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YOUR GUIDE TO  
A DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

# MOVE MIDPOINT

Together.  
Forward.  
Closer.

## THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

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**MOVE**

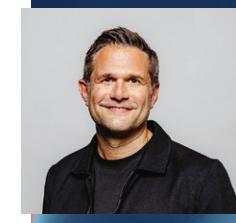
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## A NOTE FROM KYLE

*For in him we live and move and have our being...* These words from Acts 17 became the foundation for MOVE—and as we wrap up year one, I'm amazed at how God brought these words to life.

Ordinary people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, moved toward God's call in their everyday lives. Our church became so focused and unified on mission that people began seeing everything they had as a means to advance the Gospel. Jobs, homes, resources, gifts, entire lives—all given away so that the world might know the hope, power, and truth of Jesus.

We witnessed radical generosity that enabled us to meet both spiritual and physical needs in ways that transformed the communities around us.

Everyday purpose met *supernatural power*.

Bold moves met *simple faith*.

Together, we moved with God, united and propelled to advance our mission of loving people one at a time. Your response to God's call with generosity and action catalyzed transformation in our community and beyond, and this guide is *just a glimpse* of all that God has done.

And as incredible as 2025 was, I believe we're just getting started.

As we step into 2026, I'm filled with faith for what God might do next. Because this isn't just about maintaining what we have or working through a list of initiatives—it's about boldly stepping into what God has for us next. Our journey of radical obedience, faith, and generosity continues. This is our stake in the ground, our rally call to lay everything down as we keep moving with God.

My prayer for 2026 is that we would keep stepping out in faith, one move at a time. That God would deepen our faith as we grow in generosity and give us a better picture as a church of what it really means that in Him we live, and move, and have our being.

**KYLE IDLEMAN**

*Senior Pastor*  
*Southeast Christian Church*

# WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO

# MOVE TWO-YEAR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

**IN** April 2025, we began a two-year discipleship journey of generosity challenging everyone who calls Southeast their church home to pursue more passionately, believe more radically, give more generously, and serve more sacrificially than ever before.

Our prayer was for God to move *in* us and *through* us, opening our hearts to the transformative work in each of us that He wants to do through us collectively.

MOVE isn't just about maintaining what we have—it's about boldly stepping into what God has for us next. It's about moving together as one church, moving forward in our mission, and moving closer to those who need Jesus.

PRIMARY GOAL

**100%**  
**ENGAGEMENT**

Every single person at Southeast taking his or her next step in discipleship and growing in generosity as we pray for God to unleash us to be all and do all that He has called us to.

SECONDARY GOAL

**\$240**  
**MILLION**  
**OVER 2 YEARS**

Accepting God's invitation to partner with Him in Kingdom-building work as we:

**MOVE TOGETHER**  
**MOVE FORWARD**  
**MOVE CLOSER**

## MOVE TOGETHER

**\$97 MILLION**

It's easy to become complacent, to get comfortable with what God has already blessed us with. But MOVE isn't about complacency—it's about accepting God's invitation to strengthen what He has already given us to **share the love of Jesus**.

Through your generosity, we set out to MOVE TOGETHER to unleash our **current campuses** and **existing ministries** to be places and spaces that effectively reach and disciple those in our communities.

### WE DO THIS THROUGH:

- Cultivating Excellent Environments
- Unleashing the Next Generation
- Equipping Children and Families
- Building and Deepening Community
- Worshiping Together

## MOVE FORWARD

**\$75 MILLION**

The good news of Jesus is for everyone... everywhere. We want to **answer God's call** to **meet people** both at home and throughout the world, sharing the one hope that never disappoints.

We set out to MOVE FORWARD to reach the lost wherever they are, proclaiming the Gospel to all who need to hear it.

### WE DO THIS THROUGH:

- Seeing 10,000 Lives Changed
- Planting 40 New Churches
- Updating Our Places and Spaces
- Translating the Bible
- Reaching the Arabian Peninsula
- Changing Lives at Camp
- Sending 4,000 on Short-Term Mission Trips
- Reaching the World

## MOVE CLOSER

**\$68 MILLION**

The hurting, broken, and searching are all around us, but they're often overlooked. Our prayer is that God not only would open our eyes to see them, but that we would pursue communities that for too long have been under-reached.

We want to accept God's invitation to MOVE CLOSER to those who are hurting and living in darkness—**raising our banner high for the vulnerable**—so they might experience the light of Jesus and the difference of a surrendered life.

### WE DO THIS THROUGH:

- Equipping 150 New Families to Foster and Adopt
- Supporting Recovery Centers
- Freeing 200 Victims of Sex Trafficking
- Helping the Hurting
- Serving the Vulnerable
- Launching 5 New Campuses
- Expanding Shine

# WHAT GOD HAS DONE



# MOVE TOGETHER

A year ago, we committed to MOVE TOGETHER to unleash our current campuses and existing ministries to be places and spaces that effectively reach and disciple those in our communities.

Celebrate with us the lives that have already been changed through the love of Jesus because of your generosity.



## UNLEASH THE NEXT GENERATION

I first came to Southeast as a middle schooler and was baptized when I was 12. I knew some about Jesus, but my heart had not yet truly experienced Him, and after a year in *High School Ministry*, I drifted away.

My mental health hit an all-time low as my living situation became extremely difficult. Besides losing my relationship with my dad, I was sexually assaulted and bullied, and I turned to addictions that ran in my family, including drugs, alcohol, and smoking. I engaged in self-harm, lost any positive self-image, and believed I had missed my chance at happiness and began living in isolation.

This forced me to reflect: *Did I want to stay trapped in the same cycles that burdened my family for generations, or did I want to break these chains for generations to come?*

I began walking toward healing while turning to God. In March 2024, I returned to Southeast after years away and connected with *College-Age Ministry*. God gifted me a group of sisters in Christ and leaders who discipled me.

Celebrated  
**1,688**  
student baptisms

That October I connected with middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, and older adults for a weekly Taco Tuesday night. From that, I received mentorship and joined their MOVE home group, deepening my relationships across generations. I served at *High School Camp* for the first time last year, where I witnessed answered prayers and a generation on fire for the Lord, and soon began serving regularly in *High School Ministry*.

Through all of this, I felt God calling me to be baptized again, but I resisted out of fear. However, this past August 10, I finally committed my full “yes” to Jesus, declaring my trust and dependence on Him.

MOVE has reminded me that God redeems stories and that saying “yes” to Christ brings life-changing transformation and deliverance. MOVE is about boldly stepping into what God has next for us. Open your hands and let God move.

- AMBI LEBO  
BLANKENBAKER CAMPUS



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# MOVE FORWARD

People at home and throughout the world are hearing the good news of Jesus—some for the first time—because of your generosity.

