



BEFORE ALL
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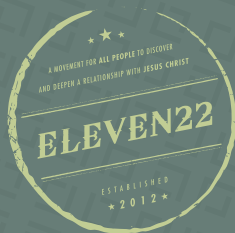
The fundamental drive of Before All Things is that we want every single person that calls The Church of Eleven22 home to ask the question, ‘Is He truly before all things in my life?’

– Pastor Joby Martin

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This is a defining season at The Church of Eleven22. One of the most important things the Gospel compels us to is radical generosity. Jesus was radically generous on the cross, and we respond by being radically generous. **He was FIRST, He went first, and all things are by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him.**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. – *Colossians 1:15-17*

As God brings us opportunities for growth as a church, He also brings us opportunities for growth as individuals. In preparing for this initiative, Gretchen and I are experiencing a new season of being stretched and grown. We continue to preach the Gospel to ourselves, remembering our lives are built on Christ, the cornerstone, and that He is, and always will be, **BEFORE ALL THINGS.**

This booklet provides a basic outline of the two year challenge set before each and every one of us at The Church of Eleven22. We hope and pray our response impacts our lives, our community and our world for generations to come.

I challenge you to consider what it means to fully realize Jesus Christ is **BEFORE ALL THINGS**. We may need to sacrifice time, comfortable relationships, resources, certainty, and other “life as usual” things to invest in eternal things that never fade.



We pray every person who calls The Church of Eleven22 home will make a **BEFORE ALL THINGS** commitment.

Remember, we are a *movement* for ALL people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ, and we want to *move* like never before.

No person ever regrets giving something to God. So, join us on this journey. Let's do it. Let's passionately acknowledge He is **BEFORE ALL THINGS**.

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Be free,
Pastor Joby Martin



THE HISTORY OF OUR MOVEMENT

In **2008**, under the leadership of Pastor Jerry Sweat, Beach Church started a weekly worship gathering to reach ages 18-35, the 'lost' generation — the un-churched, the de-churched. Pastor Jerry asked Pastor Joby Martin to lead this new service held Sundays at 11:22am.

In **September 2009**, the 11:22am hour was at capacity, so the same worship experience was offered on Thursdays at 7:22pm.

Our first **Easter in 2009**, showed signs of being more than just a weekly worship service. Over 1,500 people poured in to celebrate the resurrection. We began to be affectionately referred to as Eleven22.

In **July 2011**, 11:22am on Sunday and 7:22pm on Thursday did not provide enough capacity for the hundreds of people showing up every week, so the same worship experience was offered on Sundays at 6:22pm.

By early **2011**, a distinctly Eleven22 culture and vibe were firmly established. As God continued to expand the impact of Eleven22, he also began to clarify the vision. Pastor Jerry Sweat challenged Pastor Joby Martin that it was time for him to become the Lead Pastor of a church, and that he wanted to help him launch a church. With that, the movement known as The Church of Eleven22 was born to be a place for all people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ.

September 23, 2012,

The Church of Eleven22 held its first worship gathering in its new facility and over 3,000 people attended the first weekend.

January 2012

Beach Church and Eleven22 kick off a joint capital campaign called **Upon This Rock**, the fruit of which builds out The Church of Eleven22 facility at Beach and San Pablo in Jacksonville, Florida.

January 2013

brought an additional 1,000 people to The Church of Eleven22 to experience the love of Jesus Christ. An additional service on Sunday at 5:22pm was added, increasing the weekly gathering number from three to four.

THE HISTORY OF OUR MOVEMENT

In the **Spring of 2013**, families were being turned away due to lack of space for children. We announced our first expansion – The Restore Project. Rooted in Acts 15, the call was to restore the final 20,000 square feet of the building at San Pablo and Beach so more children and adults could come and discover a relationship with Jesus Christ.



In **June 2013**, more than 200 people were baptized in the ocean at our first Beach Baptism, while hundreds of friends and family watched from the beach.

January 2014 brought an additional 1,000 people to experience the Gospel. Our newly 'restored' space opened, including the Sanctuary where 500 people can worship.



By **December 2014**, almost 5,000 people were worshipping at Eleven22 each weekend. Since opening day in 2012, there were 1,045 people who surrendered their lives to Jesus and 465 people were baptized.

Yet again, **January 2015** brought an additional 1,000 people to The Church of Eleven22. To meet the anticipated growth, the Sunday 1:30pm worship gathering kicked off, increasing the weekly gathering number from four to five.

In **September 2015**, just three short years after launching, we celebrated salvation number 3,000. That's 3000 salvations since opening day in 2012.

In **August 2015**, as part of a community transformation effort, Hope's Closet opened — a thrift store designed to bring dignity to those it serves, and to offer the hope of Jesus to all who enter.

