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LETTER FROM PASTOR JOBY

An ancient Hebrew prayer, called the Shema, is said to be the most-prayed prayer in all of history. It is found in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 6, verses 4-5, and it goes like this:

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

⁴Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one!

⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

God has called us to extraordinary things here at The Church of Eleven22 and it has been amazing to see what the Lord has already done through the ONE Initiative. This has been an incredible season of life change in our church as people continue to discover and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

As we approach the midpoint of this two-year discipleship journey, I want you to be encouraged and also challenged by all God continues to do in us, through us and to us as a church. The gospel message is urgent, and we do not take it lightly. So, while our initial outpouring of generosity and commitment to this initiative has been unprecedented, we will not rest.

There is no stopping when it comes to reaching **ONE** more for Jesus and God keeps opening more doors for us to do so as a church. We are **ONE Church**, seeking to always reach **ONE More** and to ensure that **ONE More Generation** will know Him intimately as their Lord and Savior.



Whether you are new to this journey, staying faithful through it or deepening the commitment of generosity the Lord has called you to, stand firm in your resolve to be open-handed and declare that **He is the ONE thing that drives all other things in your life.** Thank you for being on mission with us. I love you like crazy and I am humbled to be your pastor.

**Be free,
Pastor Joby Martin**

WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO

\$52 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS

GNE CHURCH | \$28.5 MILLION *(operating budget)*

A movement for ALL people to DISCOVER and DEEPEN a relationship with Jesus Christ.



GNE MORE | \$16 MILLION

²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. – ACTS 11:24 NIV

A great number is ONE more.

Launch of campus number five and beyond, as well as the expansion of our Mandarin campus.

Plant prison campuses close to home and 150 churches domestically and internationally; send out 100 long-term missionaries over 10 years around the world.

GNE MORE GENERATION | \$7.5 MILLION

¹⁰ And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

– JUDGES 2:10

We will not let this be our story.

Through this season, we seek to ensure that upcoming generations have a place to be discipled without hindrance.

We are expanding and redesigning our San Pablo footprint. At all campuses we are creating dedicated student spaces and a space that will focus attention on families with children that have special needs.

WHAT GOD HAS DONE

CNE CHURCH

11,500

people worship each week
as one faith family

800

people joined a
disciple group for a
total of 3,109

1,915

salvations

485

people baptized
for a total of 3,301
since 2012

CNE MORE

BAKER CORRECTIONAL LAUNCH

215 worship each week and
232 salvations

FLEMING ISLAND LAUNCH

1,700 worship each week and
18 salvations

SAN PABLO EXPANSION UNDERWAY

42

church plants

14

global mission trips

11

long-term missionaries



MORE GENERATION

493

more kids each week for
a total of **1,700**

328

more students each week for a total
of **700** with middle school launch

30

families with kids/students with
special needs and Classroom Buddy
Program launched

2000

students made a
ONE commitment

107

families and **378** people
attended Family Camp

119

participants on
family mission trips

WE CELEBRATE

53.2M

in total commitments
and expected giving

8,819

individuals made
a commitment

2,848

individual first-time givers
made a commitment

WHERE WE ARE GOING



CHURCH

| \$28.5 MILLION *(operating budget)*

A movement for ALL people to DISCOVER and DEEPEN a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are ONE Church in multiple locations.

Arlington
Baker Correctional
Baymeadows
Fleming Island
Mandarin
San Pablo
Union Correctional *(9/30/19 launch)*



MORE

| \$16 MILLION

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- Church planting is at the heart of spreading the gospel and we are planting/sending in North America, Brazil, Africa, Europe and the Middle East with a special emphasis on planting among Muslim people groups.
- We are partnering to plant 60 churches in those areas this year.
- We will continue to make room for ONE More and we are praying and seeking guidance as we look to close the lease on the Northside campus and open at the end of 2020.
- We are evaluating parking at our Mandarin campus as well as San Pablo as we prepare for the opening of the new San Pablo footprint.



MORE GENERATION | \$11.5 MILLION
EXPANDED FROM \$7.5M

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We will not let this be our story.

We are joining in God's work to continue to make room for ONE More Generation to know Jesus. The current San Pablo campus will create new and improved spaces for upcoming generations to have a place to be disciplined without hindrance.

The expanded goal covers unforeseen construction costs at our newest Fleming Island campus as well as our San Pablo campus while keeping us on schedule to launch the Northside campus for Christmas Eve services in 2020.

We are encouraged by the relationships we are building in the special needs community. We are partnering with experts to roll out the red carpet for these families and make sure they know they are loved, valued and a part of being disciples that make disciples in this movement for all people.



