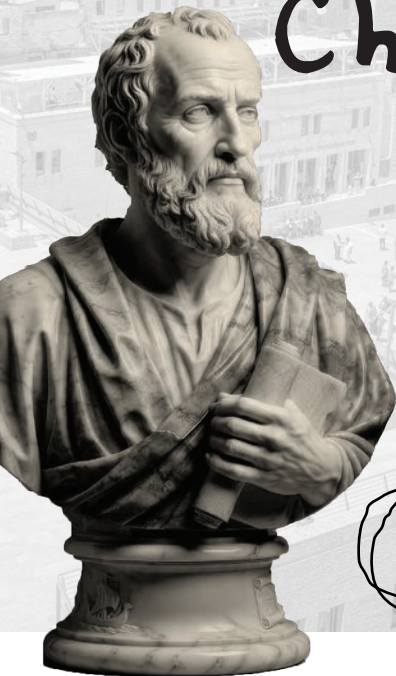
★ have always
made a difference

People * Global Church

Throughout history, God has worked through broken people to reveal Himself to the world. God is still at work today, helping Christians everywhere “...make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19).

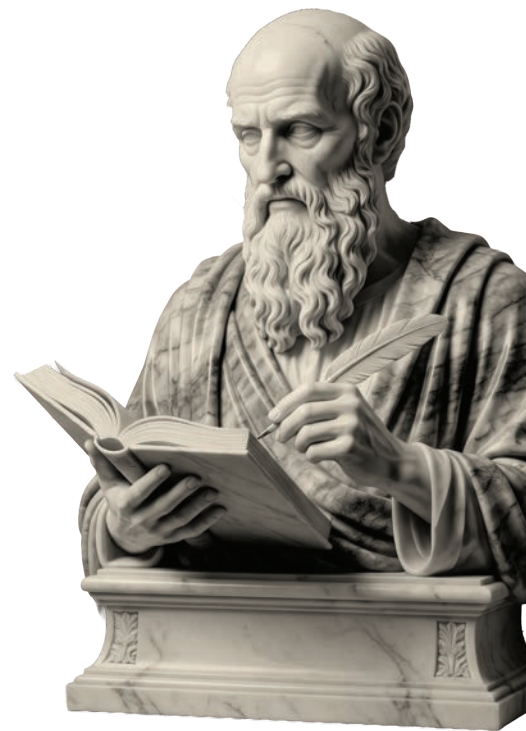
Read on for a peek at ordinary people throughout Church history who furthered the Great Commission simply because they wanted others to see Jesus.

The Early Church



On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit spoke through the Apostle Peter (a former fisherman), leading thousands of people from different nations to believe in Jesus. A few years later, an intense persecutor of Christians converted to Christianity. Today, we know him as the Apostle Paul, and he spent his remaining years sharing the Gospel. Their lives prove that God can work through anyone to help people see Jesus.

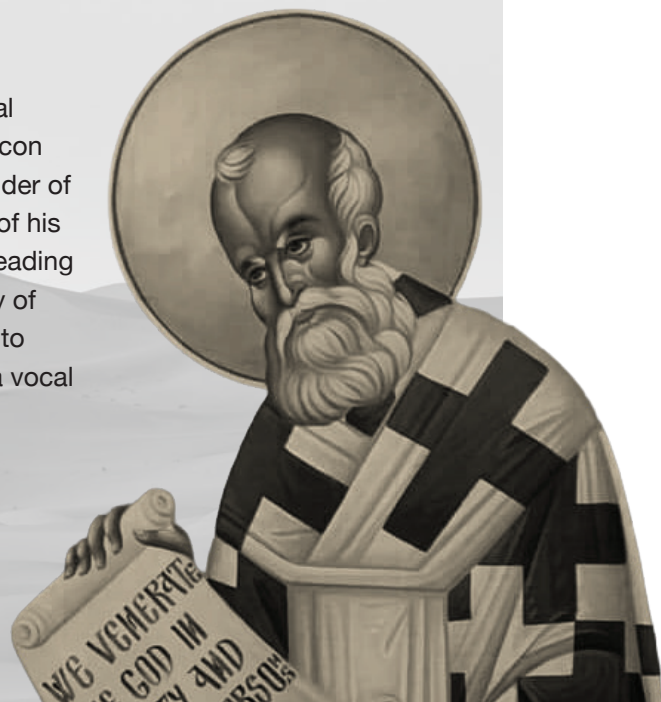
Approximately
60 - 100 AD¹



296 - 373 AD

Athanasius of Alexandria

An Egyptian theologian and national leader, Athanasius served as a deacon and secretary under Bishop Alexander of Alexandria.³ He spent the majority of his life fighting against Arianism, a spreading ideology that denied the full divinity of Christ.² When he was later elected to succeed the bishop, he remained a vocal advocate of Christ's divinity.³



Jerome

Jerome converted to Christianity while studying in Rome, and eventually worked as a secretary under Bishop Damasus the First. At his urging, Jerome translated the Scriptures into Latin with help of a noblewoman and her daughter. Together, they produced the Latin Vulgate (a leading Bible translation for centuries in the Christian West).⁴

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340 - 420 A D

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300 - 400 A D

Boniface

Approximately
675-750 A D

Boniface was a teacher who became a missionary in pagan mainland Europe. Although his original missionary journey failed, he eventually returned to spread the Gospel in Germany. His boldness brought about major reform in what is now the Church of France, and God worked through him to bring many Europeans to faith.⁷

Maewyn Succat

Kidnapped as a teenager in England and sold into slavery in Ireland, Maewyn (more commonly known as Saint Patrick)⁵ spent many years tending sheep in captivity. After converting to Christ, he had a vision from the Lord and escaped slavery, returning home. After another vision, he went back to Ireland and shared the Gospel with the nation that had held him captive.⁶



Cyril and Methodius

Responding to a plea from Prince Rastislav of Great Moravia, brothers Cyril and Methodius traveled there from Greece to preach the Gospel, build up local churches, and create the Slavic alphabet. Through the alphabet, they translated the Gospels, Church doctrine, and other important texts into the Slavic language, allowing the Slavic people to worship together in their common tongue.⁸

800s AD



William Tyndale

Armed with the belief that all people should be able to read Scripture in their own language, linguist William Tyndale translated the Bible from its original Greek and Hebrew into English, eventually smuggling the translations across the English Channel. Though faced with enormous opposition, Tyndale was an integral part of the Protestant Reformation and worked to reshape the Church around scriptural authority.¹¹

Approximately
1490 - 1536

1181-1226

Francis of Assisi



Born into the Italian merchant class and baptized at a young age,⁹ Francis of Assisi gave away many of his possessions as he pursued a relationship with Christ.¹⁰ He dedicated his life to the Gospel, stewarding God's creation, and caring for the sick and poor. He also launched the Franciscan order of monks, which was paralleled by the order of St. Clare for nuns.⁹

Rebecca Proppen



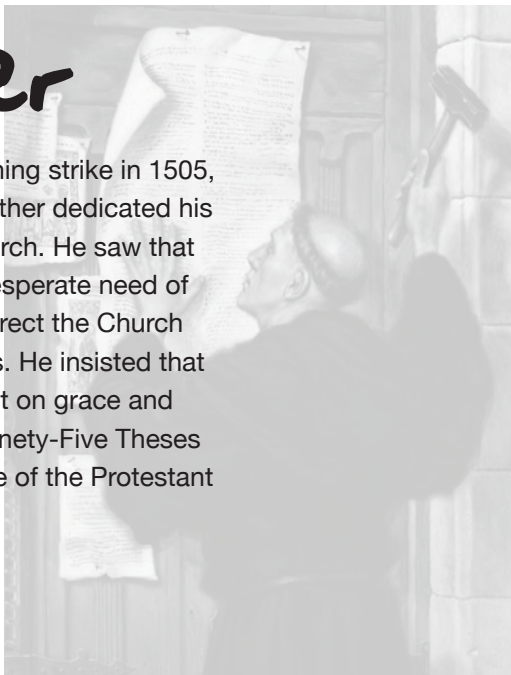
Born into slavery and taken to St. Thomas, Rebecca Proppen gave her life to Christ while working for a Dutch family. After gaining her freedom, Rebecca shared the Gospel in St. Thomas, Germany, and West Africa, becoming a leading member of the revival that marked the beginning of the Afro-Caribbean church.¹³

1718-1780

1483 - 1546

Martin Luther

After surviving a lightning strike in 1505, law student Martin Luther dedicated his life to serving the Church. He saw that Catholicism was in desperate need of reform, and tried to direct the Church back to the Scriptures. He insisted that salvation is dependent on grace and faith alone, and his Ninety-Five Theses became the backbone of the Protestant Reformation.¹²

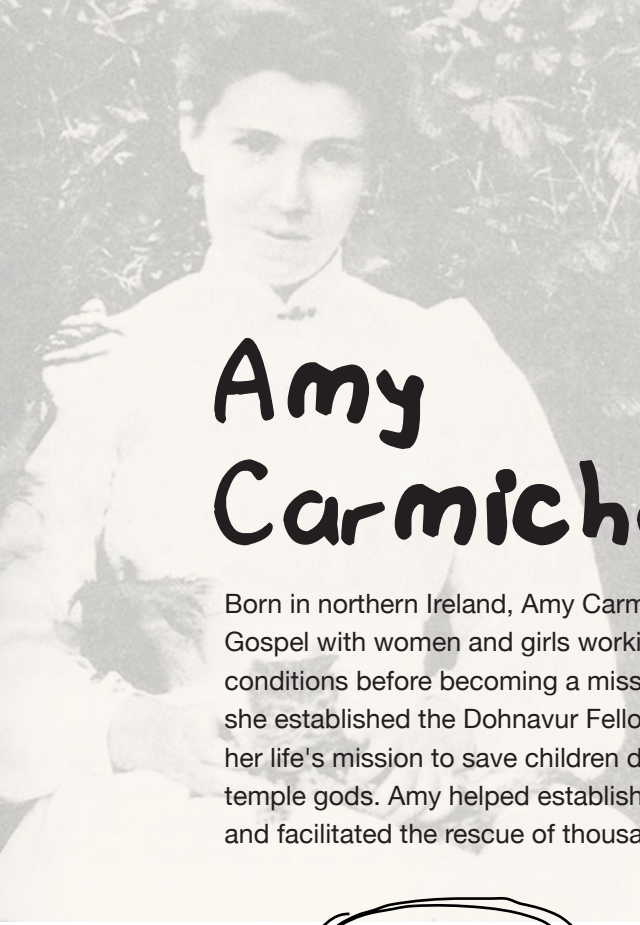


Lottie Moon

After working as a schoolteacher during the Civil War, Lottie Moon was one of the first unmarried women sent abroad by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) as a missionary. She spent 40 years evangelizing to Chinese women and children, and her writings back home helped raise millions for foreign missions work.¹⁴

1840-1912





Amy Carmichael

Born in northern Ireland, Amy Carmichael shared the Gospel with women and girls working in poor factory conditions before becoming a missionary in India. There, she established the Dohnavur Fellowship, and made it her life's mission to save children dedicated to Hindu temple gods. Amy helped establish multiple ministries and facilitated the rescue of thousands of children.¹⁵

1867-1951



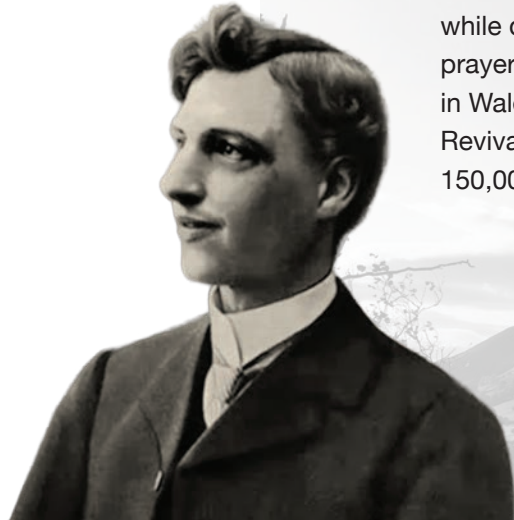
Billy Graham

After encountering Christ through a traveling evangelist, dairy farmer Billy Graham dedicated the rest of his life to sharing the Gospel with the nations. Throughout his life, Billy helped over 200 million people see Jesus through evangelistic crusades in more than 185 countries, not counting the millions that grew their faith through his television and radio programs.¹⁷

1918 - 2018

1878-1951

Evan Roberts



Born in Wales, Evan Roberts dropped out of school at age eleven and worked in coal mines to support his family. He then trained as a blacksmith, all the while devoting himself to Scripture and prayer. Desiring to help people see Jesus in Wales, Evan helped begin the Welsh Revival (1904-1905), which saw over 150,000 people come to Christ.¹⁶

Asbury Revival

In the winter of 2023, a group of students continued worshipping after a routine chapel service at Asbury University.¹⁸ Their impromptu praise session caught the attention of college students locally and globally, resulting in a 16-day Christian revival.¹⁹



2023

1955 - Present Day

Woodside Bible Church

Since 1955, Woodside has been a church dedicated to helping people see Jesus. Founded by Pastor Harold Moran, the congregation was renamed Woodside Bible Church and established its first multi-site location in 2005. Today, Woodside is one church with 14 campuses that believes people are looking for Jesus and He's closer than they think.