Celebrate with us what God already has done and how we will continue to MOVE FORWARD with Him in reaching the lost with the one hope that never disappoints.



Over two years ago during a Sunday morning service, Southeast prayed over my husband, Justin, and me, and sent us to plant Iron Coast Church in Brunswick, Maine.

Since launching on March 2, 2025 at Brunswick High School's theater, we've been amazed by the work of God unfolding here. At the time of writing, we now average more than 250 people in attendance with over 150 participating in community groups for the very first time in their lives. We've watched 60 people place their faith in Jesus and be baptized, many of them in the frigid (but unforgettable!) Atlantic Ocean.

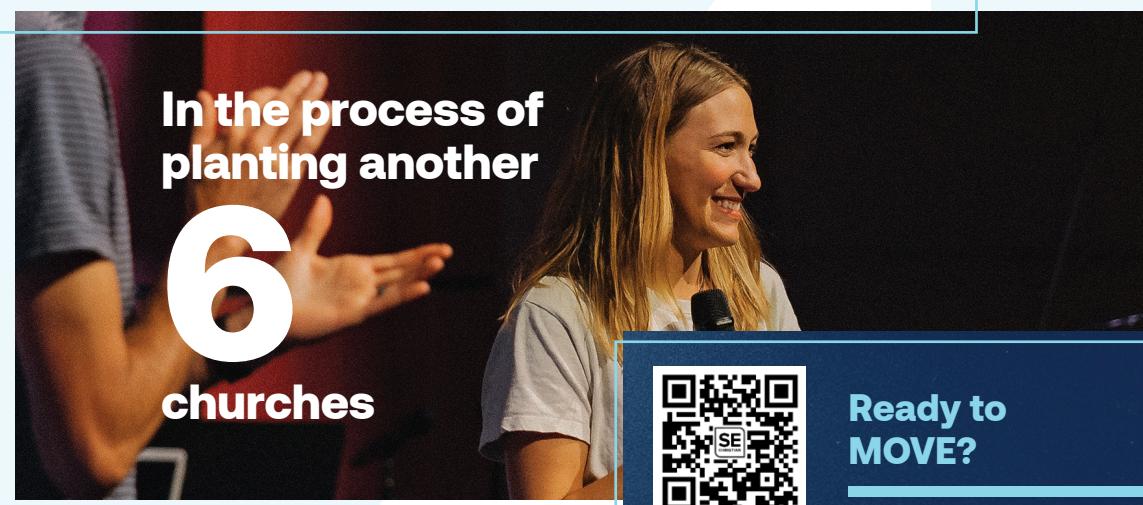
Among those baptized is Justin's cousin, Devin, who is from Maine and whose transformation demonstrates the power of the Holy Spirit alone. Justin wrote his name on a white chair the Sunday before we launched, part of a prayer initiative for people we hoped would encounter Jesus. After attending his first service on Easter, Devin kept coming back. He was baptized shortly after, declaring Jesus as his Savior and Lord. Today, he shows up at 7:00 am every Sunday to help set up and also tear down later, while regularly inviting co-workers, friends, and family to experience the hope he found.

Since that Sunday two years ago, three additional Southeast members felt God call them to MOVE—not just financially, but physically to Midcoast Maine to join our church planting team.

Other church planters frequently ask us how Southeast Christian Church gives so generously to new plants. Our answer is simple: Southeast isn't afraid to sacrifice and move when God says move—whether through prayer, financial giving, or sending people across the country or world with the one-at-a-time love of Jesus.

At Iron Coast Church, our mission is to *guide explorers to extraordinary lives through Jesus*. This mission is happening because you said YES in faith before you could see by sight. Thank you. No words could describe our deep gratitude and love for Southeast and what you've done for us. We truly believe this is just the beginning of a move of God in Maine and beyond.

- ASHLEY WEECE  
IRON COAST CHURCH



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# SEND 4,000 ON SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

I made the 33-hour trek to Tajikistan last Fall with nine other women. This was my first international mission trip, and to be quite honest, I was extremely untrusting.

While God had clearly made it known He wanted me to go with the timing of the leader approaching me and more, I still had doubts. I was anxious about the needed financial support, flight, not knowing the people, and the country's economy. But God is always good, and He can handle any thought I bring to Him—no matter if true or right—and turn it for my good.

And that He did.

In short, working with EPEK International (our missions partner in Central Asia) and refugees changed my perspective on gratitude in America. It changed my drive to spread the Gospel at home, proclaiming it in a place where deportation isn't at risk. I knew the cliché "*you'll get more out of it than you give*," but I didn't quite realize how much I would receive from refugees who have very little.

- KAILEY BRANDON  
BLANKENBAKER CAMPUS

That's the thing—more "stuff" isn't more. While I pray that we loved the people in Tajikistan well, they have an abundance of love within their families because their hearts are full of gratitude.

May we live that way in a life that is full of abundance—loving others more than we value materials. May we value spreading the Gospel because it's the best news anyone could receive... because it has saved their lives...because that's what Jesus did.

We prayed, witnessed, and testified. We heard testimonies, embraced culture, and embraced unity in a place where English was not the first language. We cried, laughed, and danced. We broke down walls and learned. And most importantly, we loved.

I learned that people, no matter where they're from, aren't that different after all. We are one in Jesus Christ, and He died for all nations—united under our Heavenly Father.

**488**  
people served on 42  
short-term mission trips  
across 22 countries



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# MOVE CLOSER

Those who are hurting and living in darkness are experiencing the light of Jesus and the difference of a surrendered life because of your generosity.

Celebrate with us those now living in light and our commitment to continue to MOVE CLOSER to those who for too long have been overlooked.

# EQUIP 150 NEW FAMILIES TO FOSTER AND ADOPT



**6** families are licensed to foster or adopt

- JASON SKAGGS  
INDIANA CAMPUS

My wife and I have had the joy of serving with the *Southeast Family Advocacy Ministry*, supporting and encouraging other foster and adoptive parents. Last Spring, a new couple—Jason and Jessica—came to one of our monthly gatherings. They had been fostering for a few years, but had recently moved to Southern Indiana. The meeting was so encouraging that they kept coming back.

After a few months, they got a call for a new placement of a Hispanic teenage girl. Months of waiting quickly turned into a flurry of activity. We encouraged them to make time to connect and let her adjust to her new home and environment.

As Jason and Jessica got to know the girl, they found out that her 15th birthday was coming up and she had never had a birthday party. They told us about wanting to host a quinceañera for her. We offered to help and were able to use some ministry funds to make the party possible. Jason, Jessica, and their foster daughter felt seen and supported through the whole experience.