WHAT IS YOUR ROLE

Throughout 2019, the Lord has done amazing things to us and through us to our community and our world. He has given us every reason to trust Him, and we respond by honoring Him with our first and our best.

NEW COMMITMENT

You recently joined our church family and are wondering, “What is the ONE Initiative and how do I become a part of it?” ONE is for anyone who would call Eleven22 their church home and we welcome you to the family! We hope you will join us on this journey to ask if He is the ONE thing that drives everything in your life – and consider making a 12-month generosity commitment to ONE.

FINISH STRONG

Others made a commitment one year ago and perhaps for some of us, this journey has been as difficult – or possibly more difficult – than we had envisioned. Maybe you went to a completely new level in your generosity and are still adjusting your life to it. Maybe you have experienced job loss, job change or unexpected financial expenses. Persevere to finish strong in this journey you began. We all stand together, encouraging one another. We know the Lord is faithful. He will provide, and we want to finish strong in our commitment to ONE.

INCREASE

Some of us made our ONE commitment one year ago, and it is possible that we had an increase in faith or finances. It is not that keeping our commitment has been easy, because it has likely required a lot of sacrifice. But, you may be sensing the Lord stretching you to take an additional step of faith in your generosity. We challenge those of you to respond to His generosity by increasing your commitment. Generosity is not a one-time event; it is a journey. Consider asking yourself these questions: Am I still giving in a way that challenges me? Am I still making Him the ONE thing that drives everything? Pray and ask yourself if He is inviting you into another step of faith with an increased commitment.

COMMITMENT CARD

GENEROSITY GOALS

PRIMARY GOAL *That every one of us would love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul and might.*

SECONDARY GOAL **\$56 MILLION OVER TWO YEARS EXPANDED FROM \$28M**

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A movement for ALL people to DISCOVER and DEEPEN a relationship with Jesus Christ.

GNE MORE | \$10 MILLION

Launch of campus number seven and beyond.
Launch additional prison campuses close to home, plant 150 churches domestically and internationally and continue to send long-term missionaries as we seek to send 100 over 10 years around the world.

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GNE CHURCH MORE GENERATION

I AM NEW TO ONE

I would like to make a 12-month commitment to ONE*

MY/OUR 12-MONTH ONE COMMITMENT

\$ _____

December 2019 - December 2020

*This includes your regular giving over the next 12 months as well as your expanded giving and stored resources.

I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO ONE

MY/OUR TWO-YEAR ONE COMMITMENT

\$ _____

December 2018 - December 2020

At the mid-point of ONE, I would like to

Confirm my commitment to finish strong

Increase my two-year commitment to \$ _____

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Campus _____ Phone _____

We've included a copy in the back pocket of this book so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God as we approach the midpoint of the ONE Initiative discipleship journey. Please take time to think and pray through this, and then we will provide you with a new hard copy on Commitment Weekend, October 31/November 3.

coe22.com/one

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY

This tool is designed to help you move from money being an idol, to money being a tool for God's kingdom. The journey focuses on the condition of our hearts, further transforming us into the likeness of Christ.

Each step of the journey represents growth in a lifestyle of generosity and sacrifice.

An **INITIAL GIVER** is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

Question to ask: God, do I trust You as my provider? Show me how to demonstrate to You my trust in You by starting somewhere and beginning to give.

A **CONSISTENT GIVER** is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the behavior of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well of course; it just requires more discipline.

Question to ask: The apostle Paul says we should excel in this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). God, am I giving on a consistent basis that shows my desire to excel in this area of discipleship? Show me how to become more consistent and disciplined in my giving.

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

Question to ask: Does the relation of my giving to my other financial priorities accurately reflect how I feel about God or do some changes need to be made?

God, show me what it looks like to truly recognize You are ONE and that I should give in such a way that puts You first.

A **SURRENDERED GIVER** is someone who recognizes the power of the gospel and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A surrendered giver is someone who gives in a way that changes them, in a way that reflects that their giving is governing their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A surrendered giver isn't just concerned with what they ARE giving, but is more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why. They seek to honor God with ALL He has given them, whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource.

Question to ask: God, what am I NOT giving and why? Am I truly honoring You with 100% of what You have given me, not just a portion? God, show me what it looks like to honor You with all of my heart, soul and might.

An **ETERNAL GIVER** is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. An eternal giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer-term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An eternal giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.

