So where do we go from here?

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. (1 Thessalonians 3:5)

By this point you're probably sick of hearing about it, but we (the City leadership team) feel like we are at a very significant moment in our story. We know...we're only seven months in. But, as we begin our first calendar year together, we are trying to be very deliberate about hearing the voice of the Lord and establishing priorities that are His and not ours.

Our primary goal is transformation.

- 1. <u>In individuals</u>: We realize that not everyone at City is interested in growing spiritually, but for those who want to follow Jesus, we will do everything we can to help you. We're working hard to establish a program that is laser-focused on meeting people where they are and helping them become disciples.
- 2. <u>In our fellowship</u>: So many churches start well and slowly allow themselves to get distracted by peripheral issues. Not us. We are going to keep the main thing the main thing. We will be a congregation of Kingdom people committed to loving Jesus flat out, and loving others as ourselves.
- 3. <u>In our community</u>: We pray with Jesus, "Our Father...Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Until Jesus comes back, we will pursue redemption and restoration in our city.

As we come to the end of our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, we want to leave you with a word: Perseverance. That word simply means, "don't quit." Continue to pause every day for a time in the presence of the Lord. Continue the habit of daily Bible reading. Commit yourself to the fellowship, even when it gets hard (and it will!). God has big plans for City Church, and you are absolutely central to them. It's going to be an amazing ride. Don't miss out!

Pray

Thank you, Father, for what you have accomplished over the past three weeks in the lives of Your people, but we know there is much, much more. Continue to lead and empower us by the Holy Spirit to become what you intend for us to be.



RECURRING NEEDS

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