A few months later, the state decided to move the girl to a new placement. Even though Jason and Jessica knew it was the right decision, they struggled. We met to encourage them and share some of our own experiences.

The journey of fostering can be lonely and isolating at times. It was such a privilege to be a part of Jason, Jessica, and their foster daughter's crew that could walk alongside them through all of the ups and downs.

My husband and I have been praying for our family to grow for several years. When our daughter turned 4, she started asking about having a brother or sister. However, we struggled to get pregnant again and began praying to see what God was wanting to show us. Were we done with one child or was there something else for us? We started to think that maybe it was adoption.

We attended a *Considering Foster Care & Adoption* session at Southeast. It answered a lot of our questions and helped us figure out that domestic adoption was probably the right path for us. After the session, we met with a mom who had struggled with infertility and adopted domestically. She helped us understand the process and encouraged us to continue to seek God's guidance.

One of our biggest hesitations toward domestic adoption was finances. While we felt led to move forward, the cost is significant and we worried if we could afford it. That is where God showed up in incredible ways.

We decided to do a Both Hands fundraiser, where we could serve a widow alongside some of our friends, while those same friends then shared our adoption journey with their network. In just one fundraiser, we raised almost half of the money we needed. God is so incredible!

There is still a lot of road left on our journey and there have already been some bumps in getting matched with a birth mom. But we know that God has us in His hand and He has a child that He is preparing just for us. He has been working in us, and I know He wants to work through us, as well.

- MELISSA BUTLER  
BLANKENBAKER CAMPUS



**40**  
new families have attended a *Considering Foster Care & Adoption* class to learn about getting started



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# SUPPORT RECOVERY CENTERS



SE Recovery is now present in  
12 centers

As I walked to the main room of the recovery center for a church service, I had no idea what I was doing but knew I had to do something different.

For 30 years I had lived in the toxic cycle of addiction, and I had finally come to the end of myself. As I found a seat, I asked the Lord to meet me...and He did, but in ways I never thought possible.

I'd heard about the church recovery team that helps host weekend services, and I was hopeful. I saw some new faces come into the room, and as the crowd parted, I couldn't believe that I recognized one of the guys... an old high school classmate!

I started toward him, not expecting him to recognize me, but as soon as he saw me, a look of recognition crossed his face. Matt and I had grown up in the same town, he had seen me completely spun out, and now here he was, sharing his recovery story and offering us the opportunity to borrow some of his faith as we considered connecting with Jesus as part of our long-term recovery.

Fast-forward to today...not only have I been sober for over a year, but I have completely weaned myself from the medication to treat my addiction with the help of Jesus and my ever-growing relationship with Him. I have also gradually stepped into some leadership responsibilities, helping facilitate the SE Recovery discipleship classes, as well as help lead weekend worship at the facility where I am now on staff.

God has been so good to meet me at my lowest point and bring me to a place in life I never knew was possible. And now I get to help others experience the true freedom that comes from life with Jesus!

- LEE COLEMAN



Established a new partnership with **The Next Door Recovery**, an addiction recovery center in the Nashville, Tennessee area.



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# FREE 200 VICTIMS OF SEX TRAFFICKING

Walking alongside  
or having helped  
**44**  
victims take a next step  
toward physical, emotional,  
and spiritual freedom

My walk with God has been...bumpy. However, He ultimately rewrote the story I had tried to write for myself. While I had been an unfaithful follower for many years, I believe God knew it was time to bring me back to Him in a way where I would never sway on my walk again.

Well, He did just that.

For the first time in my life, despite being in the darkest season, I somehow have managed to find hope being restored. Even in heavy places, like sitting in a courtroom, I have experienced a peace that surpasses all understanding. This peace that God has given me has allowed me to fully trust and rely on Him, no matter the circumstance. That alone is not strength of my own.

The generosity of Southeast has provided stability for my family to start over. But even more so, the church has offered my family a place of safety and community for which we will forever be grateful.

I encourage others to get involved with the *Anti-Sex Trafficking Ministry* because the world is failing women, children, and even men who are stuck in a cycle that seems impossible to break. All it takes is one person to help victims see that they are worthy, important, and loved...that they are not damaged beyond repair.

They just need help to break the cycle—and that is the amazing grace of God poured out through the community of the *AST Ministry*.

NAME WITHHELD TO PROTECT IDENTITY

**138**  
people attended  
anti-sex trafficking  
awareness events

**2** emergency  
homes opening  
early this year



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# LAUNCH 5 NEW CAMPUSES IN 5 YEARS



After our fourth child, Laurel, was born, Sarah and I were deep into studying the Bible. We felt the Lord was preparing us for something big as He hadn't stopped bringing us blessing after blessing. As we moved into 2025 and the launch of the Franklin Campus was approaching, we could feel the excitement and renewed sense of purpose that came with being part of something new that God was doing in our community.

We felt Kyle's message on March 9 from the MOVE series resonated with us in a very specific way. Two weeks prior, after much prayer and deliberation, Sarah had applied to go back to school to eventually apply for nursing school. And if that wasn't big enough, we also decided it would be better for Sarah to leave her position in a career that she had excelled in the last nine years. She accepted an offer from a local hospital that came with a significant pay cut but was closer to home and school and presented the opportunity to practice in her field of study.

Through it all, we saw how the Franklin Campus community rallied around us, encouraging us, praying for us, and reminding us that this is exactly what MOVE is about—trusting God enough to take the next step.

**Launched the Franklin Campus—the first of the 5 new campuses—on August 17**

More than  
**500**  
people worship  
each week at the  
new Franklin Campus



As Kyle preached about Philip leaving Jerusalem because of the untenable persecution, Sarah and I smirked and looked at one another. She left her position in part because it was uncomfortable, and she felt unfulfilled and without purpose. In many ways, our story paralleled the story of this new campus—stepping out in faith, leaving what's familiar, and believing that God is doing something new.

So, we thank the Lord for showing His plan for us that we had been praying about for over a year. We thank God for affirming our decision through words spoken on a Sunday morning in Kyle's sermon. We thank God for the growing community that is the Franklin Campus—for the people, the community, and the mission that have made this season so meaningful. We thank God that He has

provided for us, and our prayer is that we continue to listen to Him.

We are 100% bought in on the MOVE discipleship journey, and we cannot wait to see what God has in store for our family, but even more for our church community here in Franklin as we seek to impact Middle Tennessee for and with Jesus!

**- ZACH PARK  
FRANKLIN CAMPUS**



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MOVE?**

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# WHERE WE ARE GOING

**100%**  
**ENGAGEMENT**

Every single person at Southeast taking his or her next step in discipleship and growing in generosity as we pray for God to unleash us to be all and do all that He has called us to.