October 2015, we launch our biggest initiative to date — the Before All Things generosity initiative — a two year discipleship journey where we learn and live out the reality that Jesus is Before All Things.

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It's about His power at work within us to accomplish things by Him, for Him, to Him, and through Him.

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INITIATIVES OVERVIEW



This initiative is the largest step of faith we have taken as a church. What would it mean for your generosity if you had a full grasp on the preeminence of Christ and what first fruits giving actually is? What would it look like if your testimony of generosity created a legacy honoring and drawing more people to Jesus?



This is not about Eleven22. This is about Jesus. It's about His power at work within us to accomplish things by Him, for Him, to Him, and through Him.

Our primary goal is 100% participation. We would like 100% of us who call The Church of Eleven22 home to go before God and have a life-changing encounter as it relates to our generosity.

We are believing God for our secondary goal of \$24 million to accomplish four Gospel-centered initiatives in the next two years.

INITIATIVE ONE

CULTIVATE MINISTRY

We will continue to hold weekly worship gatherings, connect people through serving and Disciple Groups, go on short-term mission trips and transform communities locally and globally. We call this **making disciple-making disciples**, and it has been our ministry objective since we opened. We will simply continue to do it.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Church of Eleven22 engages over

1000

children and students, and over

6000

adults through the weekend worship services.

Additionally, over

1880

people are engaged in Disciple Groups.



Over the last three years,

983

have gone on mission trips to Brazil, Uganda, Panama,
and Jamaica. And we celebrate over

3000

people have surrendered their lives to the
Lordship of Jesus Christ.

INITIATIVE TWO

PUT DOWN ROOTS

God transformed an old Wal-Mart into something valuable – a place where thousands have surrendered to Jesus. In essence, this is a picture of the Gospel, taking something ugly and broken and making it beautiful and valuable.

Thanks to a purchase price we locked in three years ago of \$7.8 million, we can purchase this building for a price far below the actual current market value, allowing us to put down roots at Beach and San Pablo.

Just as a young couple in their early years of marriage choose to make a house a home and **PURCHASE** their own property, it is time for us to do the same. Facilities are important, because they help facilitate ministry.

As we look to the years ahead, we pray that this church facility will be our home base and a launching pad for thousands to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ.





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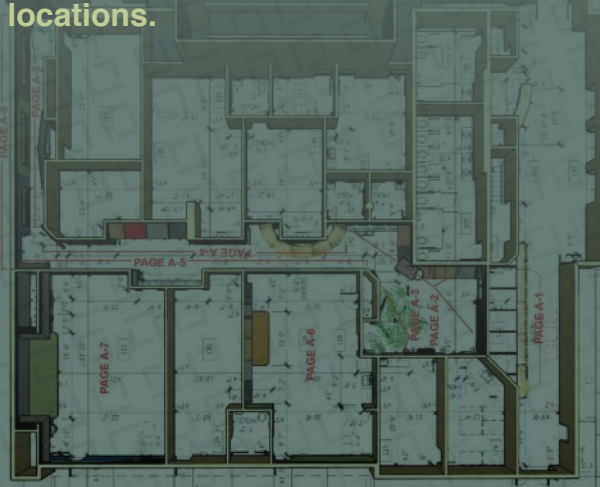
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INITIATIVE THREE

PLANT THE GOSPEL

Because we are a movement for ALL people, we are partners in reaching your friends and neighbors with the hope of the Gospel. We will **plant the Gospel** and help you reach your friends and family by providing identical worship experiences in neighborhoods throughout Jacksonville.

In January 2016 our Baymeadows location will open. We have purchased the building at 8133 Point Meadows Parkway and are in the process of renovation. Pastor Ryan Stone will be the Location Pastor. The services will offer live worship, identical kids experiences and Pastor Joby providing video teaching. **Think one church in two locations.**



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Twenty plus years ago the multisite revolution began. With over 5,000 multisite churches across America, The Church of Eleven22 is in no way an early adopter. There is trustworthy experience that one church in multiple locations is an effective way to plant the Gospel in new communities.

– Pastor Ryan Stone

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INITIATIVE FOUR

SOW GOSPEL SEED

We want to be a conduit of God's blessing by sowing Gospel seed in Jacksonville and around the world.

Locally, we will partner with Jacksonville organizations to build a jobs creation initiative to provide living wage jobs to local families. We believe one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty is to provide access to employment.

Globally, we will partner with church planting organizations to plant 100 churches in the next two years – primarily in Brazil and East Africa. These churches will operate independent of The Church of Eleven22, with trained native Pastors, Bibles in their own language, and a building in which to meet. Our partners are currently preparing the soil in those areas for our church planting efforts.



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GENEROSITY JOURNEY

The Generosity Journey is a tool designed to help you move money from 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.