How is God
calling you to help
people see Jesus?



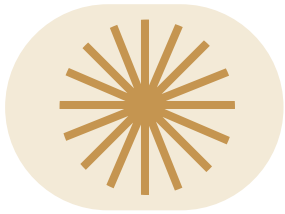
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LIFE GROUP
APPLICATION

YOUR
story
tells
GOD'S
STORY

What's a story that you revisit with friends or family again and again? What's special about that story?

The Church is made up of ordinary people whose eyes were opened to see Jesus. Billions of testimonies woven across time and space tell the story of a God who is on the move to redeem creation through Jesus Christ. Let's look at how our personal stories connect with this great story:



WORSHIP: ***EXPLORE GOD'S WORD***

Read: John 9:1–25

Q1. What do we learn about Jesus from this passage?

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Q2. What do the other characters in this passage reveal about how the world responds to Jesus?

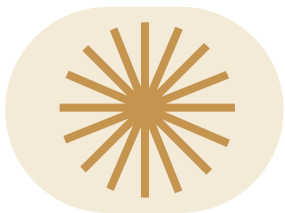
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Q3. What does this passage help us understand about spiritual sight and spiritual blindness?

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COMMUNITY: ***APPLY TO OUR LIVES***

Often, Jesus works through others to help us see Him. Many of our testimonies include the counsel, care, and Christlike love of people we know.

Q1. Who played a role in helping you see Jesus? How did God work through them to open your eyes?

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Q2. Take a look back at your story. Do you recognize areas that God was at work before you even realized it?

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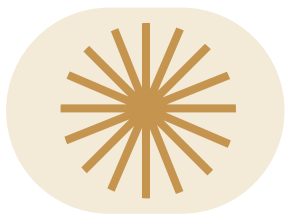
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Q3. Has anyone else in your life encouraged, challenged, and supported you as you've built a relationship with Jesus? How did they impact you?

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MISSION: ***APPLY TO THE WORLD***

**God uses the stories of ordinary people to help others see Jesus.
Take a moment to consider how God might use your story to tell His story:**

Q1. Why do you think God works through ordinary people to help others see Him?

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Q2. Name someone you know who's searching right now for hope, purpose, healing, or truth.
How is God inviting you to be present in their lives?

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THIS WEEK:

Ask God to bring someone to mind who's spiritually searching. Write down their name and pray for them:

x _____

Look for an opportunity to reach out and listen to their story.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Pray "Lord, help me see you!" over yourself and those around the world who don't know Jesus yet.

God
is
Moving
at
Woodside

In 1955, Pastor Harold Moran founded Big Beaver Baptist Church in what is now Troy, Michigan. The church met in homes, a bicycle shop, and the local city hall before settling at a building of its own on Rochester Road.

Today, Woodside Bible Church spans across many communities in Southeast Michigan. Much has changed, but our heart to help people see Jesus remains the same. Read on for a snapshot of how God is moving at Woodside today:

He's Cultivating Discipleship

533

people were baptized at our campuses within Woodside's last ministry year.

355

Life Groups are currently active at Woodside

4,982

Woodsiders participate in Life Groups

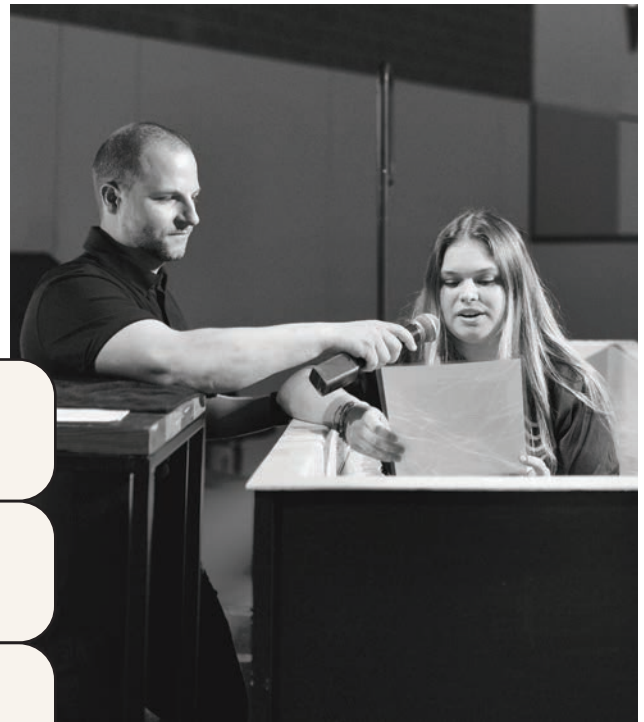
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Life Groups were launched during Woodside's last ministry year

He's Changing Hearts

Growing up, Kenzie's family never went to church or talked about God. A friend invited her to church in 2018, and she went mostly to socialize. She attended inconsistently, experienced church hurt, and then walked away entirely. For years, she lived with anxiety and depression, often wondering if God was even real.

In 2026, she felt a strong pull on her heart to go back to church. She reached out to a friend from Woodside, who invited her to a service. *"I felt immediate comfort,"* Kenzie said. *"For the first time, I experienced true love and fulfillment through God."*



"...even when I turned away from Him, He never stopped pursuing me."

Kenzie was baptized this year at Woodside. *"Since fully surrendering my life to God,"* she said, *"He has completely changed my heart and shown me a peace and purpose I never thought I could have. I'm so grateful that even when I turned away from Him, He never stopped pursuing me."*

He's Reaching The Next Generation

In 2025:

Kids

Woodside served an average of
1,364 kids on Sunday mornings.
73 kids were baptized.
1,850 kids attended FLIP Camp.

Students

820 students met weekly in small groups.
122 students were baptized.
601 students attended Woodside's Hope
365 Conference.
813 students attended Student Winter
Retreats.

Young Adults

1,586 college students were reached
through Woodside's university initiatives.
32 young adults were baptized.

He's Transforming Lives

After attending Woodside for almost a decade as a non-believer, Igor dedicated his life to Christ in early 2026. At his baptism, he said:

"When my wife wanted to come to Woodside, I went to support her. Year after year, I was proud that I found the Gospel too fantastical to be true. As an agnostic, I believed that my life was in my own hands.

I spent decades putting myself and my pleasure above all. As all addictive behaviors eventually

do, mine finally came to a point of discovery. My mask was taken off, and my bankrupt character and soul were exposed for all to see. I hit rock bottom, and I saw no way out of it.

"In that moment, when I was observing the wreckage of my life with no hope, Jesus grabbed hold of me and opened my eyes."

In that moment, when I was observing the wreckage of my life with no hope, Jesus grabbed hold of me and opened my eyes. God was always chasing me, working miracles and making a way for my immense pride to crack. I could not deny the presence of God in my life. He has given me self-worth and dignity because nothing I can do will make Jesus love me more or less than He already does.

I have repented of my sinful behaviors and died to myself to make room for the Lord to lead. I have begun to involve myself in our church community, and I have started to immerse myself in the Word of God, not as a skeptic and scoffer, but with the open wonder of a student learning there is a better way to live: with God at the helm of my life.

I dedicate my life to our Lord Jesus Christ, and I willingly submit to His will to love God with all my heart and to truly love my neighbor as I do myself."



He's Reaching Our Neighbors

Love Thy Neighbor

654 Woodsiders participated in service projects across **23** communities this spring.

In 2025:

Thanksgiving Boxes

Approximately **20,466** people were impacted by the **3,411** Thanksgiving Boxes that Woodsiders helped provide to local families.

Anti-Trafficking Efforts

40 trafficking survivors in Southeast Michigan were supported by our anti-trafficking partners.

Dream Centers of Michigan

8,796 members of the Pontiac community were served through the Dream Centers' education, economic empowerment, and sustainable housing programs.

By 2023, she'd made up her mind that the world would be better off without her. During this time, a family of believers came alongside Ximena and invited her to watch Woodside's Sunday morning livestream.

"The biggest difference between their life and mine was that Jesus was at the center," Ximena said. "The way they loved each other planted a seed of hope."

The seed had been planted, but Ximena still struggled with the belief that her life didn't matter. After surviving a suicide attempt, Ximena decided to give Jesus a try—and Jesus showed up for her in such a powerful way that she couldn't help but follow Him.

"As time went on, it's not like my life became all rainbows and butterflies," she said. "But He helped me with all this shame and guilt that I had been carrying on my shoulders. Little by little, He started to unload that burden."

Over the last two years, Jesus has transformed Ximena from the inside out, changing the way she sees Him, the world, and herself.

"Jesus is my life," Ximena said. "He is now the firm foundation that I stand on. He has replaced all that desperation with joyful curiosity. Every day, I used to wake up and my first thought was, 'Why am I alive?' Even in the beginning stages of getting to know Him, I would confess those things to Him—'Jesus, You say this, but I still feel like I don't want to be here.' But now I am genuinely happy that I have a life worth living."

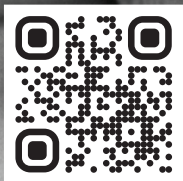
He's Restoring Hope

Since childhood, Ximena struggled with anxiety and a persistent feeling that she wasn't safe in her own body. Although she attended church and occasionally prayed, she never truly understood who Jesus was or why He would care about her.

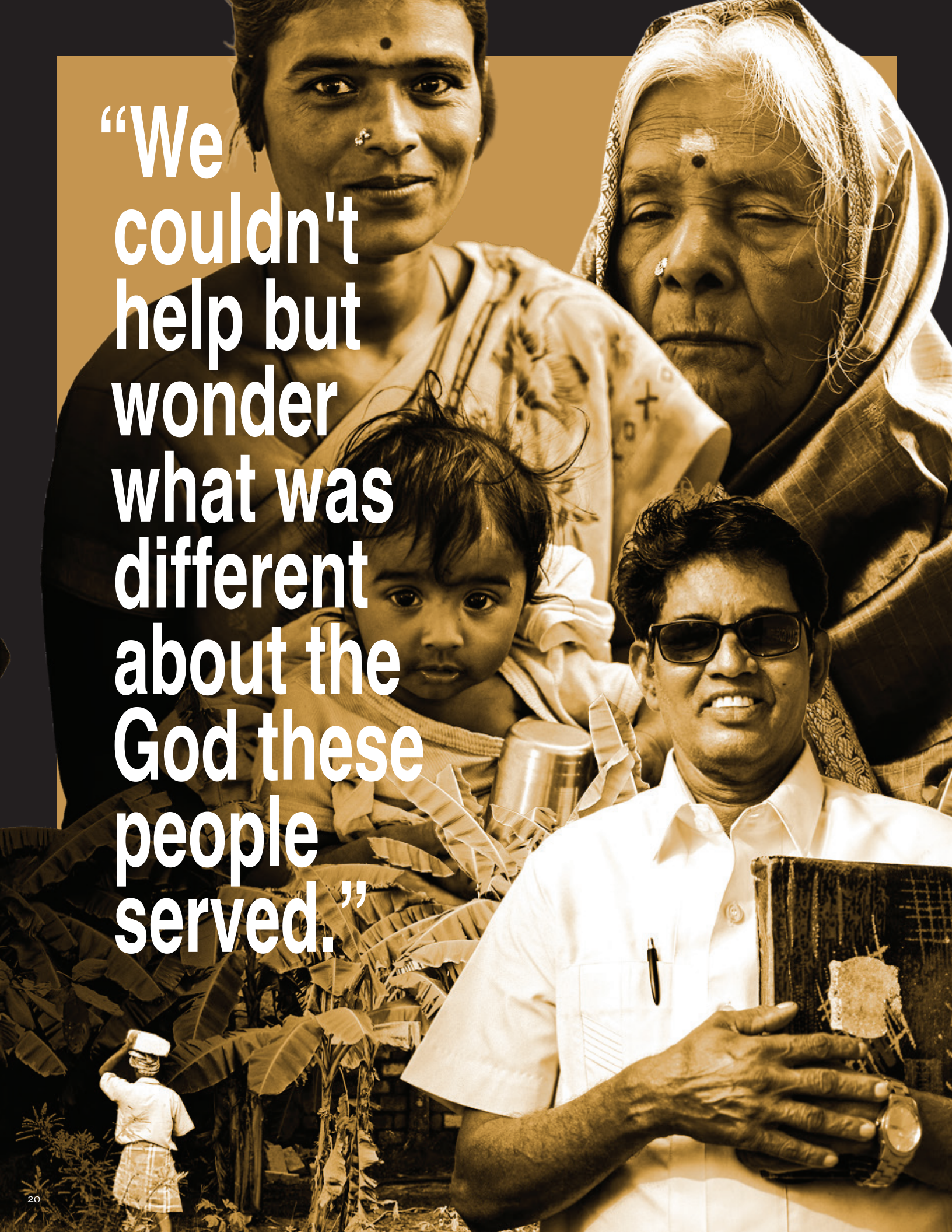
As she got older, anxiety and feelings of unworthiness spiraled into depression, self-harm, an eating disorder, and substance abuse.



**“Jesus is
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He is now
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stand on.”**



The first in-person service that Ximena attended at Woodside was her baptism. Scan here to watch more of her story.