Question to ask: God, do I make large resource decisions in light of eternity or in light of my time here on earth? God, show me how to better recognize that You are ONE and all things are submissive to You and driven by my love and devotion for You — not for the purposes of merely this moment, but for the purposes of eternity.

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LOVING GOD WITH ALL SERMON SERIES
+ DISCIPLESHIP TOOLS

Our prayer for you during the next five weeks is that you will intentionally deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ as we approach the midpoint of the ONE Initiative discipleship journey. We prepared this guide to help you along the way. Each week we'll use the REAP method to study the Word, respond to the weekly sermon and pray intentionally about the commitment God is calling us to make. We encourage you to take time to work through the questions and then share your thoughts in your disciple group.

If you're not in a disciple group, visit the connect center or www.coe22.com/disciplegroups to find one today.

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’ ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

– *Mark 12:29-31*

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” – *John 17:20-26*

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”
– *Matthew 18:15-35*

T H E P O I N T

**In order for the church to be ONE so
that the world knows we are His disciples,
we must forgive one another.**

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your disciple group.

1. How has your relationship with Jesus grown over the last year? How about your relationships with other people?
2. What does Jesus's prayer (John 17:20-26) reveal about God's desire for His church to be unified as ONE? Why is it important for the church to be unified? How is God calling you to be part of the answer to this prayer?
3. Do you trust that Jesus's blood forgave your entire sin debt or only a portion of it? How do you try to earn forgiveness for that portion of your debt?
4. Are there parts of your life, past or present, that you still feel in debt to God? What relationship(s) do you need to reconcile, so God may be glorified, and your heart may be sanctified, before we continue on this journey?

APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

DEBT LEDGER

IDENTIFY WHO HAS HURT YOU	IDENTIFY WHAT THEY OWE YOU OR WHAT THEY HAVE TAKEN FROM YOU	WHAT FEELING DO YOU ASSOCIATE WITH THEIR ACTION?	CANCEL THE DEBT

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PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, You are the ONE true God. Thank You for Your overflowing love that spilled out into creation and into me. May I rest in your gift; Your love, Your Son and Your forgiveness. Help me to freely extend this love and forgiveness to others.

As we journey through this series, I pray that You would challenge me through this commitment card. Lord, please help me to meditate on You day and night, discerning what You are calling me to. I pray that my response would be overwhelming obedience as a result of Your love. Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY
JOHN 17:20-26

TUESDAY
MATTHEW 18:15-35

WEDNESDAY
MATTHEW 5:21-26

THURSDAY
EPHESIANS 4:1-16

FRIDAY
COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

SATURDAY
2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

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– *Mark 12:29-31*

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your disciple group.

1. Do you most naturally fall into the spender or saver category? How does the environment in which you grew up or what the world tells you today account for your tendency to either spend or save? (Use the money-quiz below for guidance)
2. Honestly think about how you use the resources God has given you. Are you a good steward? Why or why not?
3. What stirs in you at the soul level when you read Luke 12:31-32? Is God the ONE thing that drives everything in your life? What area of your life has not been turned over to Him?
4. Identify where you are on the journey of generosity on page 11. How is God growing you in terms of generosity?

APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

Are you a natural spender or saver? Go to coe22.com/ONE where you can find a quiz to see whether you have saver or spender tendencies. One isn't better than the other. Understanding your habits can help develop a healthy relationship with money.

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, thank You for being all-knowing, all-powerful and full of love! Lord, help me to trust in those truths every day as I look at the resources You have given me. Help me to trust Your provision for what I need, when I need it and the peace in waiting that can only come from the ONE true God. I know everything I have is from You. Please remove any fear in me, so that I might be able to declare that You are the ONE thing that drives everything in my life! Amen

Ask God to give you wisdom on your next step in ONE. During this midpoint of the ONE Initiative, we are praying that each one of us at Eleven22 would take a step of faith in one of three ways.

New to ONE - Maybe you are new to Eleven22 or you were just not ready. You are being invited into this discipleship journey with your one-year generosity commitment to **Love God With All**.

Finish Strong - Anytime you take a step of faith towards the Lord, the target on your back gets larger. If this is you, be encouraged in your commitment to finish strong. Think about why God initially led you into making this commitment.

Increase - Does your commitment still represent Him being the ONE thing that drives everything else in your life? Maybe you've had an increase in faith, maybe an increase in finances or maybe God's provision has surprised you. You now find yourself in a position where you don't feel you are living as much by faith as you are by plans. Ask God if He is challenging you to stretch your faith.