These are not steps you slowly ascend to get to God, but rather a way to evaluate your growth in generosity. The Apostle Paul encourages us to grow in every facet of our walk with Christ, including the grace of giving. *(2 Corinthians 8:7)*

Initial Giver

This type of giver is someone who decides to give for the first time. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

Consistent Giver

This type of giver is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis. This often requires planning, and sometimes this might be a reason for someone to set up recurring gifts online or to become disciplined in giving through the giving boxes.

Intentional Giver

This type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to my cell phone bill than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?"

This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they feel about it in relation to other things they spend their money on.

Sacrificial Giver

This type of giver begins to ask the question, "Am I giving in a way that changes me? Am I giving in a way that causes my lifestyle to be different to reflect the transformation Christ is making in me?" A Sacrificial Giver's commitment to giving actually governs the rest of his/her lifestyle. A Sacrificial Giver has a giving commitment that is "larger than their current situation" so that they have to adjust the rest of their expenditures to meet that commitment.

Lifetime Giver

A Lifetime Giver is no longer asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to give?" A Lifetime Giver is asking the question, "God, how much are you asking me to keep?" They ask this so that they can release the rest into Kingdom purposes. Much like a Sacrificial Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, a Lifetime Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger decisions like homes, cars, investments, and the like.

WHAT'S A "ONE FUND" INITIATIVE?

You may have been a part of church where you were asked to give a second gift 'above and beyond' your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible.

Normally, you gave that gift to the 'Building Fund' and you also continued to give offerings to the 'General Fund.' This type of giving can be confusing to people who either don't have a baseline for their "usual giving" or who aren't able to celebrate the total giving they are engaging in.

BEFORE ALL THINGS GENEROSITY INITIATIVE GOAL

Our primary goal is 100% participation, and we are believing God for our secondary goal of \$24 million.

In this initiative, we will:

CULTIVATE MINISTRY – host weekly worship gatherings, connect people to the family through serving and Disciple Groups, send people on short-term mission trips, and transform communities. Making disciple-making disciples – It is what we have always been about, and we will continue to do it.

PUT DOWN ROOTS – purchase our current location as a permanent home base for The Church of Eleven22 at Beach and San Pablo

PLANT THE GOSPEL – in new communities throughout Jacksonville – starting with a new location in the Baymeadows area to open in January 2015.

SOW GOSPEL SEED – in Jacksonville and around the world. Locally, we will partner with organizations to build a job creation initiative. Globally, we will partner with organizations to plant 100 churches in Brazil and East Africa.

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, allow this gift chart to be a discipleship tool for you. Allow it to be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we all do our part in the Before All Things generosity initiative.

GIFTS NEEDED	GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$83,333	\$2,000,000
1	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$62,500	\$1,500,000
3	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$3,000,000
4	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$2,000,000
5	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$1,250,000
7	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$1,050,000
10	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,000,000
18	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$1,350,000
20	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$1,300,000
35	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$1,750,000
45	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$1,575,000
80	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$1,500,000
75	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$1,125,000
85	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$850,000
110	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$825,000
150	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$750,000
250	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$625,000
MANY	\$1,000	\$500	\$42	\$550,000
			TOTAL GIFT	\$24,000,000