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He's Reaching the Nations

Short-Term Mission Teams

Last year, **301** Woodsiders mobilized to **15** different countries on **28** different short-term teams.

Global Partners & Missions

Woodside currently supports **42** active missionary families and **13** global partners.

In 2025:

672 churches were planted by our global partners.

5,991 church planters, pastors, and evangelists were trained by our global partners.

276 widows and orphans were cared for by our global partners.

66,803 people made professions of faith through the ministry of our global partners.

28,191,523 Gospel tracts were distributed by our global partners.

340,969 people around the world were served by our global partners.

He's Building His Church

After experiencing the love of Jesus through a local church, a Hindu family from southern India was recently baptized together.

"We don't know much about Jesus," one uncle said, "but when we saw the way the church in our village treated the baby girl in our family, we couldn't help but wonder what was different about the God these people served."

The baby girl he was referring to is his young niece, Lahari.

In many parts of India, baby girls are often seen as burdens rather than blessings. Most Indian families significantly prefer sons to daughters because economic, religious, social, and emotional norms favor males and make females less desirable in the household. This results in many young girls being neglected or discarded each year because of their gender.

OBGYN Sheila Daniel founded the "It's a Girl" Project in 2015 with her husband, Mano, a longtime partner of Woodside Bible Church. The husband-and-wife duo leads a group of missionaries known as Leaders in Obscurity, which invests into Indian communities through passionate evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

Through their ministry, a local pastor named Deva was equipped to care for Lahari and 13 other vulnerable girls in his village, meeting their practical needs while demonstrating the love of Jesus to their families.

"Pastor Deva told us that his God is called Jesus, and that all people are valuable because they are made in His image," the uncle continued. "I was shocked to see the compassion of Jesus in the Christians. They cared about our baby more than anyone in our family. It was the first God I had ever encountered whose followers cared enough about people's suffering to do something." ■

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**LIFE GROUP
APPLICATION**

HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY

Name someone who took a genuine interest in your life. What made you feel heard, known, or valued by them?

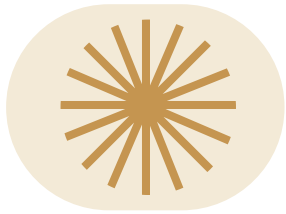


God chose to reveal Himself through story. Throughout Scripture, we see His work unfold through the story of Creation, the Fall, Redemption, and Restoration. In the same way, God is writing a story in each of our lives.

Every follower of Jesus has a testimony of brokenness, grace, and transformation that points to God's faithfulness. Our stories may not all be dramatic, but we can all speak to evidence of God's work in our lives. Learning to tell our stories

helps us remember His grace, deepen our gratitude, and naturally share the hope we have in Christ.

Like the man healed by Jesus in John 9, we don't need all the answers. All we need to do is simply share our own version of his testimony: *"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see"* (John 9:25).



WORSHIP: ***EXPLORE GOD'S WORD***

Read: John 9:24-41

Q1. What stands out to you about the blind man's response when he was questioned about Jesus?

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Q2. Why do you think the man's personal experience was so powerful?

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Q3. What does this passage teach us about the role of personal testimony in helping people see Jesus?

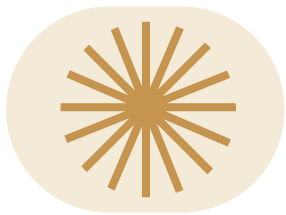
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Q4. What do you find encouraging about this story?

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COMMUNITY: ***APPLY TO OUR LIVES***

God is the hero of every testimony. Our stories help others see His faithfulness and remind us of the ways He's pursued us throughout our lives.

Q1. Imagine you were going to tell your story in three to five minutes. What would the major chapters be titled?

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Q2. Where do you see the themes of Creation, the Fall, Redemption, and Restoration in your story?

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Q3. What are some ways you searched for security, satisfaction, worth, purpose, or power apart from God? How did Jesus meet you in those places?

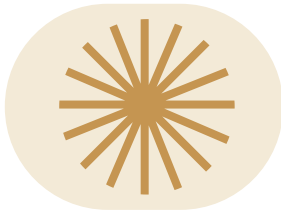
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Q4. What part of your story most clearly displays God's grace?

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MISSION: ***APPLY TO THE WORLD***

One of the most powerful ways we can point people to Jesus is by sharing what He's done in our own lives.

Q1. Why do you think personal stories often connect with people on a deeper level than arguments or explanations?

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Q2. What fears or obstacles keep you from sharing your story with others?

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Q3. How would making Jesus the hero of your story change the way you think about sharing your testimony?

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Q4. Who in your life might benefit from hearing your story?
What could it look like to naturally weave your story into everyday conversations?

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THIS WEEK:

Spend time writing out your story using the following framework:



Before Jesus

What was your life like before you saw Jesus?



See Jesus

How did you come to see Jesus?



Because of Jesus

What is your life like now because of Jesus?

Keep your story to about three to five minutes, use language that someone unfamiliar with church could understand, and focus on God's work more than your own achievements. If an opportunity presents itself, share a small part of your story with someone this week.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Thank God for the story He's writing in your life. Praise Him for His faithfulness in your past, His presence in this moment, and His promises for your future. Ask Him to help you remember what He's done in your life, and pray that He gives you opportunities to naturally share your story in a way that points others to Jesus.



BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH
FAITH, AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS
THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO
THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST. 10 FOR WE ARE HIS
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WE'RE LIVING A GENERATION MOMENT

POST-CHRISTIAN

A society or culture that was once heavily influenced by Christian beliefs but has since rejected or abandoned them.

PRE-CHRISTIAN

A society or culture that has little to no understanding of Christian beliefs.

For years, reports across the country have argued that the United States is in a post-Christian era.¹ Many stated that the American people had been there, done that, and were no longer interested in what the Gospel had to say. Church attendance had indeed dropped over the last three decades,² with former Christians citing church hurt and other issues as their reasons for walking away.

But something interesting has been happening in recent years: the children of ex-churchgoers went through a global pandemic, saw the coming tsunami of AI development, and began to ask

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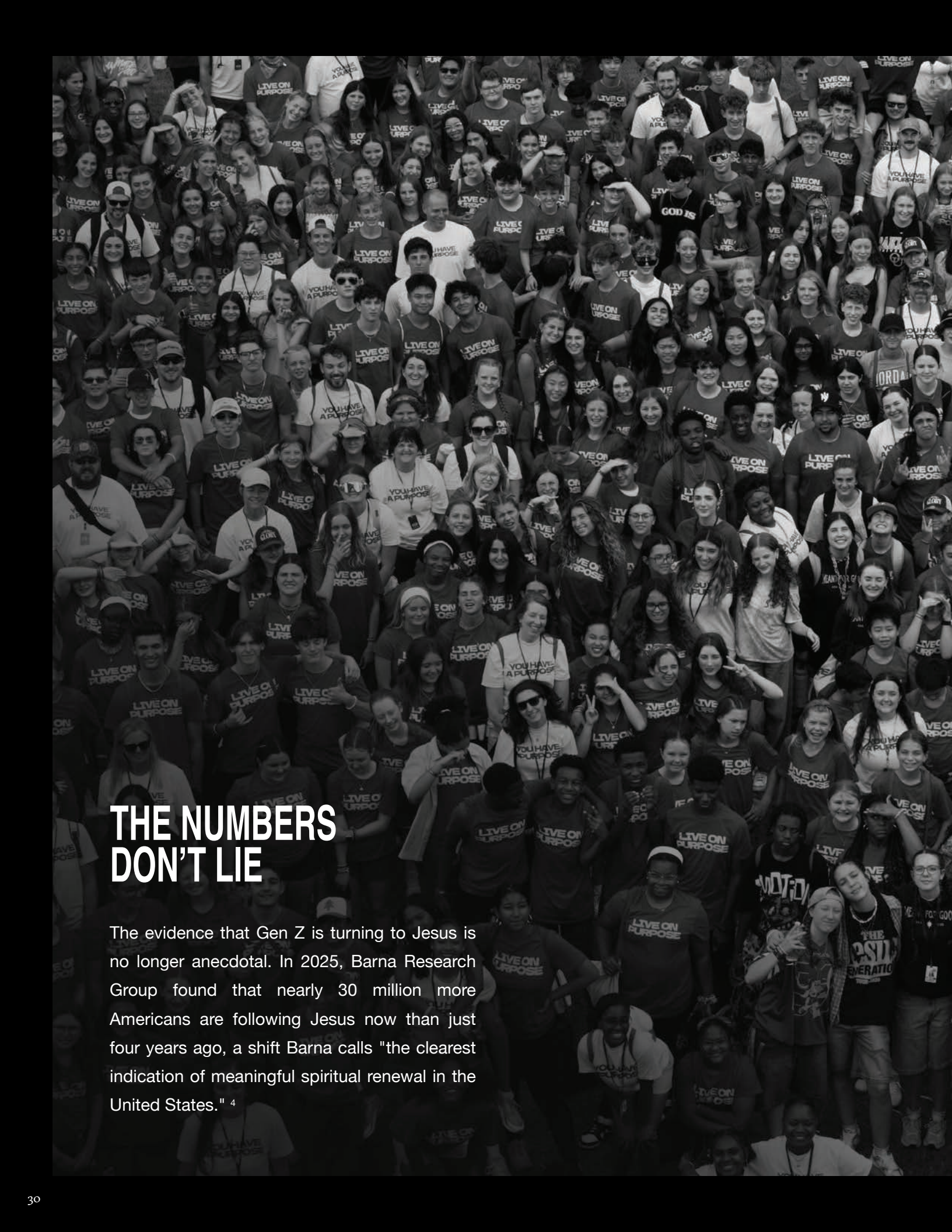
some really big questions. Much to the surprise of many, rather than a post-Christian nation, we were handed a functionally pre-Christian generation instead.

Gen Z is the most digitally-connected generation in history, and through their screens, they encounter a constant stream of brokenness in the world around them. Each new day brings new headlines, and each headline gives them another reason to believe that the world and its systems have failed them. And yet, despite the noise, they're exhibiting an openness to faith.

STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS

In April 2026, thousands of college students gathered in the basketball arena at Florida State University, which is known as one of the biggest party schools in the country. But this gathering wasn't for a basketball game. It was for a night of worship.

Hundreds of young adults made first-time decisions to follow Christ at the event, and 81 students were baptized on the spot.³ One student described what struck her most in a comment later shared by CBN News: *"One thing I thought was beautiful...was the emphasis on finding a church home! They had tables outside with college groups from many local churches and asked everyone to fill out information to get connected!"* She was looking for a place to belong, a real community. That's exactly why Woodside exists: to offer a church family where people can belong, grow, and be sent back out to help others do the same.



THE NUMBERS DON'T LIE

The evidence that Gen Z is turning to Jesus is no longer anecdotal. In 2025, Barna Research Group found that nearly 30 million more Americans are following Jesus now than just four years ago, a shift Barna calls "the clearest indication of meaningful spiritual renewal in the United States."⁴

A 2025 Gallup poll adds weight to that finding, reporting that the number of young men ages 18 to 29 who say religion is very important in their lives has surged from 28% in 2022 to 42% in 2024, nearing a historic high.⁵ Among all of Gen Z, Barna found that 77% of teens in the United States are open to learning more about Jesus, and half of Gen Z say they would attend church if someone invited them.⁶

A GLOBAL AWAKENING

This phenomenon isn't just happening in the United States. Lifeway Research reports that Christianity is growing at 0.98% year after year, outpacing annual global population growth by 0.10%. In Africa alone, the Church is growing at 2.59% per year. At the turn of the twentieth century, fewer than 10 million Christians lived in Africa. Today, that number exceeds 750 million, and by 2050 it is projected to surpass 1.2 billion. In England and Wales, church attendance among young adults has quadrupled in the last six years. In Asia, Christianity is growing at 1.6% annually.⁷

Woodside has had a front-row seat to this worldwide movement through our global and missionary partners. This past year, our partners saw 672 churches planted and 66,803 people make professions of faith. In early 2026, 1,200 people from mostly Muslim backgrounds were baptized in Ethiopia. On the other side of the earth, where following Jesus can cost people their homes, careers, reputations, families, and their lives, thousands are still choosing Him.

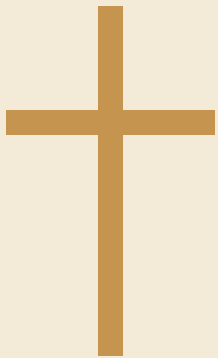


NEXT GEN AT WOODSIDE

This spiritual openness is taking place right here at Woodside.

- ✚ In late 2025, students from 10 local high schools met at Rochester High School for a night of worship and praise.
- ✚ This past year, 122 students from Woodside's student ministry were baptized, and 820 students met consistently in weekly small groups.
- ✚ Through Woodside's kids ministry, an average of 1,364 children were discipled every weekend between 2025-26. Hundreds more kids and students attended FLIP Camp, student retreats, and Woodside's Hope 365 Conference.