PRIMARY GOAL

SECONDARY GOAL

**\$240  
MILLION+**

Accepting God's invitation to partner with Him in Kingdom-building work as we:

**MOVE TOGETHER  
MOVE FORWARD  
MOVE CLOSER**

**BY GOD'S GRACE,**

in April 2025 we celebrated \$266M in commitments and expected gifts to MOVE, and He is already showing us that He desires for us to MOVE even further faster. With each new, continued, and increased commitment that we receive, we will continue to advance these initiatives forward in even greater and expanded ways.

# MOVE TOGETHER...

WITH ONE VISION,  
AS ONE CHURCH,  
IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

We believe God is inviting us to unleash our **current campuses and existing ministries** to be places and spaces that effectively reach and disciple where we live. We desire to MOVE TOGETHER by strengthening what God has already given us to **share the love of Jesus**.

## OUR PRAYER:

*God, move through us to collectively care for those who come to us.*

### Cultivate Excellent Environments

Maintain the **daily physical operation** of our current campuses so we continue to provide places, spaces, and staff that **connect people with Jesus and one another** both on weekends and throughout the week.

### Unleash the Next Generation

Ignite a **movement** in middle school, high school, and college students by pouring into the **next generation** to be a light in the darkness of this world. We want to create and develop intentional, life-changing experiences and relationships that help them grow in their faith and make disciples.

### Equip Children and Families

Provide **children (birth-5th grade)** with a **foundation of God's Word**, both through weekend worship and tools for the family during the week. We want to safeguard every child from darkness by helping them discover God's story and their place in it.

### Build and Deepen Community

Provide opportunities for every age and phase of life to **connect in groups** regardless of where someone is on their spiritual journey. We desire to create spaces to ask questions, learn how to read and live out Scripture, grow in faith, and form **lasting community** in group settings.

### Worship Together

Create **spaces of unified worship** that honor God with our words and our hearts. We desire a cohesive worship experience across a variety of campuses with our heart's intention to glorify God with our united voice.

# MOVE FORWARD

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL  
AND REACH THE LOST

We believe God is inviting us to **meet people** at home and throughout the world with the confidence that we have good news for every person in every situation. We desire to **answer God's call** to MOVE FORWARD with the one hope that doesn't disappoint—Jesus.

## OUR PRAYER:

*God, move through us to meet lost people where they are.*

## See 10,000 Changed Lives

Remove any barriers in the way of experiencing new life in Jesus. Our goal is to see **10,000 baptisms in three years**, across all campuses.

## Plant 40 New Churches

Partnering strategically with church planters to begin **40 new churches in five years** in the least reached and most overlooked parts of the U.S. Unified through Jesus, we need many kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people.

## Update Our Places and Spaces

Modernize **current campuses and existing ministries** as needed to be warm and inviting for every person who walks through the doors. Whether they have been attending for years or are a first-time visitor, everyone should feel welcome, inspired, and loved.

## Translate the Bible

Make the **Gospel accessible to all of Liberia** by financially partnering to translate the New Testament for the **remaining 14 language groups** who have never heard the name of Jesus in their native tongues.

## Reach the Arabian Peninsula

**Mobilize 250+ people to move to the Arabian Peninsula.** We seek to send professionals into all kinds of marketplace jobs, see students take internships and study abroad, and see families root their lives in this area of the world as they partner with local churches and ministries for the sake of reaching the lost.

## Changing Lives at Camp

**Enhance the camp experience** for both students and leaders so anyone engaged with Southeast Camps will **experience God's purpose and passion** like never before.

## Send 4,000 on Short-Term Mission Trips

Strategically create **short-term trips that have long-term impact** locally and globally. Our goal is to unleash **4,000 people in five years** on a trip that spiritually transforms all involved.

## Reach the World

**Engage the digital world** with the hope of Jesus in order to reach those who would otherwise never know it. We dream of a digital footprint that reaches **thousands across the world and in prisons**, connecting them in Christian community.

# MOVE CLOSER

## TO THE HURTING, BROKEN, AND SEARCHING

We believe God is inviting us to people who have been overlooked, **raising our banner high for the vulnerable**. We desire to MOVE CLOSER to those hurting and living in darkness so they might experience the light of Jesus and the difference of a surrendered life.

### OUR PRAYER:

*God, move through us to embrace the overlooked and pursue under-reached communities.*

### Equip 150 New Families to Foster and Adopt

Support **150 new Southeast families in five years** to become foster or adoptive families. Our desire is to walk alongside every family called to provide a home for children in need.

### Support Recovery Centers

Support **25 centers** in two years across the region. Our prayer is to see **5,000 people step into the waters of baptism** and out into the life, freedom, and hope of Christ through our recovery ministry.

### Free 200 Victims of Sex Trafficking

Assist and liberate **200 sex trafficking victims in three years**. We seek to be in the trenches, walking alongside women on the path to physical, emotional, and spiritual freedom.

### Help the Hurting

Launch **75 new support and recovery groups in three years** across all campuses. We believe deeply in specialized care for those walking through the unique and unexpected circumstances of life. Our goal is to be a church that guides those who need support and recovery toward healing.

### Serve the Vulnerable

Provide **\$2 million in resources to vulnerable populations** across our communities. It is our privilege to serve Jesus through meeting the basic needs of those He loves. God is calling us to be a church seen as good news, and we desire to move closer to tangibly meet seen and unseen needs.

### Launch 5 New Campuses

Open the doors to **five new campuses in five years**. John 3:8 describes the leading of the Holy Spirit as the wind that “blows wherever it pleases.” It is our job as a church to raise more sails and catch the wind. Starting new campuses continues our desire to connect people with Jesus and one another.

### Expand Shine

**Resource our Shine Disabilities Ministry** at additional campuses by offering classes, family support, interpreters, captioning services, and more. Along with adding adaptable spaces, we will also unleash additional volunteers to serve this important population.

# WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?



## YOUR ROLE IS...

Through the MOVE discipleship journey, God is using you to impact eternity. Your role is to be open to what He is calling you to next. Praying that God moves *in* and *through* each of us, we want to move together as one church, move forward in our mission, and move closer to those who need Jesus.

### NEW COMMITMENT

Some of you recently joined our church family and may be wondering, “What is the MOVE discipleship journey of generosity and how do I become a part of it?” MOVE is for anyone who calls Southeast their church home. We’re glad you’re part of our church family and hope you will join us on this journey, accepting God’s invitation to grow in generosity while partnering with Him in Kingdom-building work. Consider making a one-year generosity commitment to MOVE.

### FINISH STRONG

Others made a MOVE 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 that 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 what He called us to in this season.