\$ _____ What I/we normally give in a year

+

\$ _____ My/our expanded annual
generosity for Before All Things

=

\$ _____ x 2 years = \$ _____

+
GIFTS FROM MY/OUR
STORED RESOURCES \$ _____



MY/OUR TWO YEAR COMMITMENT

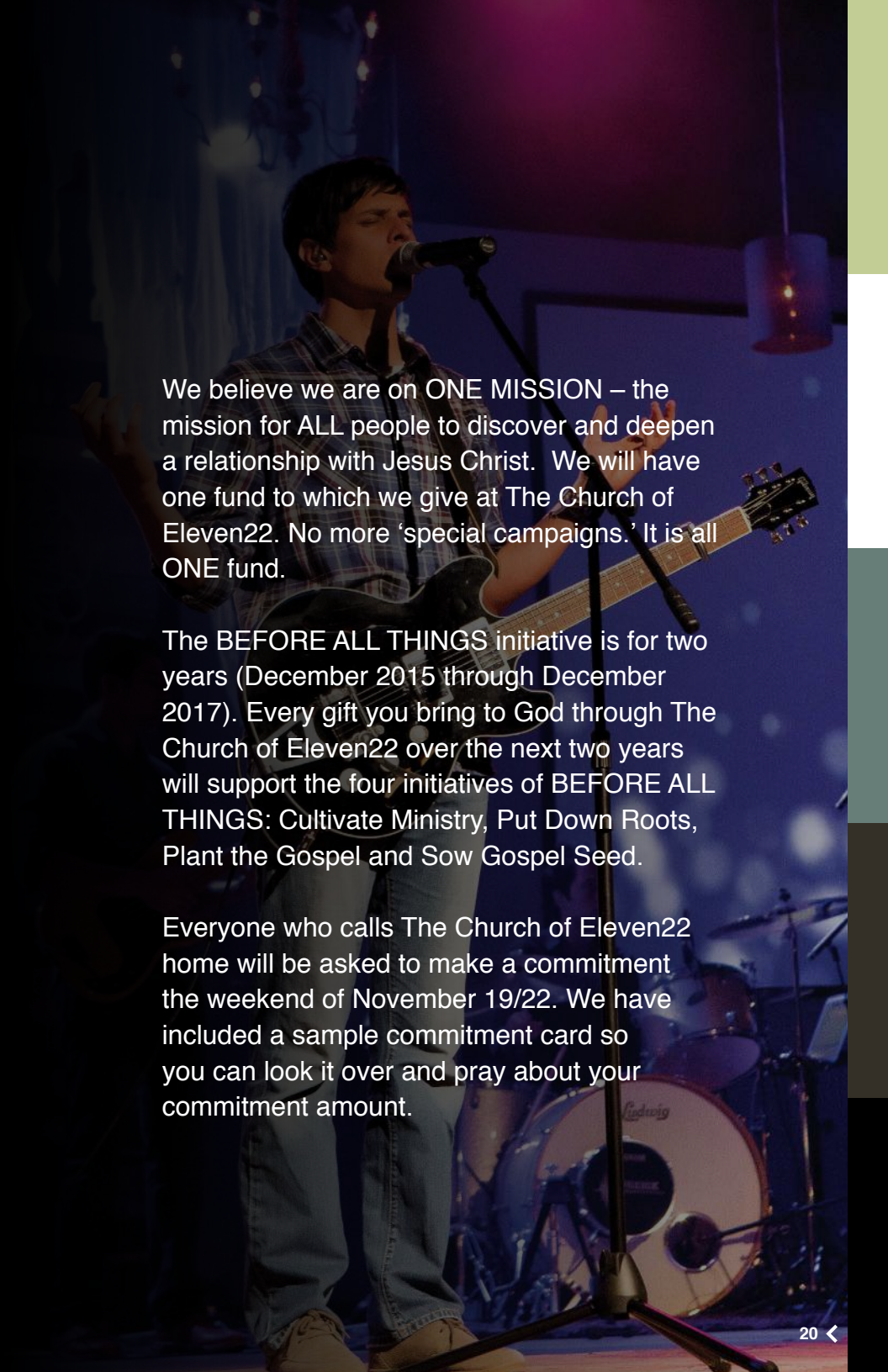
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A young man with dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt and jeans, is performing on stage. He is holding a black electric guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is dark with some stage lights and a drum set visible in the distance.

We believe we are on ONE MISSION – the mission for ALL people to discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ. We will have one fund to which we give at The Church of Eleven22. No more ‘special campaigns.’ It is all ONE fund.

The BEFORE ALL THINGS initiative is for two years (December 2015 through December 2017). Every gift you bring to God through The Church of Eleven22 over the next two years will support the four initiatives of BEFORE ALL THINGS: Cultivate Ministry, Put Down Roots, Plant the Gospel and Sow Gospel Seed.

Everyone who calls The Church of Eleven22 home will be asked to make a commitment the weekend of November 19/22. We have included a sample commitment card so you can look it over and pray about your commitment amount.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

(Preeminence)

WEEK 1 : October 22 & 25, 2015

scripture

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. *Colossians 1:15-23*



FIRST THINGS FIRST

(Preeminence)

BEFORE ALL THINGS

WEEK 1 : October 22 & 25, 2015

Take time to work through the following questions honestly and write your answers here in your workbook.

1. Is God first in my life? Am I giving generously as a representation of God's place in my life? How?

2. If there is something in my life that is keeping me from putting God first, what is it?

3. **Everyone tithes, everyone's first 10% goes somewhere.**

Where is the First 10% of my finances going? Does this reflect God's place in my life the way I want it to?

chew on this

*Colossians 1:15-23, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:19,
John 3:16&17, Mathew 6:21 and Malachi 3:7-12*

Reflection Question: Am I in a place where I can sincerely go before God concerning my financial giving?

action step

Over the next 3 days open your checkbook, go on-line and review your monthly spending.

- Write out where the **First 10%** of your finances is going.

- Make note of anything that is keeping you from putting **God First.**



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MIDDLE MANAGEMENT

(Parable of the Talents)

WEEK 2 : October 29 & November 1, 2015

WEEK 2

scripture

¹⁴ “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where

I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' *Matthew 25:14-30*

the point

**GOD HAS ENTRUSTED YOU WITH TIME,
TALENTS AND TREASURE.**

**WHAT YOU DO WITH THEM DECLARES
WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD.**

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MIDDLE MANAGEMENT

(Parable of the Talents)

WEEK 2 : October 29 & November 1, 2015

Take time to work through the following questions honestly and write your answers here in your workbook.