**THIS IS
~~NO~~
ORDINARY
MOMENT**



Right now, people everywhere are looking for Jesus, and the Church will be in danger of missing the moment if we don't recognize that. If we're convinced that our neighbors, acquaintances, coworkers, classmates, and the nations are closed off to Jesus, our window of opportunity will close before we're able to help them see that

**everything
they're
searching
for is found
in Christ.**

Jesus is coming back. If the Gospel is true, only those who have put their faith in Him will be ready when He returns. It's our job to help people see Jesus for who He is. It's never okay for us to say, *"Look at all that we've accomplished. Let's rest on our laurels. The job is done."* We must continue to tell everyone who will listen about our Savior until all have heard, until Christ returns. ■

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LIFE GROUP
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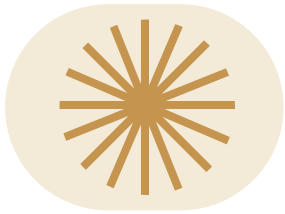
IDENTIFY -ING PEOPLE OF *peace*

Think about a time when you were new somewhere: a school, a workplace, a neighborhood, a church, or another social setting. What made you feel welcomed and accepted? Who helped you feel like you belonged?

When Jesus sent His disciples on mission, He taught them to look for the people God was already working in. Rather than trying to reach everyone at once, Jesus invites us to prayerfully discern people of peace and share the Gospel with them. As we study Luke 10, we'll consider who God may be calling us to reach and how we can reach them together.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PERSON OF PEACE:

-  They enjoy being around you.
-  They welcome you into their life and want to serve you (your relationship is reciprocal).
-  They're open to spiritual conversations.



WORSHIP: ***EXPLORE GOD'S WORD***

Read: Luke 10:1–11

Q1. What stands out to you about the way Jesus sends His disciples?

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Q2. Look at verses 5 – 9. What clues help identify a person of peace?

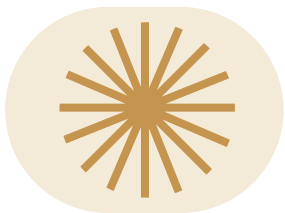
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Q3. Why do you think Jesus tells the disciples to stay where they're welcomed rather than traveling from house to house?

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COMMUNITY: ***APPLY TO OUR LIVES***

Jesus sent His disciples out together because mission work was never meant to be done alone. We need other Christians to help us recognize where God is at work.

Q1. Name someone who helped you recognize God's work in your life. Who in your circle has encouraged you to take steps of faith?

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Q2. Which characteristic of a person of peace might be easiest to recognize?

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Q3. Which characteristic might be hardest to recognize? Why?

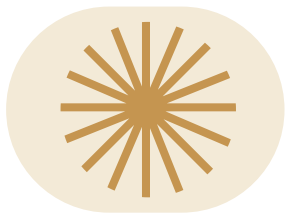
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Q4. What are the advantages of living missionally as a group? What could this look like for your Life Group?

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MISSION: ***APPLY TO THE WORLD***

Jesus invites us to pay attention to the people He's already drawing to Himself.

Q1. Is there someone in your circle who enjoys spending time with you, welcomes you into their life, and is open to conversations about faith?

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Q2. Which of those three characteristics are strongest in that person? Which might still need time to develop?

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Q3. This week, what's one intentional step you can take toward developing a deeper relationship with that person?

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THIS WEEK:

Identify 3 potential people of peace and write down their names.

X _____

X _____

X _____

As you pray for them this week:

- Pray for your relationship with them to grow.
- Pray for opportunities to engage them with the Gospel.
- Ask God to show you how He's already working in their hearts.
- Take a practical step toward investing in one of them.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

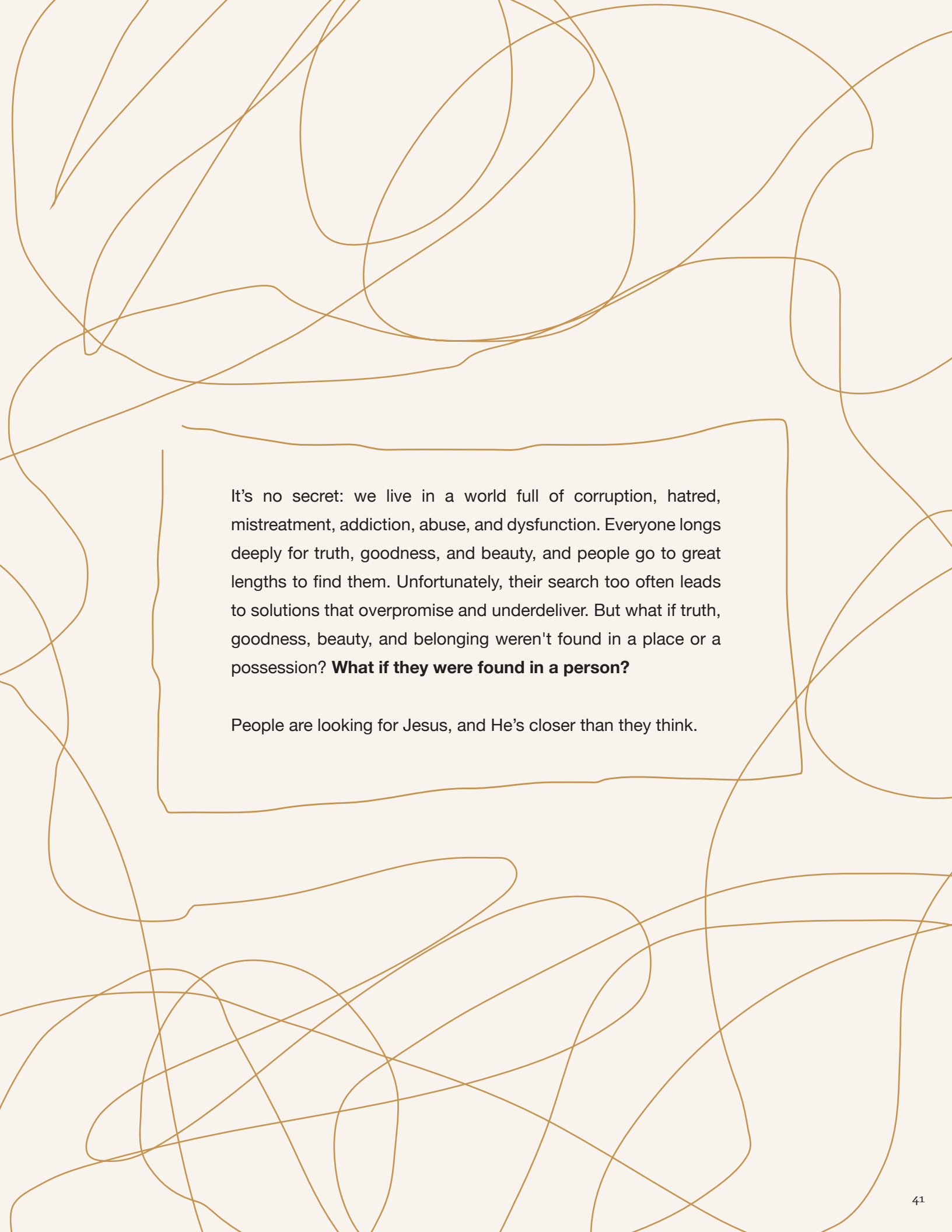
"And He said to them, 'the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" - Luke 10:2

Thank God for the work He's already doing in the hearts of people who don't know Him yet. Ask Him to help you recognize the people of peace in your life and pray for courage to invest in them. Ask the Lord to send you and others into His harvest so that people everywhere would SEE JESUS!

**PEOPLE ARE
LOOKING
FOR JESUS**



**AND HE'S
CLOSER THAN
THEY THINK**

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It's no secret: we live in a world full of corruption, hatred, mistreatment, addiction, abuse, and dysfunction. Everyone longs deeply for truth, goodness, and beauty, and people go to great lengths to find them. Unfortunately, their search too often leads to solutions that overpromise and underdeliver. But what if truth, goodness, beauty, and belonging weren't found in a place or a possession? **What if they were found in a person?**

People are looking for Jesus, and He's closer than they think.

Since 1955, Woodside has been a church dedicated to **helping people see Jesus**. For decades, we've prayerfully worked together to share the Gospel in our state, across our nation, and around the world.

But when Woodside celebrated 70 years of ministry in 2025, our leaders were presented with a big question. If we looked at every decade like a chapter of Woodside's story, what would happen as we closed chapter seven? What new chapter did God want to write for us?

As Woodside leaders, elders, and pastors met to pray and plan for the future of our church family, a central observation revealed itself: **God was moving**.

There were signs of it throughout culture, especially among students and young adults. Revival was breaking out in places like Asbury University and at other university campuses. In a single weekend, 1,200 people from Muslim backgrounds were baptized in Ethiopia. We were also witnessing it at Woodside: attendance numbers, first-time visitors, and baptisms were all on the rise.

So how would we capitalize on this openness to the Gospel? If people everywhere were looking for Jesus, what could Woodside do to help them?

We quickly realized that the only way to truly help people see Jesus was to mobilize every Woodsider to actively participate in the redemptive mission of God.

Church leadership couldn't do it alone. Staff members, ministry volunteers, and Life Group leaders couldn't do it alone. If we were going to seize the moment, every single Woodsider would need to be all in to help people see Jesus.



THE SEE JESUS CAMPAIGN

That's why Woodside is launching the most ambitious initiative in the history of our church family. It's called See Jesus: a two-year missional campaign with a stewardship component. The campaign is designed with two goals:

GOAL ONE: 100% ENGAGEMENT

We want to equip every Woodsider to share Jesus with their neighbors, networks, and the nations. We're praying that 100% of our church family would say, *"Yes, I want to be mobilized. I want to help people see Jesus. Here I am, God. Send me."*

GOAL TWO: \$80 MILLION BY 2028

As our church family grows, our budget needs to grow with it. With an expanded budget, we're praying to double our impact over the next decade!

WHERE DO WE START

PRAY

- † Pray for the people in your life who don't know Jesus.
- † Pray with a Life Group for your neighbors, city, and nation to see Jesus.
- † Pray for Woodside's global partners, missionaries, and the unreached.

TELL

- † Learn how to tell your story and practice sharing it with others.
- † Engage in a Life Group to help your neighbors and city see Jesus.
- † Champion global missions by joining short-term mission teams and/or supporting others who go.

GIVE

- † Generously contribute toward what God is doing at Woodside.
- † Start by giving something. Once you're doing that, give it consistently. Then consider how you can grow your generosity for the sake of the Gospel.

As we enter our eighth decade of ministry, Woodside is poised to make an incredible impact for the Gospel in our region and around the world. If we stand committed to helping people see Jesus, we believe that our impact as a church will double over the next decade.

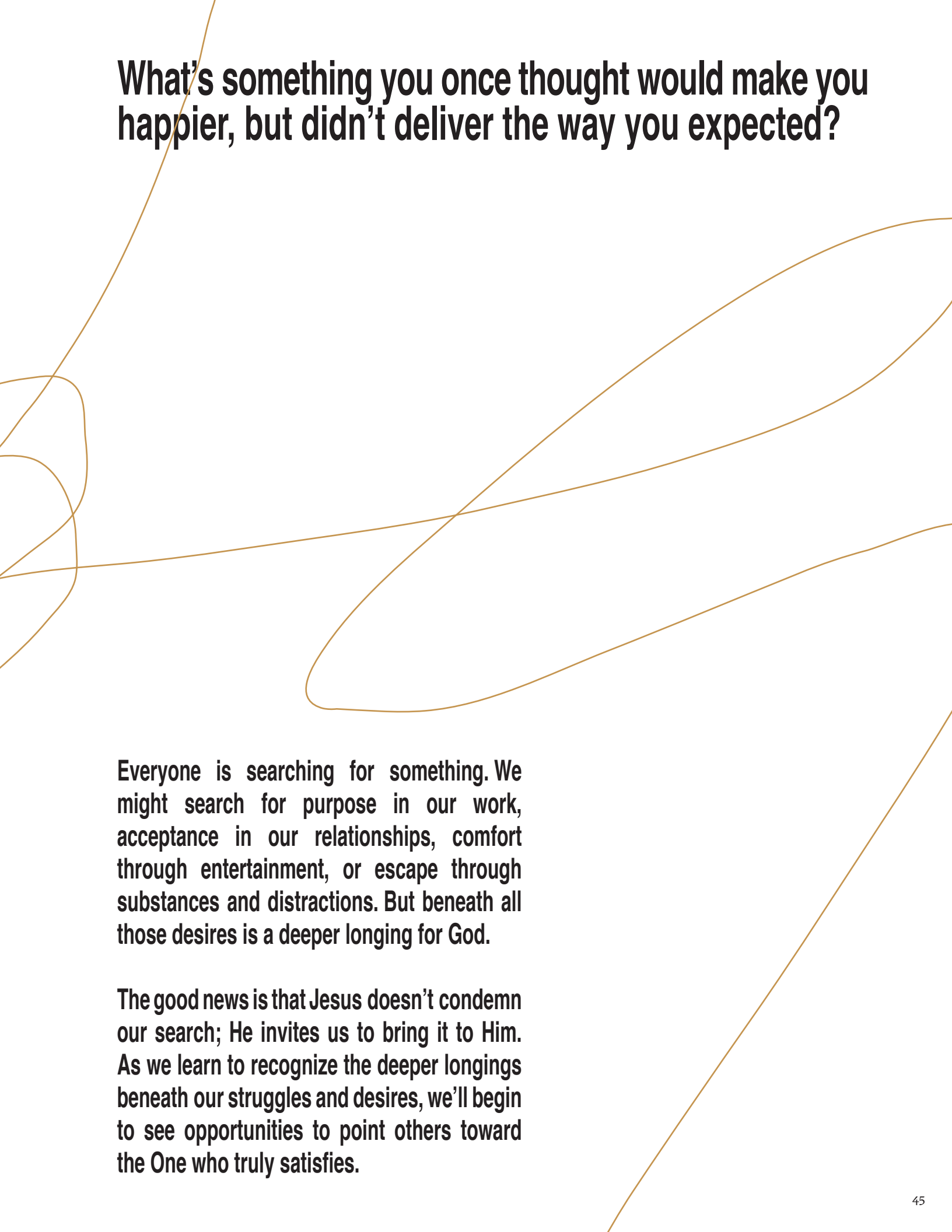
The See Jesus Campaign is a generosity movement measured in eyes opened to the Gospel. ■

ARE YOU IN ?