READING PLAN

MONDAY
LUKE 12:13-34

TUESDAY
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

WEDNESDAY
MATTHEW 6:19-34

THURSDAY
PROVERBS 3:9-10

FRIDAY
MARK 12:41-44

SATURDAY
1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

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¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – *Romans 12:1-2*

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. – *Ephesians 6:10-14*

⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. – *John 8:44*

T H E P O I N T

**Our enemy, the Devil, is the Father of Lies.
Do not believe the whispers, but stand on the
truth of the word of God. “It is written...”**

CONTINUED

EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your disciple group.

1. What worldly things do you worship? Do you seek satisfaction from something that provides physical pleasure (desires of the flesh), to have what others have (desire of the eyes) or to be recognized for your achievements and possessions (the pride of life)?
2. How is transformation of your mind essential to understanding God's will for your life? Over the last year, how has your mind been transformed by the truth of God? What have you learned about what God wants for you (His will) through this renewal?
3. How do you need to grow in your understanding of God's mercy and grace in order to understand His will for your life?
4. Do you trust God's acceptance of you through His mercy and grace? Are you therefore able to choose not to conform to the world, but instead choose to be a living sacrifice? What in your life needs to be sacrificed?

APPLY

Take *ONE* more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

We have the power to take our thoughts captive. We have the power to control what we think about. We can intentionally stop listening to the lies of the Enemy and start listening to what God says about who He is and who we are.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. — *Philippians 4:8*

Lie: I am hopeless.

Truth: Romans 8:24-25

Lie: My actions can cause God to stop loving me.

Truth: Romans 8:35-39

Lie: I am unlovable.

Truth: Romans 5:8

Lie: I can't trust God.

Truth: 2 Timothy 2:13

Lie: I am defined by my past.

Truth: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Lie: I am controlled by my feelings/lust.

Truth: Psalm 19:14

Lie: I am paralyzed by my fears.

Truth: Joshua 1:9

Lie: I will never break my addiction/bad habit.

Truth: Matthew 11:28-30

Lie: I am not forgiven.

Truth: Psalm 103:10-14

Lie: I am a failure.

Truth: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, thank You for providing a perfect and trustworthy way to hear from You! Thank You for providing the Holy Scripture for me to understand Your design of me and for me. I desire to seek the abundant life (John 10:10) that You promise through your Son; to know and trust the promises You have offered to me. Forgive me when I wander. Help me to meditate on Your Word day and night, to trust the ONE true God over my desires, pride and fears. Give me courage to pray over my commitment card with an open heart allowing Your words to shield the whispers of the Enemy. Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

ROMANS 12:1-2

TUESDAY

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

WEDNESDAY

JOHN 8:31-47

THURSDAY

MATTHEW 4:1-11

FRIDAY

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

SATURDAY

ROMANS 8:1-11

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¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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— *1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

O Lord, you have searched me
and known me!

² You know when I sit down and
when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts
from afar.

³ You search out my path and my
lying down
and are acquainted with all
my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my
tongue,
behold, O Lord, you know
it altogether.

⁵ You hem me in, behind
and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too
wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where shall I go from your
Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from
your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you
are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol,
you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the
morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts
of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall
lead me,
and your right hand shall
hold me.

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness
shall cover me,
and the light about me be
night,”

¹² even the darkness is not dark
to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

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¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

¹⁹ Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!

²⁰ They speak against you with malicious intent;
your enemies take your name in vain.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²² I hate them with complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!

²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

— *Psalm 139*

T H E P O I N T

**We are to be stewards of our bodies and health,
not for our own comfort or benefit, but so
that we can pour our lives out for the gospel.
Obsession with the physical is idolatry.
Neglect of the physical is sacrilege.**

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your disciple group.

1. Knowing that our bodies have been declared temples because the Holy Spirit lives inside every believer, how well do you take care of this temple? What healthy habits do you have? What unhealthy habits do you have?
2. Thinking about any unhealthy habits, what situations (routine or seasonal) trigger you into an unhealthy decision? What about healthy habits with wrong motives?
3. In what areas of your life do you need to remind yourself of the gospel; that your body is for holy use and not to be treated as common?
4. How will you use the biblical truths from last week to remind yourself that your body is not your own, it was bought at a price? What other decisions can be made regarding your bodily health to ensure you are a good steward of the ONE body God formed for you?

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APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

Are you loving God with your ALL in regard to your physical self so that you can be sent on mission for His glory?

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INSTRUCTIONS: On a scale of 1-7, indicate where you are in response to each question. Based on your results, identify two to three action steps you can take this week and in the future to move toward better stewarding your physical self for God's glory.