### INCREASE

Some of you made your MOVE commitment one year ago and it is possible that you have had an increase in faith or finances. It is not that keeping your 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: *What/who am I chasing? Am I still giving in a way that challenges me?* Pray and ask yourself if He is inviting you into another step of faith with an increased commitment.

# WHAT IS A ONE-FUND INITIATIVE?

You've probably been a part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give something "above and beyond" your regular offering—maybe for a building fund or a missions project. At Southeast, we believe that it is all **ONE MISSION** that we're on—to unleash the full force of the church to love people one at a time. So, we want to encourage all of us to unleash our generosity toward that mission. Every gift you give to Southeast Christian Church will go toward both our ongoing ministries and the vision God has placed in front of us for the future. We're treating these priorities as one, and our leadership team has set a single budget that covers the commitments we make together during this MOVE season. It is all part of one vision, moving toward what God is calling us to do.

## COMMITMENT CARD

We've included a card 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 MOVE discipleship journey of generosity. Please take time to pray through this, and then we will provide you with a new card on **Commitment Weekend, February 26/March 1.**

### GOD, MOVE IN ME...

#### I AM NEW TO MOVE

I/We would like to make a one-year commitment to the MOVE generosity initiative in the amount of:

\$  **APRIL 2026-APRIL 2027**

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

#### I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO MOVE

My/Our current two-year MOVE commitment is:

\$  **APRIL 2025-APRIL 2027**

#### AT THIS MIDPOINT OF MOVE, I/WE WOULD LIKE TO:

Confirm my/our MOVE commitment to **finish strong**

Increase my/our two-year MOVE commitment to:

\$  **APRIL 2025-APRIL 2027**

Name

Address

Email  Phone

Campus

**"FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING..." ACTS 17:28 NIV**



Want to dig deeper and take the next step in your giving journey? **Scan this QR code.**

# GIVING DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY

## INITIAL GIVER

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time out of response to God's Word. This is someone who decides to give in faith and trusts God and the leaders of the church with the gift. This person will experience the initial joy of putting Jesus' words into action (Matthew 7:24).

## CONSISTENT GIVER

A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give on a consistent basis as an exercise in the discipline of giving. Often, a person who decides to make a recurring online gift will be someone learning the joy of consistency. Of course, with thoughtfulness, non-online givers can be consistent givers as well. A consistent giver experiences the joy of excelling in this grace (2 Corinthians 8:7).

## PRIORITY GIVER

A Priority Giver is someone who understands the preeminence of Christ and that He is before all things—that all things were created by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. This giver places such a significant priority on their giving that it drives spending and saving habits, as opposed to spending and saving directing what he or she is able to give. A priority giver experiences the freedom of serving “one master” and declaring Jesus is first (Matthew 6:19-24, Colossians 1:15-20).

## SURRENDERED GIVER

A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes that Christ surrendered His whole self for us in love and desires to surrender his or her whole self to Him in return (Ephesians 5:1-2). This giver would say, “My giving is not just changing my spending and saving, it’s also changing me!” He or she will also look at what’s not being given and ask, “Is this surrendered as well?” This informs the use of everything they’ve been blessed and entrusted with—whether it be monetary or an existing resource (i.e., honoring God with your home, etc.).

## ETERNAL GIVER

An Eternal Giver is someone who sees the eternal impact of their giving on individuals, not just the immediate programs and ministries it helps. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more he or she is led to “do good...to be generous and willing to share,” the more he or she will “...take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:18-19). This encourages continual growth! The eternal giver will make all decisions (big purchases, savings, giving, relationships, area of service) based on how it will impact eternal matters.

# WHAT'S NEXT



# WHAT CAN YOU DO NEXT?

## Pray Persistently

Pray that God will move in the hearts of each person at Southeast and that we will hear His invitation to partner with Him.

## Commit Fully

Be part of the 100% engagement by fully committing to what God wants to do in you and through you during this season for our church. Allow this to be a journey of discipleship that strengthens your commitment and deepens your faith in God.

## Celebrate Loudly

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this season. Enthusiastically share with those around you how He is moving within you.

## Give Generously

Ask God to show you what it looks like to give in a way that changes you and take whatever bold steps are required to see it through.

## Commitment Weekend

Thursday, February 26 • Sunday, March 1  
at all Southeast Campus weekend services



# MOVE

## STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

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**MESSAGE NOTES**

# WEEK 1

# MOVE with Gratitude

## PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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# WEEK 2

# ***MOVE with Boldness***

## PHILIPPIANS 1:20-30

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# MESSAGE NOTES

# WEEK 3

# ***MOVE with Humility***

## PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

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# MESSAGE NOTES

# WEEK 4

# MOVE with Confidence

## PHILIPPIANS 3:1-11

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# MESSAGE NOTES

# WEEK 5

# ***MOVE with Joy***

## PHILIPPIANS 4:1-10

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

# MESSAGE NOTES

# WEEK 6

# **MOVE with Contentment**

## PHILIPPIANS 4:11-20

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# MESSAGE NOTES

# MOVE

## GROUPS CURRICULUM

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**Gospel of Luke**

# INERTIA.

Newton's First Law of Motion tells us that an object at rest wants to stay there. It doesn't want to move. It doesn't want things to change. It wants to remain exactly where it is. In fact, it's not going to move unless something forces it to. It takes an extra amount of energy—a jolt of activity—to get things moving.

Even if physics didn't teach us this truth, life certainly would. It's tough to get going. Inertia is why we have trouble starting any new project. Inertia is why we hit the snooze button every morning. Inertia is why we can never seem to get things around us to change no matter how much we say we want them to be different. It's easier to stay where we are. It's easier to stay who we are. We're not going to move unless something—or someone—gives us a reason to move.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus encountered a lot of people who were stuck. Their circumstances had created a rut they couldn't get themselves out of. For some, their collision with Jesus was enough to jolt them into action. They were finally able to move out and move on. Others found themselves unable, perhaps even unwilling, to get going. While their stories were all different, they are the stories we still live today. Their inertia, like ours, had a name...

- **APATHY**
- **FEAR**
- **PRIDE**

- **SELF-SUFFICIENCY**
- **WORRY**
- **COMPARISON**

These aren't just feelings; they're forces. They're barriers that keep us stuck. It's hard to move forward when you're afraid of the future. It's hard to be all-in when you're convinced you can do life on your own. It's hard to stay focused on Jesus when you're constantly comparing yourself to everyone else. But Jesus doesn't just point out the barriers—He calls us beyond them. He reminds us that He's in the boat with us. He shows us that our lives are meant for more than playing it safe, standing still, or settling for less.

That's why Southeast is calling every person to MOVE—to worship fully, connect deeply in groups, serve sacrificially, give generously, and go boldly on mission. Once we catch a glimpse of where Jesus wants to lead us, inertia won't stand a chance.