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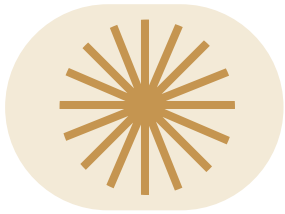
EVERYONE
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What's something you once thought would make you happier, but didn't deliver the way you expected?

Everyone is searching for something. We might search for purpose in our work, acceptance in our relationships, comfort through entertainment, or escape through substances and distractions. But beneath all those desires is a deeper longing for God.

The good news is that Jesus doesn't condemn our search; He invites us to bring it to Him. As we learn to recognize the deeper longings beneath our struggles and desires, we'll begin to see opportunities to point others toward the One who truly satisfies.



WORSHIP: *EXPLORE GOD'S WORD*

Read: John 4:4-29

Q1. What do you learn about Jesus from His interaction with the Samaritan woman?

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Q2. Why do you think Jesus begins their conversation by talking about water?

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Q3. What does Jesus reveal about the deeper thirst underneath the woman's circumstances?

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Q4. What does this passage teach us about where lasting satisfaction is found?

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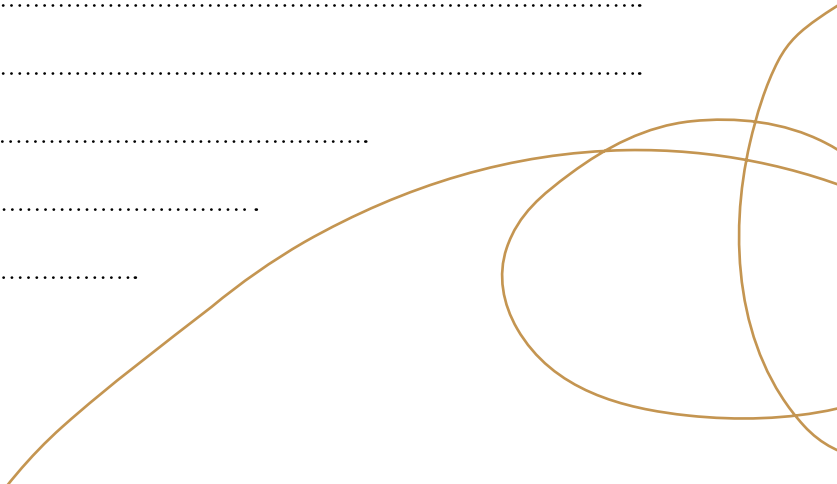
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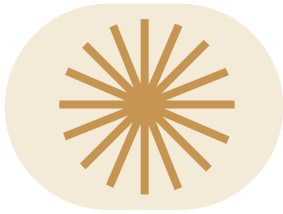
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COMMUNITY: *APPLY TO OUR LIVES*

The Samaritan woman wasn't simply looking for water. Beneath her story was a longing for acceptance, belonging, purpose, and love. The same is true for all of us.

Q1. Looking back on your life, where have you searched for meaning, identity, or satisfaction apart from Jesus?

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Q2. How did those things ultimately leave you wanting more?

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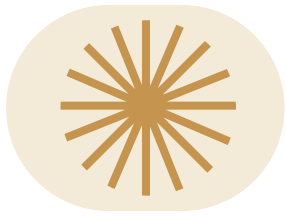
Q3. How are you currently looking to things apart from God to satisfy or comfort you?

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MISSION: *APPLY TO THE WORLD*

People rarely wake up thinking, “I need Jesus.” More often, they’re looking for happiness, significance, peace, freedom, healing, love, or purpose. These longings can become bridges to spiritual conversations.



To prepare for this part of the discussion,
scan here to watch the See Jesus trailer.

Q1. In our culture, how do people commonly look for fulfillment, meaning, or identity? How might those pursuits reveal a deeper spiritual thirst?

Q2. Think of someone in your life who doesn’t know Jesus. What longing, struggle, desire, or frustration do you see beneath the surface?

Q3. How might their longing create an opportunity for you to share the hope you’ve found in Jesus?

THIS WEEK:

tell someone about Jesus!

#2 LOOK FOR
OPPORTUNITIES
TO DO THIS
THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK.

#3 CONNECT WITH
SOMEONE IN YOUR
LIFE GROUP BEFORE
YOUR NEXT MEETING.

talk about the
conversations
you've had this
week, asking:

#1 PRACTICE TALKING
ABOUT JESUS IN A
NORMAL CONVERSATION.

don't force a
gospel presentation,
but try connecting
a deep need to
who Jesus is &
what He's done.

- what deeper need
or desire was
beneath what
they shared?
- what was this
person really
longing for?
- how is Jesus the
true fulfillment
of that longing?

THE MORE YOU PRACTICE
TALKING ABOUT JESUS
WITH ONE ANOTHER,
THE MORE NATURALLY
YOU'LL DO SO WITH OTHERS

GOAL 1:

 100%

Engagement

God is on a mission to make disciples of all nations, and He wants to include us in His work.

Every single Christian has been called, commissioned, and empowered by God's Spirit to reach people with the Gospel.

We're all ambassadors for Christ: at our jobs, in our neighborhoods, with our children and grandchildren, in our families, and with our friends. Because of God's love for us, we're compelled to share our hope in Jesus with those who don't know Him yet.

That's why we're praying that 100% of Woodsiders would be mobilized to help people See Jesus during this campaign. This looks like every Woodsider praying for people who don't know Jesus and telling their neighbors, networks, and the nations about what He's done in their lives.

What This Looks Like in Action

PRAY

Pray for the people in your life who don't know Jesus.

Flip back to the names you wrote down on page 39. What's a step you can take to commit to praying for them every day?

My Action Step: _____

Pray with a Life Group for your neighbors, city, and nation to see Jesus.

Don't have a Life Group? Scan here or visit woodsidebible.org/groups to find one.



Pray for Woodside's global partners, missionaries, and the unreached.

Visit woodsidebible.org/global-partners or scan here to learn more about the ministries that Woodside partners with around the world.



TELL

Learn how to tell your story and practice sharing it with others.

Turn to page 26 to access a framework for telling your story. Schedule time with yourself to work through it.

Engage in a Life Group to help your neighbors and city see Jesus.

Work with your Life Group to mobilize within your neighborhood and community. How can you collectively help others see Jesus?

Champion global missions by joining short-term mission teams and/or supporting others that go.

Scan here or visit woodsidebible.org/stm to learn more about short-term missions at Woodside.



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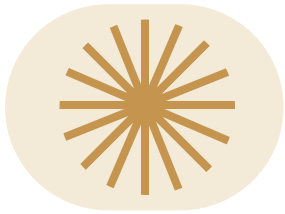
MOBILIZATION COMMITMENT

When's the last time you were so excited about something that you couldn't wait to tell someone else (a new restaurant, album, deal, or show)? What was it? What made you want to share it with others?



The mission of helping people see Jesus is accomplished through God's power, not ours. Through the pouring out of His Spirit (Acts 1:8), it's the Lord who adds to His Church (Acts 2:47). As Christians, we get to join in what He's already doing around the world.

Let's explore together how God works through ordinary people in His Church to help others see Jesus:



WORSHIP: *EXPLORE GOD'S WORD*

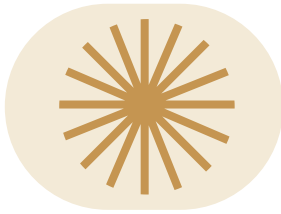
Read: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:42–47; Acts 8:1–8

Q1. In Acts 1:8, Jesus promises power for a purpose. What is that purpose, and how does it connect to the Church's mission?

Q2. Looking at Acts 2:42–47, how did the way believers lived together help others become interested in Jesus?

Q3. After persecution scattered the believers in Acts 8, they preached the Word everywhere they went. What could it look like for us to have that same readiness for disruption in our own lives? What might it look like for ordinary Christians today to help people see Jesus in everyday life?





COMMUNITY: *APPLY TO OUR LIVES*

If we're going to help people see Jesus, we need to be a church family that's mobilized for the redemptive mission of God. To do this, we need to pray for those who don't know Jesus and tell them what He's done in our lives.

PRAY

- Pray for the people in your life who don't know Jesus.
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- Pray for Woodside's global partners, missionaries, and the unreached.

TELL

- Learn how to tell your story and practice sharing it with others.
- Engage in a Life Group to help your neighbors and city see Jesus.
- Champion global missions by joining short-term mission teams and/or supporting others who go.

Q1. What would devotion to these areas look like for you individually? What would it look like as a Life Group? Discuss how to make this a reality.

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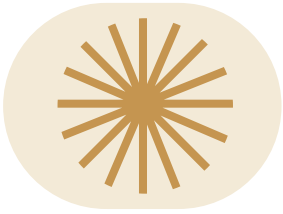
Q2. Which area of mobilization feels most natural to you? Why does the other area feel like a bigger challenge? How can your Life Group encourage each other in both areas?

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MISSION: *APPLY TO THE WORLD*

Mobilization is what happens when God's people move from receiving the Gospel to participating in God's mission. When we devote ourselves to praying and telling others about Jesus, we join the work that God is already doing around the world.

Q1. Naming actual people and places, who does God seem to be calling your group to reach?

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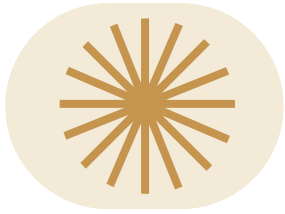
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Q2. What steps can your group take to help them see Jesus?

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THIS WEEK:

MOBILIZATION COMMITMENT:

Make a personal and group-wide commitment to grow in mobilization.

Revisit these commitments every time your Life Group meets.

Your Personal Commitment:

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Your Life Group Commitment:

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Both personally and as a group, take one concrete next step in each area of mobilization within the next 30 days.

Personal Next Step:

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Life Group Next Step:

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CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Pray that God would mobilize every Woodsider to help people see Jesus.

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. – Acts 4:29 – 31

GOAL 2:

\$80 million
by 2028



As our vision for reaching people expands, our budget needs to expand with it. To help us double our impact over the next decade, we're praying to raise \$80 million by 2028.

The Financial Breakdown:

Our \$80 million goal is made up of two parts:

\$50 Million Standard Operating Budget

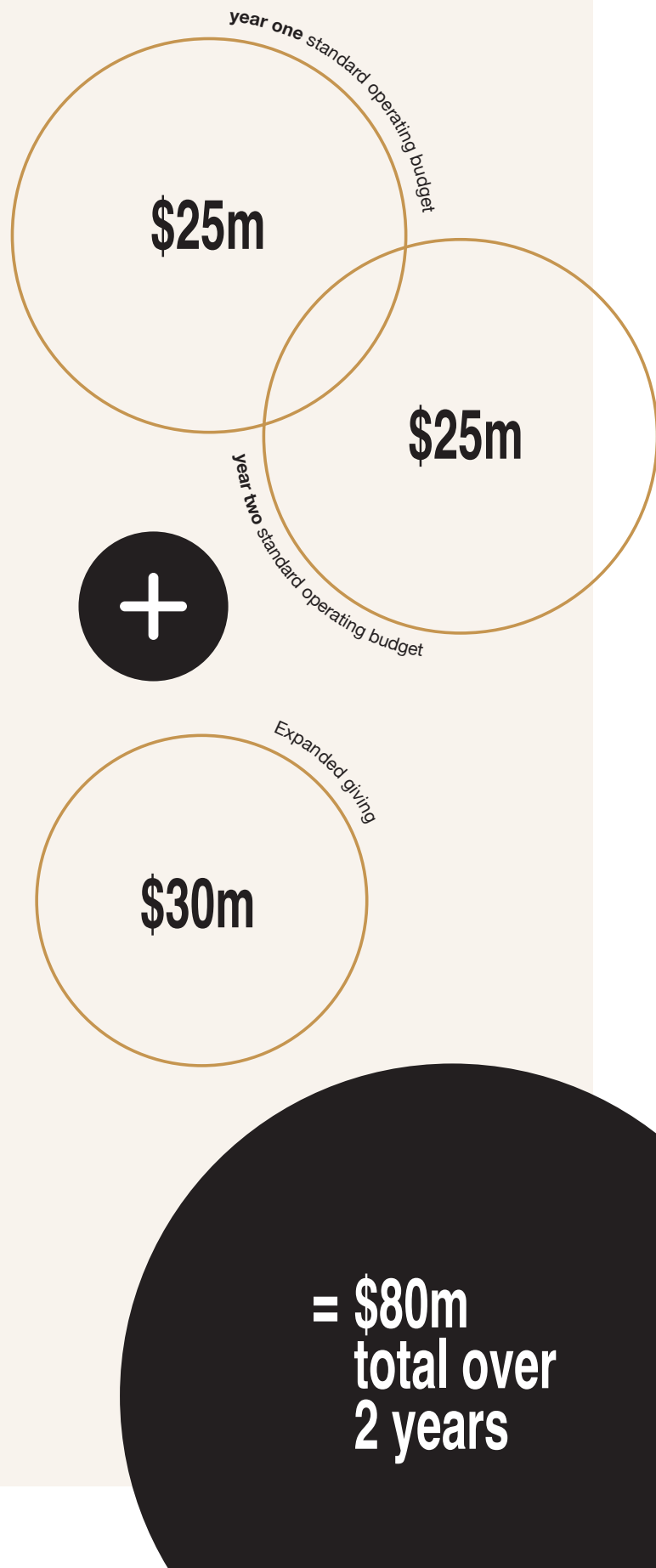
Woodside Bible Church currently operates on an annual budget of \$25 million. This is the funding we need to care for our current campuses and ministries from year-to-year.