WEEK 2

1. Am I being lazy with the **Time, Talents** and **Treasure** that God has given me? Am I living in **Fear** or walking in **Faith** with them?

2. If I were God would I give myself more?

3. Many times we may rightfully view our time and talent as something God has given us as a way to honor and glorify Him. However, our view of our finances may be different. When it comes to my finances, do I consider them as a tool for God or as a tool for me?

chew on this

*Colossians 2:6, Colossians 3:1-4, Luke 9:18-27
and 2 Corinthians 8:1-5*

Reflection Question: Am I ready to listen to God about what He might be asking me to sacrifice for Him in this season? How will this be to **His Glory and my Joy**

action step

Take a few minutes to complete this Time, Talent and Treasure Assessment.

Instructions: Circle the number next to each statement that best represents where you think you are currently. Use the scale below from 1 to 5 to rate yourself. When you are done write down what you will do to improve how you will honor God with your Time, Talent and Treasure.

- 1 = Not doing it
- 2 = Just starting
- 3 = Doing good
- 4 = Exceptional
- 5 = No room for growth

TIME

I am growing through regular personal time devoted to God's word and prayer.

1 2 3 4 5

I am regularly in community with other believers through serving or a disciple group.

1 2 3 4 5

I am active in praying for, caring for and sharing the Gospel with others God has brought into my life.

1 2 3 4 5

I seek God's direction daily for my life and seek to honor Him with my time.

1 2 3 4 5

TALENT

I am using the gifting's God has given me to lead others to Jesus.

1 2 3 4 5

I am using the gifting's God has given me to make disciples.

1 2 3 4 5

I am using the gifting's God has given me to transform my community.

1 2 3 4 5

I am using the gifting's God has given me without fear.

1 2 3 4 5

TREASURE

I cheerfully and generously give to the movement of Eleven22.

1 2 3 4 5

I am using my finances as a way to honor God.

1 2 3 4 5

I am using my finances to reach people locally.

1 2 3 4 5

I am using my finances to reach people globally.

1 2 3 4 5



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THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

(Stuff Makes a Terrible Savior)

WEEK 3 : November 5 & 8, 2015

scripture

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore

do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.
Matthew 6:19-34

the point

The cul-de-sac of stupidity leads us to a place where the things we own begin to own us. **MATERIALISM** promises safety, security and happiness but is **UNABLE** to keep it's promise.

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THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

(Stuff Makes a Terrible Savior)

WEEK 3 : November 5 & 8, 2015

Take time to work through the following questions honestly and write your answers here in your workbook.

1. Am I spending my money on things that fuel my desire, or am I investing my money in what delights the Lord?

2. What am I investing in that is **Temporary**? What am I investing in that is **Eternal**?

3. What is holding me back from being committed to giving significantly to God's kingdom? Is there any area of my finances that I need God to redeem me in?

chew on this

*Romans 6:3-14, Acts 2:42-47,
and 2 Corinthians 5:17-20*

Reflection Question: *What would committing to change the direction of my giving do to me spiritually?*

action step

- Mark on your calendar a day this week you will spend time reviewing your budget and financial planning. Set follow up appointments each month and be faithful in reviewing where your money is going.
- If you have a financial advisor or planner make an appointment with them this week.
- Go to **compass1.org** and review the many resources available for anyone who wants to do – Finances God's Way.



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LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE

(Riches)

WEEK 4 : November 12 & 15, 2015

scripture

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. *1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19*



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LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE

(Riches)

WEEK 4 : November 12 & 15, 2015

Take time to work through the following questions honestly and write your answers here in your workbook.

- 1. You have resources that you may have purchased or that are in your possession. This could be a home, clothes, car, Jags season tickets or a multitude of other things.** What is it and how can I use it as a resource for God? Do I honestly view these things in a way that I can honor Jesus with them?

- 2. Is there anything that I am afraid to give or feel anxious about trusting the Lord with?**

- 3. What is preventing me from being truly sacrificial in my giving? How could that be hindering my relationship with God?**

chew on this

*2 Samuel 24:18-25, Mark 12:41-44,
2 Corinthians 4:7-12 and 16-18*

***Reflection Question:** What comes to mind that I would not feel comfortable “explaining” to someone if they asked me why I didn’t give something particular to God?*

action step

- Write down what it is that is keeping you from being truly sacrificial in your giving. Put it somewhere (bathroom mirror, sticker on your phone) that you will be reminded of it daily.
- Each time you encounter this reminder, pray to God to release you from this road block and empower you to be free from it.
- If it is something that **You Can Walk Away** from immediately – **FLEE Now!**
- If you are unsure of how to be free, talk about it with your Disciple Group Leader, a Pastor or Elder at Eleven22 after service or see someone for prayer at the altar.
- Make a plan to be free and ACT!