**IT'S TIME TO MOVE.**

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is designed to help your group walk through six different barriers to being 100% engaged with Jesus and His church, the primary goal through our MOVE initiative. Each week focuses on one barrier and how Jesus calls us to move past it so we can live fully engaged in Him and in the mission of Southeast.

## STRUCTURE OF EACH WEEK

### • **Short Video**

Each session begins with a brief video. Watch this together before starting the discussion.

### • **Personal Reading**

The written teaching for each week is for group members to read before they come. This helps maximize your time together for discussion and application.

### • **Personal Reflection Questions**

Use these questions to think about what these barriers look like in your own life and how Jesus might be moving you beyond them.

### • **Group Questions**

Each week offers more questions than most groups will need. Leaders are encouraged to choose the questions that best fit their group's dynamic and season. The categories are:

#### • **Getting Started**

Icebreaker-type questions to get everyone talking and open up the conversation.

#### • **Digging In**

Questions that explore the week's Scripture and teaching more deeply.

#### • **Opening Up**

Vulnerability-driven questions that invite personal reflection and sharing.

### • **Next Steps**

Each week connects to what it means to be fully engaged at Southeast (worship, groups, serving, generosity, mission).

## TIPS FOR LEADERS

- **Pray First**

Start each gathering by asking God to open hearts and guide your conversation.

- **Choose Wisely**

Don't feel pressure to cover every question. Think of this guide as a toolbox—use what serves your group best.

- **Cultivate a Safe Environment**

Encourage honesty and respect. Remind your group that what is shared stays in the group.

- **Balance the Conversation**

Make sure everyone has a chance to contribute. Step in if one or two people dominate.

- **Keep It Practical**

Always ask, "How can I live this out this week?" Faith grows best when it moves into action.

## TIPS FOR GROUP MEMBERS

- **Come Prepared**

Read the week's teaching before your group meets so you're ready to dive in.

- **Engage the Video**

Watch closely and listen for what stands out—you may want to share that in discussion.

- **Be Honest**

The best growth happens when we're real about where we struggle.

- **Listen Well**

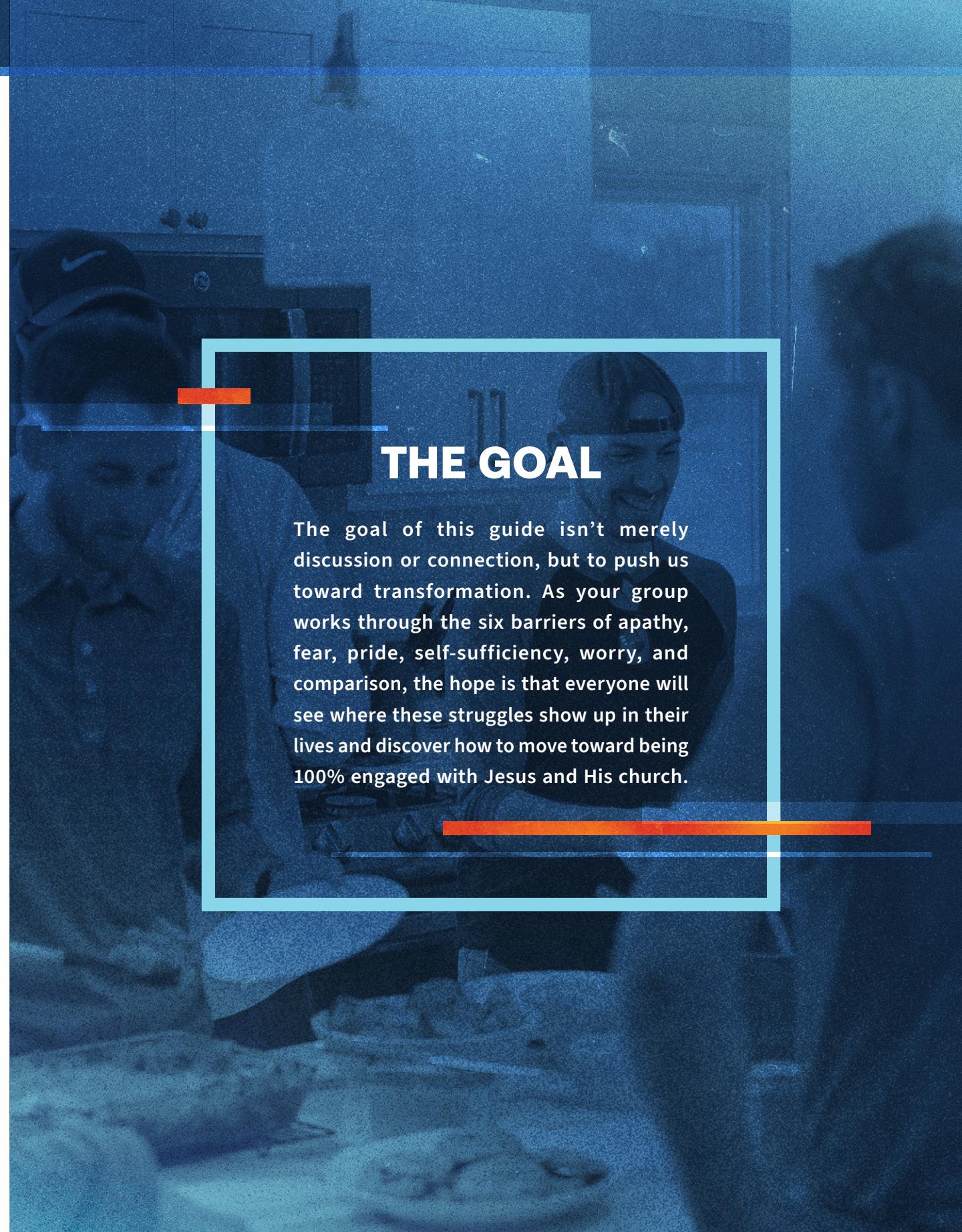
Give others the space to share. Don't just wait for your turn to talk.

- **Respect Privacy**

What's shared in the group stays in the group. Guard the privacy of others.

- **Take a Step**

Each week, consider how you can put what you've learned into practice in your daily life.



## THE GOAL

The goal of this guide isn't merely discussion or connection, but to push us toward transformation. As your group works through the six barriers of apathy, fear, pride, self-sufficiency, worry, and comparison, the hope is that everyone will see where these struggles show up in their lives and discover how to move toward being 100% engaged with Jesus and His church.

## WEEK 1

## APATHY

Can you imagine what it must have been like to watch Jesus grow up? The people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth had a front-row seat! They might not have realized it at the time, but they were witnesses of some pretty incredible stuff. They saw Jesus lose His first tooth. They watched Him play games with His friends in the street. They had to deal with the one teenager in history who really did know it all!