\$25 Million x 2 Years = \$50 Million

\$30 Million Expanded Giving

The \$30 million in expanded giving is an investment beyond our budget in three specific areas: campuses, missions, and outreach.

\$50 Million + \$30 Million = \$80 Million



How Will This Double Our Impact?

The \$30 million in expanded giving will be invested to help people see Jesus in the following ways:

80% ➔ Campuses

Woodside is committed to helping Southeast Michigan communities see Jesus. Our care for existing buildings and grounds communicates our care for the people who walk through our doors. That's why 80% of our expanded giving will be invested to improve current Woodside campuses and plant new ones.

This investment will break down into a few focus areas:

Expansion

Investing in new lighthouses for the Gospel, including Woodside's latest campus in East Lansing and a permanent home for Woodside Chesterfield.

★ East Lansing Campus

God has blessed our church family with the vision and means to plant campuses in multiple influential areas across Southeast Michigan. At Woodside East Lansing, we'll have the opportunity to help over 50 thousand students see Jesus every year.

★ Permanent Home for Chesterfield

For over a decade, Woodside Chesterfield has helped its community see Jesus from a rented space. God is moving in Chesterfield, and the campus has experienced double-digit growth. As they welcome an increasing number of people, it's time for them to move to a permanent church home.

Maintenance

Every home needs to be maintained. Addressing needs like roofs, parking lots, and more across Woodside campuses will prepare our spaces for people who are looking for Jesus.



“Spaces matter because people matter. There's a beauty and a hospitality element to that. We're communicating that we care about our communities by the way that we take care of our spaces.”

Brad House
Senior Executive Pastor



Kids Spaces & Curriculum

We want every child who walks through our doors to see Jesus. **A major update to kids' environments across all campuses will ensure that every child has a space in our church buildings designed specifically for them.**

Reinforcing the biblical narrative and Gospel language in our next-gen curriculum will help kids encounter God, engage in His story, discover who they are in Christ, and mobilize to help others see Jesus.



Scan here to view environment renderings in full color.

Campus Projects

We will also invest in our campuses by funding projects that will help our communities see Jesus. These projects will be evaluated based on a set of stewardship principles that include the following:

Helps People See Jesus

Potential to create encounters with the Gospel

Growth Potential

Potential to initiate or strengthen campus growth

Stability

The ability of a campus to sustain the project

Functional Factors

Safety, code compliance, etc.



10% ➔ Global Missions

Woodside's commitment to sharing the Gospel with those who have not heard remains the heart of our global missions strategy. That's why 10% of our expanded giving will be invested in the following areas:

Togo, West Africa

Imagine a day when every village in every nation has a Gospel witness and a local church. Through the See Jesus Campaign, Woodside will join a coalition of churches, global missions organizations, and indigenous Christian leaders who are working to make that vision a reality in Togo, West Africa.



These partners are committed to planting new churches in the 5,808 villages across Togo that currently have no church presence. As this vision is realized, we pray Togo will serve as a model for similar church planting movements throughout Africa and Southeast Asia, helping accelerate Gospel access among millions who have never heard the name of Jesus.

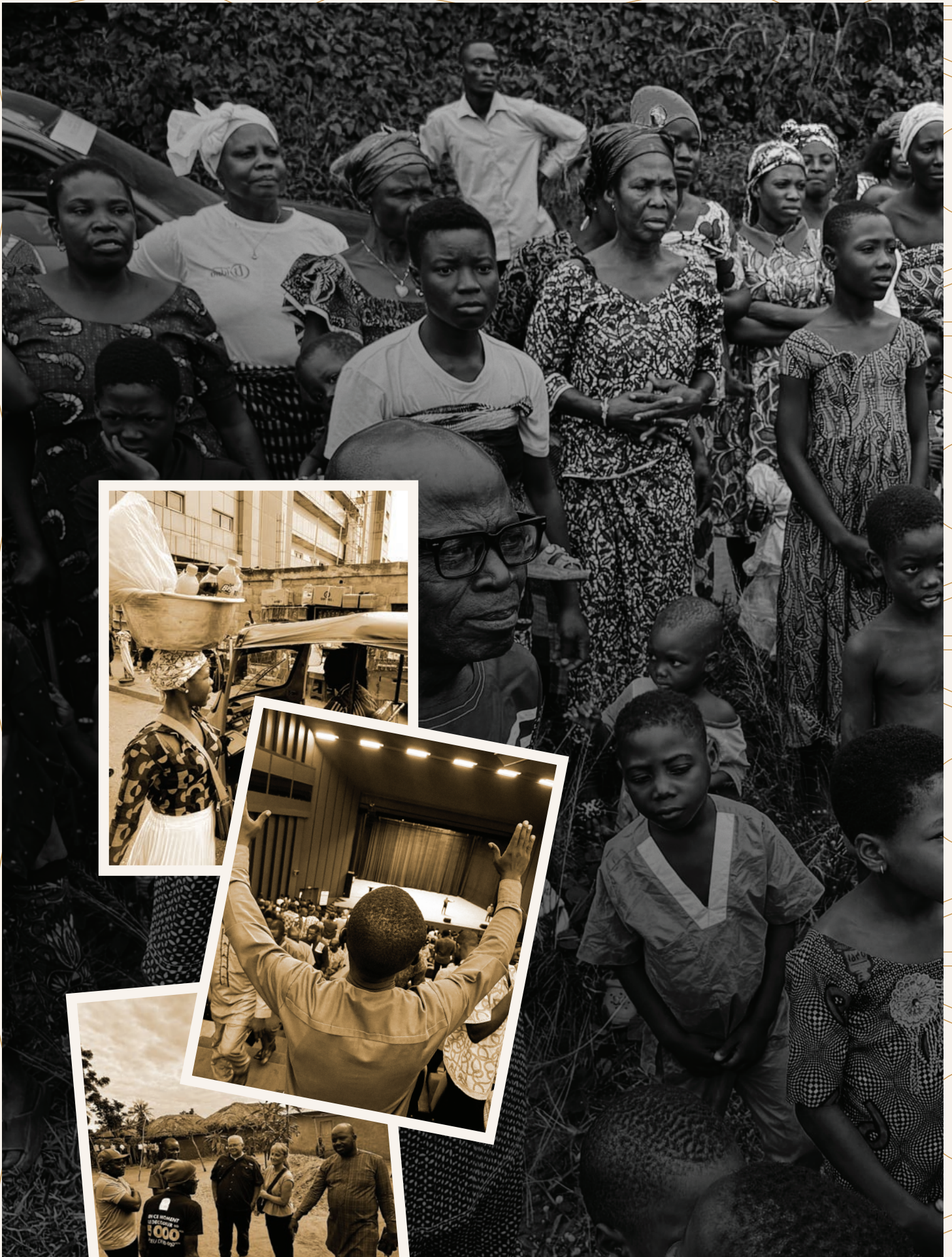
God Is Moving in Togo

The residents of one unreached village in Togo had long been resistant to the Gospel when an indigenous believer named Kimi trusted God to change that. The community had no Christians, no churches, and no interest in entertaining visitors. Despite the insulated culture of the villagers, Kimi rallied five other Christian leaders and courageously went door-to-door, relying on the Holy Spirit to lead them to people who were open to the Gospel.

Early in 2026, the village celebrated its first worship service. Today, dozens of villages gather weekly to worship Jesus. As Christians in Africa continue to champion the Gospel, we are getting closer to seeing a church planted in every village in Togo.

Reaching the Least-Reached

By investing in 12 global partners serving in 15 countries, we're helping bring the hope of Christ to some of the world's least-reached people and places. These global partners are engaged in evangelism, church planting, Bible translation, biblical education, disciple-making, leadership development, and compassionate care for vulnerable communities. Funds raised through the See Jesus Campaign will strengthen and expand these strategic partnerships, enabling their continued Gospel impact around the world.





Cultivating Disciple Makers

Church-planting movements that last are built on disciples who make disciples and churches that plant churches. To sustain this kind of multiplication, believers around the world need access to sound biblical training and effective discipleship resources.

Through the See Jesus Campaign, Woodside will help expand worldwide theological education, leadership development, and discipleship training through our global partners. These efforts will equip pastors, church leaders, and believers to boldly share the Gospel with least-reached people groups in hard-to-reach places across the globe.

Woodside's global partners work with unreached people in Ethiopia, Ghana, Southeast Asia, Myanmar, Nepal, Morocco, Thailand, The West Bank, Ukraine, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Vietnam, Laos, and China.

10% ➔ Outreach

Thousands of believers call Woodside their church home, which means we're uniquely positioned to help our local communities and the next generation see Jesus. That's why the remaining 10% of our expanded giving will be dedicated to reaching our neighbors, cities, and the next generation with the Gospel. These efforts will include:

Dream Centers of Michigan

Woodside's commitment to loving our neighbors extends far beyond the walls of our campuses. Through the Dream Centers of Michigan (DCOM), we partner with local communities to help individuals and families flourish, reach their God-given potential, and move toward greater stability and self-sufficiency.

As opportunities continue to grow, DCOM is preparing to expand its ministry. Future initiatives include increasing affordable housing opportunities in Pontiac, purchasing a permanent hub facility, and launching programs in Detroit that demonstrate the love of Christ in practical and meaningful ways.

University Outreach

As we prepare to launch Woodside East Lansing, our church family is committed to helping MSU students see Jesus. Young adults are asking big questions, and we

want to be a church that's not afraid to listen. Through Bible studies, events, resources, conferences, and honest conversations, we aspire to help university students wrestle with doubts and navigate the truth.



How to Champion the Vision



As men and women created in the image of God, our joy will be at its fullest when we're attuned to His purposes. God doesn't want us to live generously out of obligation. Instead, He wants us to experience the joy of alignment with Him. **That's what we were created for.**

At Woodside, we give because God gives. We sacrifice for others because God sacrificed for us. With this in mind, every Woodsider is invited to own **Goal #1** and **Goal #2** by filling out a See Jesus commitment card and dropping it in an offering box at their campus by **Commitment Sunday**. Progress toward Goal #2 will be measured by gifts made to Woodside's general fund. ■

Fill out the physical commitment card included in this magazine or scan the code to fill out a digital version.

Commitment Sunday

On November 1, Woodsiders will commit to Pray, Tell, and Give by submitting commitment cards at their campuses.

Thanksgiving Sunday

On November 22, commitment totals will be announced and celebrated, Woodsiders will give the first installment of their commitment, and campaign tracking toward our \$80 million goal will begin.