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STEP OF FAITH

WEEK 5 : November 19 & 22, 2015

scripture

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” *Luke 4:16-21*

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. *John 14:12*

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and

they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” *Matthew 14:22-33*

the point

Jesus says that we will continue the work that He started and even do greater things. What has HE called YOU to do?

HAVE NO FEAR BUT STEP OUT IN FAITH.

NOTES: _____



BEFORE ALL
THINGS

STEP OF FAITH

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Take time to work through the following questions honestly and write your answers here in your workbook.

1. What step or steps of faith is God calling me to in order put Him first?

2. How am I doubting what God is calling me to do? Is my doubt in me, or is my doubt in Jesus?

3. Are there any winds and waves I foresee coming in my life that could cause me to act in **Fear**? When the winds and waves come, what will I do to make sure I continue to walk in **Faith**?

chew on this

*2 Timothy 4:1-8, Matthew 6:19-24, Luke 12:13-21
and Ephesians 3:14-19*

action step

Take time to work through the following questions honestly and write your answers here in your workbook.

- Review question 1 of Week 4.
- List out the financial commitments that you have – those that go beyond a one-time payment but have a time duration to them.

- Now, list out the commitment you are planning to make for the Before All Things initiative.
- Number in order of priority where that falls in these other commitments.

Reflection Question: *Do I need to change or modify one or more of these other commitments in order to be able to fulfill my Before All Things commitment?*

- Write it down and continue to pray over the commitment as you lay your commitment card at the altar this weekend.

FAQs for BEFORE ALL THINGS

If we are committing to Before All Things, how does this change my giving to missions, the general fund, and other special offerings?

During this two-year period (December 2015 thru December 2017), every gift you bring to God through The Church of Eleven22 is a contribution to the Before All Things initiative. Through the “One Fund” approach we are taking, all ministry initiatives and all money supporting those initiatives will be included in Before All Things.

What are you asking me to do?

First and foremost, we want you to go before the Lord and ask Him the question “are you really before all things in my life, or have some things crept into the spot that is rightfully yours?” Then respond to His leading. We want 100% of those who call The Church of Eleven22 home to participate by making a commitment to this initiative. That means regardless of your socio-economic state, we want everyone to respond in their generosity in a way that shows that God is before all things in your life. See the Generosity Journey on page 17 for help. Mark your calendar for Commitment weekend November 19/22 and be ready to make your commitment.

Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give

more towards Before All Things?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give to Before All Things. You can donate stock, property or other valuable items. You may have stored resources (investment accounts, large bank accounts, etc.) that God has blessed you with that He may be calling you to give out of during this time. To donate shares of stock, please visit coe22.com/give to download the appropriate form.

How long is my commitment?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment, which is 24 months. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with our First Big Give on the weekend of December 3/6, 2015 and it will culminate in December of 2017.

What if I don't have a job right now? What does that mean for my Before All Things commitment?

Before All Things is about your total, radical, sacrificial generosity to God's mission at The Church of Eleven22. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, and that looks different for every person. Before All Things is about a heart change - one that is only accomplished by surrendering our lives completely over to God in

this area of giving. That may mean that you are being challenged to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don't quite know how to fulfill right now, but that you believe God will provide for as you seek ways to sacrifice and work towards that commitment. Our goal is that 100% of those who call The Church of Eleven22 home to make a commitment.

What if I am severely in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?

If you are currently making payments toward debt, we commend you for making progress toward financial freedom. We would be honored to help you on this journey by recommending budgeting tools and resources if that is helpful to you. Being in debt does not, however, excuse us from bringing our first and best to God. Generosity back to God is not about what God wants from you, but what He wants for you. In 2016, we will offer Financial Coaching to assist you on the road to financial freedom.

What if I have never given to The Church of Eleven22 before?

Before All Things was crafted specifically with you in mind. Before All Things is a “One Fund”

generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving - thus creating TWO STEPS for people who aren't yet giving. Before All Things is a call to sacrificial, Gospel-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at The Church of Eleven22. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a committed sacrifice. We really hope you will.

What if I am new around here?

Before All Things is about the vision for our church. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards, and we would really love for you to make The Church of Eleven22 your home and join us in Before All Things. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. We need you on the team!

You may have questions that aren't answered here. If so, look around our campus during the Before All Things sermon series for the Before All Things information kiosks. There, you will find Vision Ambassadors that can help answer any questions you may have. You can also email us at beforeallthings@coe22.com or visit coe22.com/beforeallthings.