If the citizens of Nazareth were impressed by Jesus as a child, then they must have lost some of that wonder once He grew up. The first time Jesus preached in His hometown synagogue, the people seemed unmoved by His message. Wasn't this Joseph and Mary's son? The carpenter's boy? What right did He have to speak like this? Their familiarity bred apathy in their hearts. The people of Nazareth missed the miracle standing in front of them because He seemed too familiar. The same danger still exists today. Like those gathered in the synagogue that day, we can become apathetic toward Jesus. We can become so used to Jesus' daily provision and presence in our lives that we respond more with thoughtlessness than thanksgiving. We can take Jesus for granted instead of responding with the gratitude He deserves.

Our familiarity with who Jesus is and what He's done for us can numb us to what He wants to do right now. Apathy inhibits movement. It makes us unwilling—or unable—to go where Jesus wants us to go. When we lose the wonder of "God with us," we lose the desire to move with God. But Jesus is still doing miraculous things. He is still worthy of our praise. He's still moving in grace and in power. And through MOVE, He is inviting us to worship fully, connect in groups, serve sacrificially, give generously, and go boldly on mission. The only question is: Will we move with Him?

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 4:14-30. What happened when Jesus preached to the people in Nazareth? How did their apathy ultimately turn to hostility?

How do I respond to Jesus with apathy? When was the last time I was truly in awe of something He has done for me?

Make a list of the ways Jesus has blessed you today. Do you take any of these things for granted? How can you take time each day to express gratitude?

What are some of the ways our culture makes us focus on what we don't have? In what ways does gratitude force us to focus on the things we do have? How does generosity show our gratitude for what we've been given?

What would it look like for you to move with Jesus today? Is there a step of gratitude you've been hesitating to take?

Read This Week's Text  
**LUKE 4:14-30**

Check Out This  
Week's Video



## GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### Getting Started

1. When you hear the word “apathy,” what comes to mind?
2. Can you think of a time when you were really excited about something at first, but over time your enthusiasm faded? What happened?
3. Why do you think it’s easy for people to lose their sense of wonder—even about things that once amazed them?
4. What are some everyday examples (outside of church) where familiarity can make us take things for granted?

### Digging In

1. Look again at Luke 4:16-22. Why do you think the people were amazed at Jesus’ words at first but quickly dismissed Him once they remembered who He was?
2. Read Luke 4:28-30. Why do you think the people went from passive apathy to outright anger? What does that progression reveal about the danger of indifference?
3. In what ways can familiarity with Jesus—or with church—cause us to lose our sense of awe?
4. The goal of our MOVE initiative challenges each of us to be *100% engaged*. What does that phrase mean to you personally?
5. Think about the areas of ministry at Southeast (worship, serving, groups, outreach, generosity). Where do you find it easiest to stay engaged? Where is apathy most tempting?
6. What are some warning signs in your own life that you may be slipping into apathy toward your faith or your church involvement?
7. Check out Jesus’ warning in Revelation 2:1-5. How does Scripture describe the danger of spiritual apathy or “forgetting your first love?”
8. What helps you personally to move from thoughtlessness to gratitude in your walk with Jesus?

### Opening Up

1. Where do you see apathy showing up most in your walk with Jesus right now—and how does it impact your connection to our church?
2. Can you share a time when apathy caused you to step back or “check out” from church or faith, and what helped you to re-engage?
3. How do disappointment, unanswered prayers, or weariness feed apathy in me?
4. If being 100% engaged at Southeast means pushing through apathy, what is one step you sense God might be inviting you to take right now?

### NOTES

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### TRUTH TO MEMORIZE

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...”*

HEBREWS 10:24

### QUOTABLE

*“The aim of the gospel is the creation of people who are passionate for doing good rather than settling for the passionless avoidance of evil.”*

John Piper, *Bloodlines*



EXPLORE  
FURTHER

## WEEK 2

# FEAR

Fear is a universal experience. Though no one knows the exact number, most experts say that there are over 500 catalogued phobias. If something exists, there's probably someone who's afraid of it. Some fears are fairly common. It's estimated that up to 40% of Americans have aerophobia, the fear of flying. Anyone who's ever explored a dusty attic or crawlspace knows how suddenly arachnophobia (the fear of spiders) can set in. Ophidiophobia may sound complicated, but it's actually one of the most elementary fears of all: the fear of snakes. Regardless of your exact phobia, we all know what it's like to be afraid.

In Luke 8, Jesus' disciples faced a situation that would have made naviphobics out of just about anyone (that's the fear of boats, by the way). As they sailed across the Sea of Galilee, a violent storm overtook them. With water beginning to fill their boat, death seemed imminent. The only thing rising faster than the water level was their fear. Struggling to save themselves, they turned to Jesus for help. Imagine their surprise when they found Him asleep! What threatened to sink them didn't even shake Him! Jesus ended the storm with a mere word. The lightning and thunder ceased. The waves calmed. All it took was the presence and power of Jesus.

What's true of literal storms is also true for metaphorical ones. The storms of life can pour fear into our hearts—uncertainty, bitterness, doubt. The waves can start to look like walls, boxing us in and keeping us stuck. They make us forget that Jesus is in the boat with us. He isn't panicked, but present. Fear wants to paralyze us, but Jesus calls us to move forward.

At Southeast, MOVE is about stepping out in faith—worshiping, connecting, serving, giving, and going—even when the waves feel overwhelming. We overcome fear not by denying it, but by trusting the One who is greater than the storm. The question is, will we let fear keep us stuck, or will we move with Him?

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 8:22-25. What happened when the disciples encountered a storm on the Sea of Galilee? What do we learn in this story about who Jesus is and what He can do?

In what ways are fear and faith opposites? What are some of the fears that keep you from stepping out in faith? What would it look like for you to give those fears over to Jesus?

What storms are you currently facing? How would it change your perspective to know that Jesus is in it with you?

The storms that threaten us will either grow our faith or our fear. What are some practices that can help you grow your faith in the middle of the storms?

What would it look like for you to move with Jesus today? Is there a step of boldness you've been hesitating to take?

[Read This Week's Text](#)  
**LUKE 8:22-25**

[Check Out This Week's Video](#)



## GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### Getting Started

1. What was your biggest fear as a kid?
2. Why do you think fear is such a universal human experience?
3. How do most people typically respond when they feel afraid?
4. How might fear keep people from being fully engaged at Southeast to love people one at a time?