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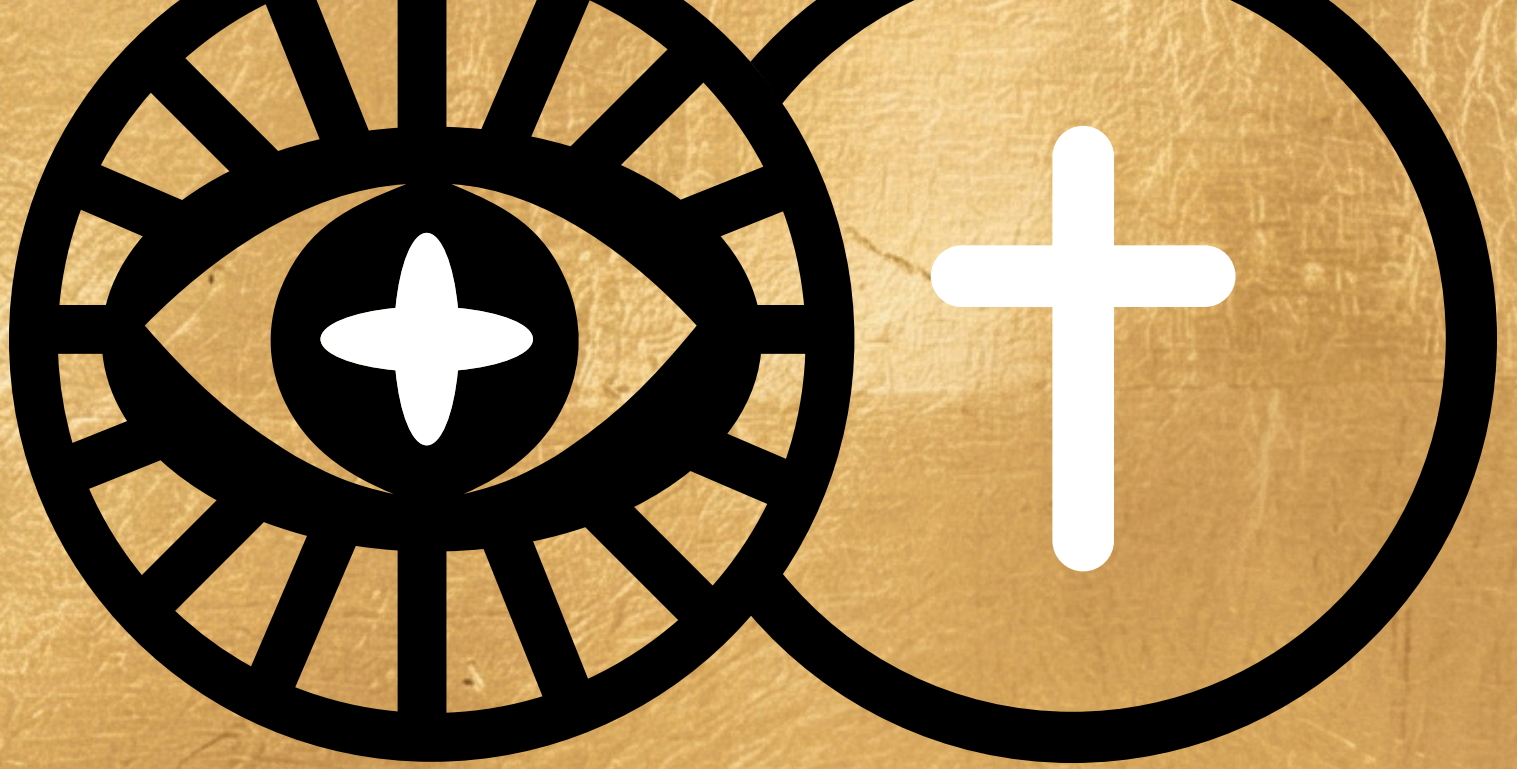
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A ONE-FUND CAMPAIGN

WHAT'S A ONE-FUND CAMPAIGN?

In a one-fund campaign, every financial gift made (regular and expanded giving) flows into a single, unified fund that supports a specific vision for a period of time. This differs from a multi-fund approach (members give to a general fund, then give more to individual projects or ministries).

ADVANTAGES TO A ONE-FUND APPROACH

This simplifies the giving process and the messaging behind it. Woodsiders can support their campuses, global missions, and local outreach efforts through one fund rather than many. The goal of a one-fund is 100% participation from Woodsiders, which means that every gift counts. This includes the unchanged generosity of those who may not have the means to expand their giving.

WHAT FUNDING STAYS SEPARATE?

Deacon's/Benevolence Funds and financing for short-term missions teams will continue to be accounted for separately. These funds will not be included in tracking efforts surrounding the second goal of the campaign.

WHEN WILL WOODSIDE BEGIN TRACKING CAMPAIGN FUNDS?

Woodside will officially begin tracking campaign funds on November 22, 2026. Campaign tracking will end on December 31, 2028.

WHAT ABOUT FUNDS RECEIVED BEFORE NOVEMBER 22?

Gifts received after Annual Celebration and prior to November 22, 2026 that exceed 100% of the total annual budget will be used to kickstart funding for the See Jesus Campaign. This allows individuals who have turned in their commitment cards to begin giving now.

HOW WILL LARGE CAMPAIGN GIFTS BE HANDLED?

Large gifts specifically designated for See Jesus will be set aside to kickstart the campaign. These amounts will be announced on November 22. The current starting threshold for a large gift is \$100,000 and above, though the accounting treatment for any larger gift designated for the campaign will be evaluated individually.

WHAT TRACKING AND APPROVAL PROCESSES WILL BE USED?

Woodside's finance director will monitor weekly progress toward both the operating budget and the overall campaign goal. A designated campaign fund has been set up, and amounts above the operating budget target will be swept into it at regular intervals. ■

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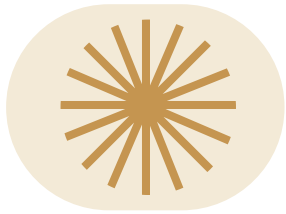
GENER SITY COMMITMENT

What's the most meaningful gift that you've ever received? What made it so special?



Our church family is aiming to double our impact over the next decade. The vision for Woodside has grown, and our resources need to grow with it! When we choose to prioritize stewardship and generosity, our God-given resources will help push that vision forward.

This week, we'll look at how we can live generously to help others see Jesus.



WORSHIP: *EXPLORE GOD'S WORD*

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; 9:5–15

Q1. What stands out to you about the generosity of the Macedonian believers in 2 Corinthians 8?
In what ways does Paul encourage the Corinthian church to follow that example?

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Q2. According to Paul, what heart or attitude should characterize Christian generosity?

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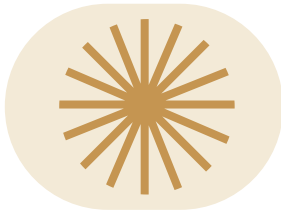
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Q3. Considering these passages, how can the stewardship of our resources help others see Jesus?

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COMMUNITY: *APPLY TO OUR LIVES*

The Gospel naturally leads to generosity. As Jesus is generous with us (2 Cor 8:9), we are to be generous with others. Paul encourages the Corinthian church to embody generosity so that they might be a blessing to others. We can grow in this area by having honest conversations about the things that keep us from being generous.

Q1. Read Mark 10:17-27, then discuss how people sometimes look to money to fulfill their core longing for security. How might this show up in your life?

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Q2. What would change if we defined generosity as offering God our first and best in every area of life (time, resources, talents, and relationships) instead of giving Him our leftovers?

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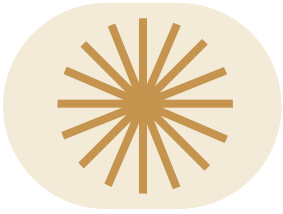
Q3. What are some ways you've seen Jesus through the generosity of others? How could your Life Group model that kind of generosity together?

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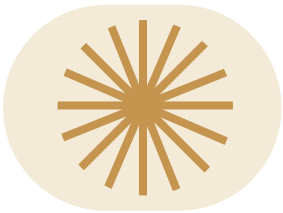
MISSION: *APPLY TO THE WORLD*

Generosity shows others that our trust is found in Christ. It cultivates opportunities to share the Gospel and fuels ministry within our church and across the globe. Let's consider how our generosity can impact the world around us:

Q1. Explore what it could look like for your Life Group to be generous with your time, hospitality, resources, and more.

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THIS WEEK:

GENEROSITY COMMITMENT:

Set aside some unhurried time and ask: *"Lord, what do You want joyful, willing, expanded generosity to look like for me? How can I help people see Jesus through the generosity You're calling me to?"* Write down what surfaces and bring it back to God in prayer. As He leads, consider making a commitment to help double Woodside's impact over the next decade.

Your Personal Commitment:

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Scan here to access your See Jesus commitment card. As you're led, please submit a commitment card to your campus by November 1, 2026.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Thank God for His abundant generosity to you through Christ Jesus. Pray that He would open your hands to live so that others might see Jesus.

See Jesus Giving Chart

God is moving, and we refuse to miss it. As you discern how God is calling you to give in this extraordinary cultural moment, use this chart to inspire and challenge you toward greater generosity.

Individual Commitments Needed	Two-Year Commitment Total	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Incremental Giving to Total Goal
2	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$208,333	\$10,000,000
4	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$83,333	\$18,000,000
6	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$24,000,000
10	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$29,000,000
10	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$31,500,000
50	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$36,500,000
250	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$49,000,000
550	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$62,750,000
1000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$72,750,000
500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$76,500,000
500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$79,000,000
310	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$79,775,000
All Others	\$2,500 & Under	-	-	\$80,000,000
Total Gift Goal:				\$80,000,000

**I will not offer as a sacrifice to the Lord
my God that which costs me nothing.**

2 Samuel 24:24

chapter eight





a vision for the future

As we enter our eighth decade of ministry, imagine what could happen if every Woodsider mobilized to help people see Jesus.

That vision belongs to all of us. If every member of our church family reached just one person with the Gospel in the next decade, our impact would double across Southeast Michigan and beyond.

Imagine If...

...instead of 10,000 people gathered across Woodside campuses to worship on Sundays, there were 20,000.



...instead of celebrating 533 baptisms in a year, we were celebrating 1,000—each representing a story of how one person helped another see Jesus.



...instead of 4,982 Woodsiders engaged in Life Groups, 100% of Woodsiders were living out their identity in Christ through consistent Christian community.





...students across the country committed their lives to Christ because Christians everywhere helped them see Jesus.

...every Woodside campus had a permanent home, and every seat was filled by someone looking for Jesus.



...100% of Woodsiders were mobilized to help people see Jesus.

How might our neighborhoods, cities, state, and nation look different?
How might the world change as we invest in the Great Commission?

the Gospel is our greatest investment



...and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”

– Mark 1:36-38



**We might ask questions like, “Is this kind of impact even possible?”
or “Is it really necessary to keep expanding our reach?”**

But Jesus kept reaching, and it’s our responsibility in kind to keep reaching nations, communities, and neighborhoods for the Gospel. This vision will require our church family to mobilize and give generously because there is no greater investment than the Gospel. We can give freely to God, trusting Him to use every gift for His purposes.

As you reflect on this vision with your spouse, friends, Life Group, or family, we encourage you to consider the following questions:

If our vision was successful, who in your life might see Jesus over the next decade?

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What’s lost if we don’t help people see Jesus through this campaign?

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We're praying that 100% of our Woodside family says yes to living as a mobilized and generous church. Are you ready to commit? ■

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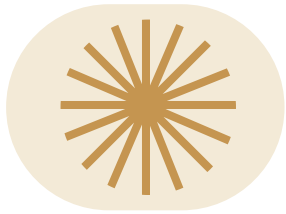
CHURCH

What's a habit that you've developed throughout your life? How did it stick with you?



If we're committed to helping people see Jesus, we have to allow the Gospel to change the way we live. Aligning our lives with God's mission looks like depending on His grace and living empowered by the Holy Spirit.

This week, we'll consider what it means to live as a mobilized and generous church:



WORSHIP: *EXPLORE GOD'S WORD*

Read: Matthew 5:13–16; Revelation 3:14–22

Q1. In Matthew 5:13–16, what does Jesus teach about the identity and purpose of believers in the world?

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Q2. In Revelation 3:14–22, how does Jesus describe the church in Laodicea? What evidence does He give that they have become lukewarm?

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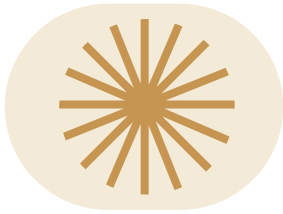
Q3. What solution does Jesus offer the church in Laodicea? What does this reveal about His heart toward us?

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COMMUNITY: *APPLY TO OUR LIVES*

Living as salt and light requires continual renewal in the Gospel. If we don't do this, we can become lukewarm and fail to help others see Jesus. The church in Laodicea wasn't persecuted or heretical, but had instead become self-sufficient and comfortable. We can face the same temptations.

Q1. As a Life Group, how are you most tempted to be lukewarm? How do you lean into complacency, comfortability, or self-sufficiency?

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Q2. How can you help each other stay wholeheartedly devoted to Jesus and the Great Commission? What kind of honest, ongoing accountability do you need?

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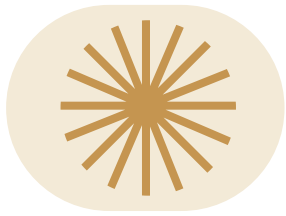
Q3. Jesus' invitation to the church in Laodicea was to return to His presence — *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."* As a Life Group, how can you stay focused on Jesus? What can you do to keep seeking His presence together?

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MISSION: *APPLY TO THE WORLD*

God often helps people see Jesus through the everyday lives of Christians. As we love one another, serve our neighbors, and intentionally make space for others in our lives, we become a visible expression of the Gospel and participate in God's mission to help people see Jesus.

Q1. Name some ordinary rhythms in your life. How could you leverage one or more of those scenarios to help people see Jesus?

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Q2. What's a practical step that your Life Group could take to become more visible and accessible to the people God has placed around you?

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THIS WEEK:

(BUILD HABITS) Review your commitment to pray for 3 people of peace, your mobilization commitment, and your generosity commitment. Spend time this week building each of these commitments into your everyday life, then discuss with your Life Group the next time you meet.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Pray that Jesus would keep us from falling into a lukewarm faith. Ask that He would sustain us in the days, months, and years ahead to be a church that helps people see Jesus.