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As you are praying for Before All Things, get ready, because if God continues to bless us like He has and draw people unto Himself through this movement, then this is just the beginning.

– Pastor Joby Martin

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things...

— *Colossians 1:15-17*

CULTIVATE MINISTRY

Weekend Attendance Grew By

2003

People Went On Short-Term Mission Trips

340

People Surrendered Their Lives To Christ

1805

People Were Baptized

1059

People Started Serving

1148

Covenant Members Joined

601

PUT DOWN ROOTS

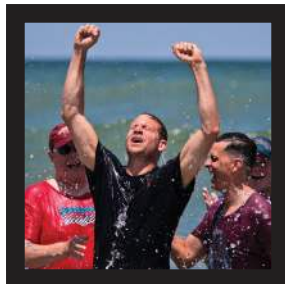
Purchased the San Pablo campus building to put down roots in this community for generations to come.

The Before All Things Initiative has been a two-year discipleship journey for our church that started in December of 2015. One of the most important things the

Gospel compels us to is *radical generosity*. Jesus was radically generous on the cross, and we respond by being radically generous. Over the last two years, we've

asked everyone who calls The Church of Eleven22 home to go before the Lord and ask this fundamental question, is He truly before all things in my life? This generosity initiative has

been the largest step of faith our church has ever taken and as we made commitments to radical generosity over these last two years, we've seen God do more than we could ever ask or imagine.



The Before All Things Initiative was not about Eleven22. It was about Jesus and His power at work within us to accomplish

things by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. As we celebrate the culmination of this journey we want to celebrate some of the incredible things we've seen God do.

CULTIVATE MINISTRY

This journey was primarily about discipleship and individual growth but God also gave us a vision for what He wanted to accomplish through us as a movement during this two year period. The first initiative was to Cultivate Ministry. We wanted to continue to hold weekly worship gatherings, connect people through serving and Disciple Groups, go on short-term mission trips and transform communities locally and globally. We call this making disciple-making disciples.

SOW GOSPEL SEEDS

CT Studd said "The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home." With that in mind, our fourth initiative was to Sow Gospel Seeds in Jacksonville and around the world. Locally, we started a Jobs Initiative through Hope's Closet to help change the trajectory of a few families' lives. Through this program a job fair was hosted at Eleven22 in which 62 people have received new jobs. Globally, we partnered with church planting organizations with a goal to plant over 100 churches primarily in Brazil and East Africa. These churches operate independently of The Church of Eleven22, have trained native Pastors, Bibles in their own language, and a building in which to gather.

PUT DOWN ROOTS

The second initiative was to Put Down Roots. We wanted to purchase the San Pablo building to use it as a launching pad for this movement. Facilities are important because they help facilitate ministry. And just like God has transformed us, dirty and broken into something valuable, He turned an old Wal-Mart at the San Pablo campus into a place where thousands have surrendered their life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. As of May 2017, God has allowed us to purchase the San Pablo campus property and we pray this will continue to be a place where many, many people discover and deepen a relationship with Jesus Christ.

PLANT THE GOSPEL

The third initiative was to Plant the Gospel. Because we are a movement for ALL people, we are partners in reaching your friends and neighbors with the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We want a great number of people to come to the Lord and that great number is one more. Two years ago, we began planting the Gospel in new communities by opening the Baymeadows campus led by Pastor Ryan Stone in January of 2016. We continued planting the Gospel with the launch of the Mandarin campus in January of 2017 led by Pastor Ben Phillips. As we continue to be one church in multiple locations we are launching the Arlington campus led by Pastor John Barringer in January of 2018.

PLANT THE GOSPEL

People Surrendered To Jesus At Baymeadows

201

People Baptized At Baymeadows

94

People Surrendered To Jesus At Mandarin

77

People Baptized At Mandarin

15

SOW GOSPEL SEEDS

Global Church Plants


153

Pastors Trained Or In Training

1717

People Attending Church Plants

5840



These last two years have changed our church forever and we pray God has stretched and grown your own faith, through this journey. Whether you started giving for the very first time or started to give sacrificially, **we trust that God will continue to lead you to live with Jesus Christ before all things.**

THE CHURCH OF
Eleven22



When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

MATTHEW 16:13-18

UPON THIS ROCK

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH...

In addition to your financial commitment, we also ask you to **PRAY** for all of us involved in this movement. This not only includes us, but all the people waiting to be reached. We ask you to **UNITE** at the cross. Become one people in concert with God's vision; not two groups behind their church of choice. God is asking us to **COMMIT** to His reality of a **PREVAILING** church.