In general, I steward and care for my body well, so that I can pour myself out for the gospel and glorify God by running the race set before me.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEVER		SELDOM		FREQUENTLY		ALWAYS

I think about and plan for my physical health as much as I do my emotional, financial, social and mental health.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEVER		SELDOM		FREQUENTLY		ALWAYS

I eat a healthy diet with appropriate amounts of fruits, vegetables, proteins and carbs.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEVER		SELDOM		FREQUENTLY		ALWAYS

I limit the amount of less healthy substances that I consume, such as caffeine, sugar, alcohol and nicotine.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NEVER		SELDOM		FREQUENTLY		ALWAYS

I interact with a gospel-centered community, doing life together.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
NEVER SELDOM FREQUENTLY ALWAYS

I regularly talk to one or two close friends or family members sharing my challenges, frustrations and sins along with how God is working in and through me.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
NEVER SELDOM FREQUENTLY ALWAYS

I regularly ask the Holy Spirit to give me wisdom in stewarding my physical health for God's glory.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
NEVER SELDOM FREQUENTLY ALWAYS

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, how perfect are Your ways! Your infinite wisdom and power chose to transform every believer into a place Your Spirit resides. What an amazing gift; Your Spirit is always with me. Lord, forgive me, as I easily forget and neglect this temple You chose to reside in. Help me to take care of the ONE body You gave me, to run the race You marked out for me and finish strong.

I pray for each of the long-term missionaries listed below, as they use their bodies to bring glory to You and to reach ONE More for Your kingdom. As I prepare to make my generosity commitment, I hold in my hands my commitment card. Please reveal to me a number that requires You to be the driving force in my life. Amen

LONG-TERM MISSIONARIES AS OF AUGUST 2019

James, Shawna and family - Caribbean
Paula and Michael - Central America
Hannah - North America
Charley and Rebecca - South Pacific

Liv and Tyler - Africa
Stephanie - Africa
Jonathan and Colleen - Southeast Asia
Erin - Africa
Brandon - Africa
Courtney - North America

READING PLAN

MONDAY
1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

TUESDAY
1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

WEDNESDAY
PSALM 139

THURSDAY
1 TIMOTHY 4:6-10

FRIDAY
PSALM 73

SATURDAY
GENESIS 1:26-31

READ

Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you.

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’ ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

– *Mark 12:29-31*

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.” – *Luke 10:25-37*

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T H E P O I N T

**We love our neighbor because Jesus,
like the Good Samaritan, loved us.**

N O T E S

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EXAMINE

Work through the following questions and be ready to discuss in your disciple group.

1. In what situations do you find yourself, like the expert in religious law asking, "Who is my neighbor?" If Jesus is the ONE thing that drives everything in your life, how can you love your neighbors as yourself?
 2. Do you naturally seek out the lost and hurt, or do you find yourself seeking comfort with those who are closest to you?
 3. Where is the gospel easily displayed through your love for others? Where is the gospel missing? What is the ONE thing you can do right now that would show love and mercy to someone who is not expecting it?
 4. How can you be a part of reaching our neighbors all over Jacksonville and to the ends of the earth by living out the commandment to, "Love your neighbor as yourself?"
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APPLY

Take ONE more step by applying what you've learned to your life this week.

We are challenging every one of us, as a church family, to take ONE more step in deepening our relationship with Christ.

SURRENDER

Is He the ONE thing in my life that drives all things?

FAITH

How can I enter into a deeper dependence on His plan instead of mine?

GENEROSITY

As I deepen my understanding of the ONE true God, am I compelled to love Him with my ALL, submitting to a new level of generosity in light of that truth? Is God calling me to move forward in my own journey of generosity? Is He calling me to *join the movement with a new commitment, finish strong or increase my generosity?*

PRAY

Talk to God and listen to what He tells you.

Lord, thank You for loving all people, and thank You for loving me. I desire to show Your love for me in the way I love others. Help me to set aside my desires for the sake of showing Your love to other people. Every time I begin to slip into comfortable living, may You remind me to steward all You have given me and faithfully fulfill the commitment You have called me to. Amen

READING PLAN

MONDAY

LUKE 10:25-37

TUESDAY

MATTHEW 22:34-40

WEDNESDAY

1 CORINTHIANS 13

THURSDAY

1 JOHN 4:7-21

FRIDAY

ROMANS 12:9-21

SATURDAY

JOHN 15

N O T E S

N O T E S

“That every one of us would love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul and might...and truly live out that He is the ONE thing that drives all other things in our lives.”

– PASTOR JOBY MARTIN

IMPORTANT DATES

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