FAQ

What is the See Jesus Campaign?

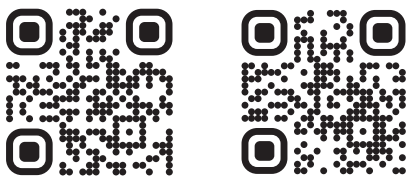
The See Jesus Campaign is a two-year missional initiative with a stewardship component. It has two goals:

- 1 To engage 100% of Woodsiders in the redemptive mission of God.
- 2 To raise \$80 million so we can double our impact over the next decade.

I'm new here, or I'm not sure what I believe. Is this campaign for me?

Yes. If you're curious or searching for answers, we want you to know that you're looking for Jesus and He's closer than you think!

Scan here or visit lookingforjesus.com to learn more about who Jesus is.



*Visit woodsidebible.org/message-series or scan here to watch our Sunday series, *You're Looking for Jesus*.*

Why is Woodside doing this now?

What changed?

Our in-person attendance is the highest it's been since before COVID. Baptisms are on pace to be the highest in our history. Nationally, research groups like Barna have reported that 30 million more Americans are following Jesus than four years ago. There's a revival happening, and we don't want to miss it.

What does 100% engagement mean?

We're praying that 100% of Woodsiders would be mobilized to help people see Jesus during (and after) this campaign. This looks like every Woodsider praying for people who don't know Jesus, telling their neighbors, networks, and the nations about what He's done in their lives, and giving toward our goal to double Woodside's impact over the next decade.

Why \$80 million?

As we enter our eighth decade of ministry, our church family is poised to continue making an incredible impact for the Gospel in our region and around the world.

It will take about \$50 million to keep our current campuses and ministries running for the next two years. The additional \$30 million will be used to double our impact by helping people see Jesus through our campuses, global missions, and outreach.

What's a commitment card?

We're asking every Woodsider to fill out a See Jesus commitment card and return it to your campus by November 2026. This card will help you determine what it looks like to Pray, Tell, and Give as we make our way through the See Jesus Campaign. You'll find a commitment card tucked inside this magazine, and your campus will have extras on hand through the duration of the campaign.

What accountability measures has Woodside put in place around the financial aspects of the campaign?

Wise financial stewardship is very important to us. A lay finance committee and more than 50 lay elders are responsible for the management and stewardship of all donations at Woodside. An external firm conducts an annual audit on our financial operations, and Woodside has received exemplary grades year after year.

Who should participate?

If you call Woodside your church home, we're praying that you commit to being mobilized and generous through the See Jesus Campaign. Your generosity commitment may look like a lot or a little depending on your financial situation, and both contributions are honoring to God. Like the widow in Luke 21, we pray you'll consider contributing what you can.

What key campaign dates should I know?



Campaign Launches

September 13, 2026

You're Looking for Jesus message series begins. Woodsiders learn about the campaign and begin to pray about their commitment.



Advance Commitment Night

October 9, 2026

An opportunity for Woodsiders to lead by submitting their commitment cards early.



Commitment Sunday

November 1, 2026

All Woodsiders are asked to prayerfully submit a commitment card to their campus by this date.



Thanksgiving Sunday

November 22, 2026

Total commitment toward the See Jesus Campaign will be announced and celebrated at all Sunday services.

How long will the campaign last?

The See Jesus Campaign runs from September 13, 2026 through December 31, 2028. After the commitment total is announced, Woodside campuses will give a monthly progress report toward the campaign's second goal: \$80 million by 2028.

You're Looking for Jesus

Message Series Notes

We're All Blind | September 13, 2026

Scripture: John 9

Big Idea: You're looking for Jesus, and He's closer than you think.

Everyone is _____. (vv. 1-7)

Everyone is looking, but not everyone wants to _____. (vv. 8-34)

_____ is looking for you. (vv. 35-41)

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We're All Looking | September 20, 2026

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:11-13

Big Idea: Looking isn't the problem; where we _____ is.

We were made to look for _____. (v. 11)

We turn good longing toward _____. (vv. 12-13)

But Jesus is _____. (John 7:37-38)

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Looking for Love | September 27, 2026

Scripture: John 4:4-29

Big Idea: You're looking for love, and it's closer than you think.

We are looking for _____. (vv. 4-14)

We look for love in _____. (vv. 15-25)

Jesus gives the love we've been _____ for. (vv. 26, 28-29)

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Looking for Purpose | October 4, 2026

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31

Big Idea: You're looking for purpose, and it's closer than you think.

We desire _____, _____, and _____. (vv. 16, 22-23a)

Religion promises purpose but leaves us _____. (vv. 24-27a)

Jesus reveals the God in whom _____. (vv. 27b-31)

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Looking for Security | October 11, 2026

Scripture: Mark 10:17-27

Big Idea: You're looking for security, and it's closer than you think.

We long to be _____. (vv. 17-20)

_____ promises a security it can't deliver. (vv. 20-25)

Jesus secures us in _____. (vv. 26-27)

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Looking for Justice | October 18, 2026

Scripture: John 18:33-38

Big Idea: You're looking for the world to be made right, and it's closer than you think.

We long for _____. (vv. 33-35)

_____ can't deliver what we expect. (v. 36)

Jesus is the King who _____. (vv. 37-38)

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Looking for Belonging | October 25, 2026

Scripture: Matthew 12:46-50

Big Idea: You're looking for belonging, and it's closer than you think.

We were made to _____. (vv. 46-47)

Our _____ can't carry our _____. (v. 48)

Jesus creates the _____ we were made for. (vv. 49-50)

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Everyone is Looking | November 1, 2026

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Big Idea: Everyone is looking for Jesus, and He's closer than they think.

We are looking for more than we _____. (vv. 14-17a)

We can't see what we _____. (vv. 17b-18)

Jesus is _____. (vv. 19-22)

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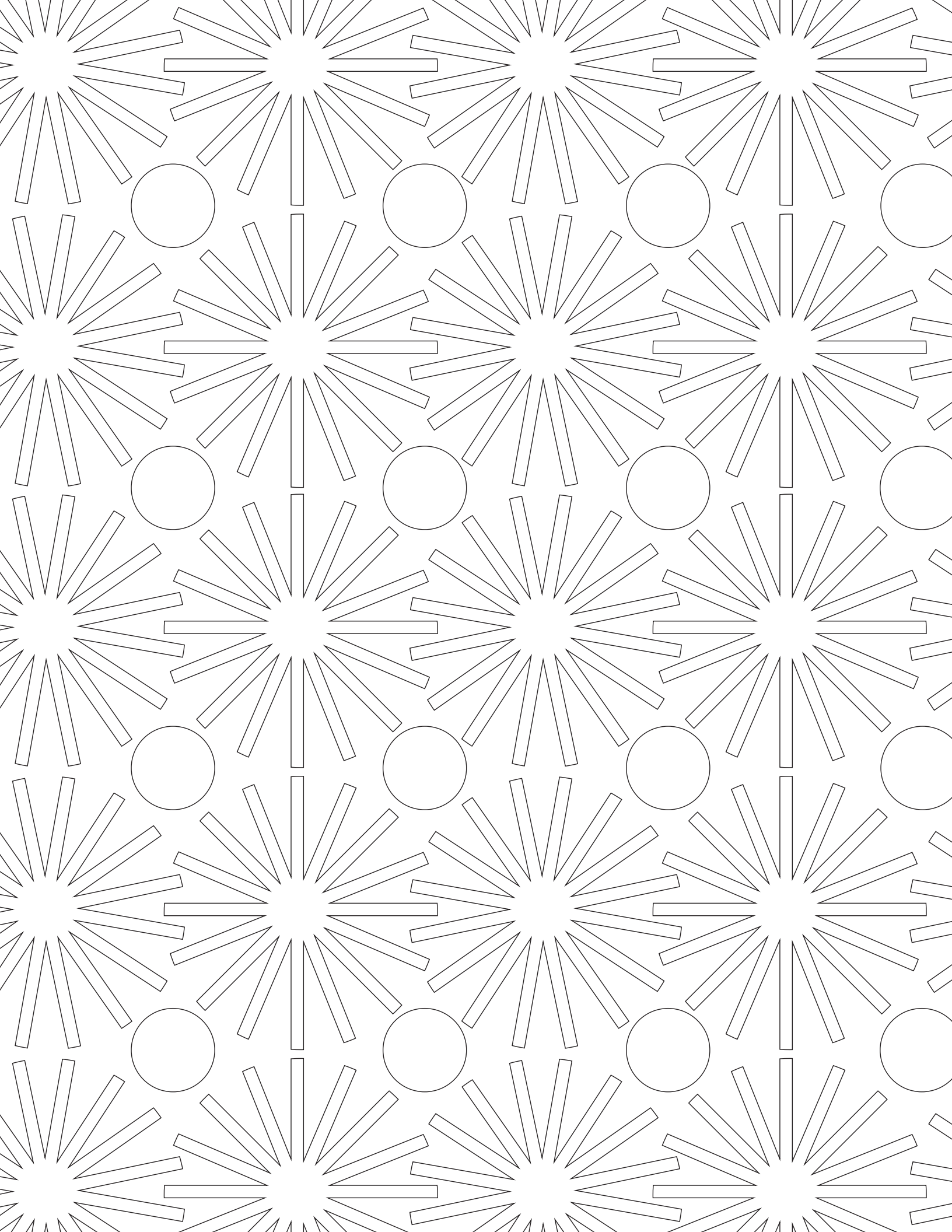
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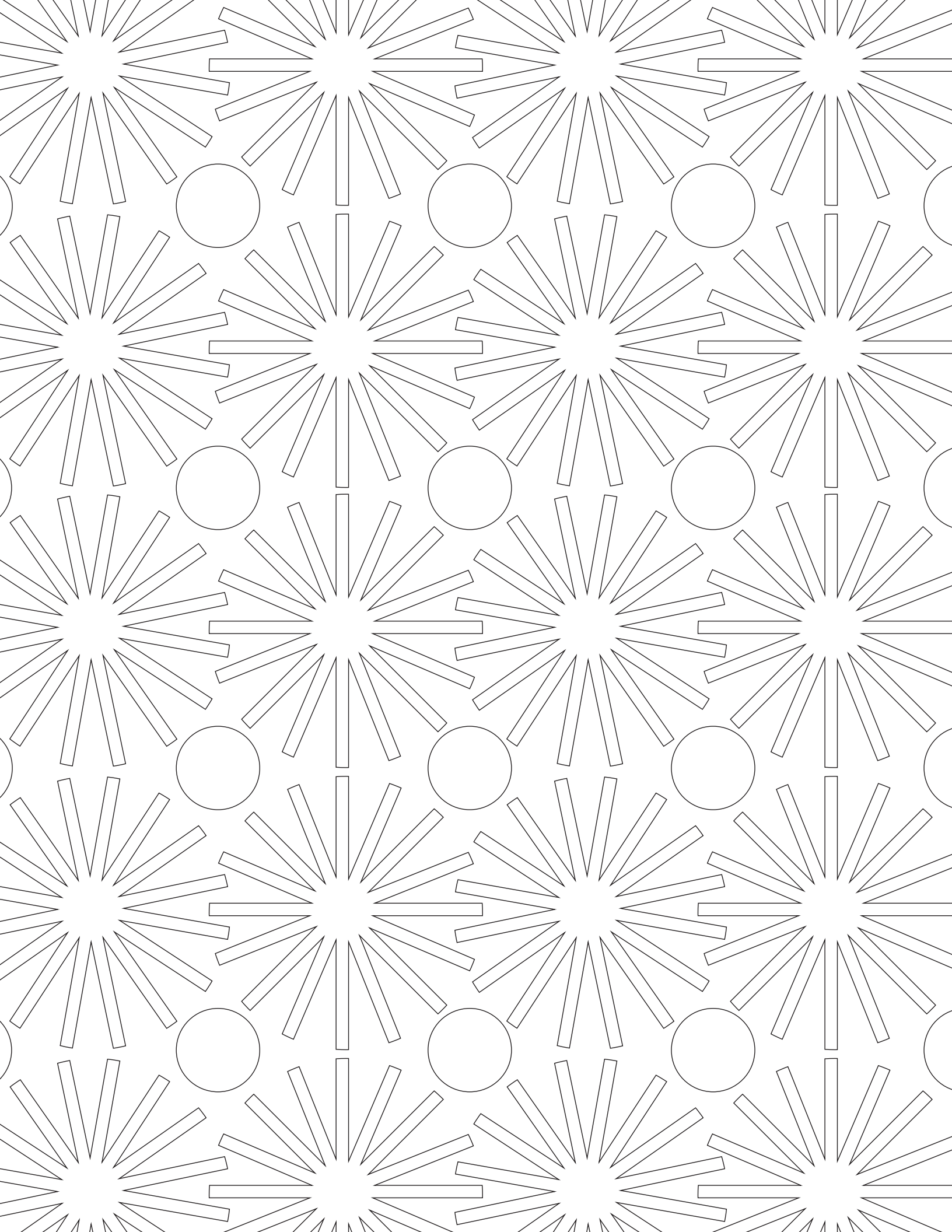
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