"I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me." Martin Luther (b1483 – d1546)

"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose." C. S. Lewis (b1898 – d1963)

AGE OF JESUS & THE APOSTLES
30-65

AGE OF THE CHRISTIAN EMPIRE
323-590

AGE OF THE REFORMATION
1517-1648

AGE OF PROGRESS
1789-1914

FUTURE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
2011-FUTURE

70-303
AGE OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY

590-1517
CHRISTIAN MIDDLE AGE

1648-1789
AGE OF REASON & REVIVAL

1914-2011
AGE OF IDEOLOGIES

YOU ARE HERE

"Unless you believe, you will not understand. Faith is to believe what you do not see the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." Augustine of Hippo (b354 – d430)

"No man is excluded from calling upon God, the gate of salvation is set open unto all men: neither is there any other thing which keepeth us back from entering in, save only our own unbelief." John Calvin (b1509 – d1564)

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Over two thousand years ago Jesus stood in Caesarea Philippi and asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" and Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." Jesus made it clear that He would build upon this public proclamation a movement of believers who follow Him. This called out community would eventually become known as the church.

As we look across the history of the church we are humbled by the smallness of ourselves. From the age of Jesus and his Apostles, through the age of the Reformation and into our generation, God continues to call his people to move. Through this same spirit of ekklesia, this

spirit of movement, God initiated a call at Beach in 2008. The call was to start a new service with the intent of reaching people in acute need of Jesus.

Over the last three years we have seen 1,100 people come to Christ, baptized 350, walked 240 through Beginning Point (our class for new believers and those returning to the faith), had 375 people complete Disciple I (an intensive study that walks through 80% of the Bible), and sent over 250 missionaries to four countries.

Just in the past few weeks we've seen 20 salvations and 3 baptisms from our organic outreach to the Portside community and 24

student salvations at our Epworth retreat. Results like this are due only to the power of God moving through people like us.

The service we started three years ago is now becoming a church of it's own. When Eleven22 moves into a new location, we will free up space at Beach for more salvation and discipleship. The whole point of our place on the timeline is to join the movement Jesus began.

As Christians, most of us recognize that no work of God comes without cost. Christ paid the price for our redemption; we pay a price to follow Him. Out of obedience to God, Beach built much needed space

where greater numbers of people could meet and worship Jesus.

Over the past few years, Beach has put off many expenditures and maintenance for the sake of gospel growth. We are now filled to capacity with a facility in need of improvement, insufficient parking, and three mortgages; one of which requires a \$19,000 monthly payment, which this campaign seeks to eliminate.

Beach can continue to operate paying \$19,000 per month over the 8 years left on this mortgage or we can eliminate this portion of our debt saving almost \$300,000 in interest. Imagine what God can do with this kind of

financial freedom. How many churches would He launch? How many hungry bellies would He feed? How many homes would He build? How many needy children would He save?

To continue proclaiming the gospel of Jesus boldly and without hindrance, both Beach and Eleven22 need to be healthy. A healthy church not only includes paying off debt, but for Eleven22 it includes constructing a facility and providing a safe environment for children and adults. As participants in this campaign, we are committed to continuing to give where we go after the launch of Eleven22.

As two healthy churches, Eleven22 and Beach could potentially disciple 6,000 adults and

countless children each week. Just this year at Beach we have had 453 salvations. Imagine two churches operating at full capacity. How many people will God save through our obedience?

If God does what He's been doing over the course of this three-year campaign, we could see 2,200 people come to Christ, baptize 700, walk 480 through Beginning Point, and help over 750 people complete Disciple I. We could send out over 500 missionaries to more countries. . . . all of this if God only remains status quo.

But here's the thing: our God is the, sovereign, immortal, invisible, eternal, almighty God of

the universe, the great I AM. He hung the stars and knows them by name. The universe is held in the span of His palm. He is not status quo, He never has been.

It's us who get in the way of the gospel. We are the ones who remain status quo, not God. God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..." Ephesians 3:20

Paul wrote this sentence while in prison to his friends in the church at Ephesus – where he had once preached the gospel standing under the archway featured on the front of this brochure. And Paul

believed it. He was not status quo. Paul actively believed the God of the universe could do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. What would happen if we believed like Paul?

Paul's public proclamation of the gospel helped 'launch' the church at Ephesus, as well as the churches in Macedonia. The Macedonian church gave to the Corinthian church as much as they were able and even beyond their ability.

So, you see, this launching of churches and sharing of funds is not new.

It's just our turn.

The total dollar amount needed to fulfill this vision of two healthy churches is \$7million. The cost is sacrificial. It will hurt to give over and above our existing giving. It hurt Paul to be beaten and flogged for proclaiming the gospel, and yet he considered "everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things." Phillipians 3:8

So, what will you LOSE for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus?

What will you GIVE to continue Jesus' movement started upon this rock?

"...to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church..."

EPHESIANS 3:20