### Digging In

1. In Luke 8:24, what do the disciples say to Jesus, and what does this reveal about their fear?
2. How does Jesus contrast fear with faith in this passage?
3. Read Isaiah 41:10. How does God promise to meet us in fear?
4. What are some common fears people wrestle with when it comes to church involvement?
5. How can fears—such as time, rejection, failure, or scarcity—hold people back from serving, giving, or joining in community?
6. What does this passage reveal about Jesus' authority over both natural and personal "storms"? If Jesus can calm the storm with a word, why do you think He sometimes allows storms to continue in our lives?
7. What would change if more people at Southeast trusted Jesus with their fears?

### Opening Up

1. What fear has held you back the most from fully devoting yourself to following Jesus?
2. What would courage look like for you in your next step of engagement with Jesus and His church?
3. The storms that threaten us will either grow our faith or grow our fear. What are some practices that can help you grow your faith in the middle of storms?
4. Where in your life right now do you need to be reminded that Jesus is with you in the boat?
5. How can this group pray for you to face your fears with faith?

### NOTES

### TRUTH TO MEMORIZE

*"But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised..."*

PSALM 56:3-4 NLT

### QUOTABLE

*"Fear is a self-imposed prison that will keep you from becoming what God intends for you to be. You must move against it with the weapons of faith and love."*

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*



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## WEEK 3

# PRIDE

Anyone who's ever read the Old Testament knows how overwhelming it can be. It's almost impossible to keep up with the 613 laws it contains! In addition to laws like the Ten Commandments, you have laws about fabrics, laws about sacrifices, laws about foods, and laws about worship. The sheer number of commands makes one thing clear—there's no way we can do this on our own! Cataloguing the laws would be hard enough. Keeping them is another matter entirely. The more we read the Law, the more humble we should be.

Unfortunately, the Pharisees in Jesus' day saw the Law more as a cause for pride. After all, they had kept all of God's commands (well, at least on their scorecard). In fact, their traditions and rituals ensured their absolute purity. It's estimated that the Pharisees added over 1,500 codes and qualifications to the Law. But, in focusing on the quantity of the laws, they had missed out on the qualities those laws were trying to cultivate. They offered the right sacrifices, but they did it with the wrong kind of heart.

Luke 11 tells us of a time when Jesus confronted pride directly. What they practiced wasn't piety; it was posturing. The things they thought were drawing them closer to God were actually pushing them away from Him. That's because pride divides. It separates us from one another as we try to make ourselves look better, and it separates us from God by convincing us we don't need Him. If we think we have everything, why would we reach for Him? At Southeast, MOVE calls us to humility—to worship with dependence, to serve with open hands, to give with surrender, and to go with grace. When we let go of pride, we create space for God to move in us and through us. The real question is, are we willing to move aside so He can move in?

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 11:37-54. How did Jesus confront the Pharisees in this passage? What warning can we take away from His strong words here?

What are some of the things in life you are proud of? How might those things give you an opportunity to practice humility?

Have you ever known anyone who was truly humble? What characteristics stick out when you think of that person?

How does recognizing our need for a Savior create humility within us? In what ways does our need for grace help us practice humility?

Read Philippians 2:3-11. How does Jesus serve as the ultimate example of humility? What would it look like for you to live out His example in your day-to-day life?

What would it look like for you to move with Jesus today? Is there a step of humility you've been hesitating to take?

Read This Week's Text  
**LUKE 11:37-54**

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Week's Video



## GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### Getting Started

1. What's something silly that people take pride in?
2. Why do you think pride is easier to see in others than in ourselves?
3. What's the difference between healthy confidence and destructive pride?
4. How might pride keep someone from being fully engaged with Jesus and the church?

### Digging In

1. In Luke 11:39-40, how does Jesus expose the Pharisees' pride?
2. Read Proverbs 16:18. How does pride set us up for failure?
3. How can pride cause division or disengagement in a church community?
4. Why do prideful people often resist feedback or correction?
5. How is pursuing God's glory different from seeking recognition for ourselves?
6. How might pride keep someone from serving in unseen or humble roles?
7. What does this passage show us about God's concern for the heart over appearances?
8. What practices cultivate humility, and how could a spirit of humility strengthen Southeast's mission?

### Opening Up

1. Where are you tempted to rely on pride or be distracted by good things instead of depending on God's heart?
2. Has pride ever kept you from asking for help in your faith journey?
3. How has pride held you back from being 100% engaged at Southeast?
4. What steps could you take to cultivate humility in your daily walk?
5. How can this group help one another stay humble and teachable?

### NOTES

### TRUTH TO MEMORIZE

*"And He gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'"*

JAMES 4:6 NLT

### QUOTABLE

*"As long as you are proud, you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."*

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



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## WEEK 4

## SELF-SUFFICIENCY

“I can do it myself!”

If you’ve ever argued with a 3-year-old, chances are that you’ve heard those words before. From the moment we can speak, we want the world to know we’re capable. We can tackle any problem, face any obstacle, and do it on our own. We want to be self-sufficient. We want to make our own way in this world. It’s one of the core values of American culture. We don’t want to ask for help. We don’t need anyone to come and save us. We want to feel like we can do it for ourselves.

When the “Rich Young Ruler” approached Jesus in Luke 18, he wanted that same assurance. “Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” He assumed that he could make it his own way. He didn’t need any help. He could pull himself up into the Kingdom. Jesus saw through his self-assured facade. Recognizing the man’s wealth, Jesus told the man to do the one thing He knew he couldn’t do: **“Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me” (Luke 18:22 NLT).** The young man was willing to do anything it took, except for the one thing Jesus asked.

Jesus’ request wasn’t about the cash; it was about control. For the Rich Young Ruler, his wealth kept his hands firmly on the steering wheel of his life. He controlled his future. He controlled his destiny. What he didn’t realize was that the more you carry on your own, the harder it is to move. We can’t trust in Jesus and trust in ourselves at the same time—it doesn’t work like that. You can’t earn your way into the Kingdom; you can only receive it as a gift. The life Jesus offers begins not with achievement, but with surrender. At Southeast, MOVE reminds us that surrender looks like worshiping God above everything else, serving instead of striving, and giving with open hands. The more we let go, the more we let Him move us to where He wants us to be.

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 18:18-30. How did the Rich Young Ruler respond to Jesus’ words? Why did this surprise Jesus’ disciples?

Why is it so hard for the self-reliant to enter the Kingdom? How does grace require us to rely on Jesus over ourselves?

What are some areas in your spiritual life where you are tempted to be self-sufficient? Where do you think this desire to be self-reliant comes from? How do you think Jesus could confront your sources of confidence?

How was the Rich Young Ruler seeking validation over transformation? How are you guilty of the same thing?

What would it look like for you to move with Jesus today? Is there a step of confidence in Christ you’ve been hesitating to take?

Read This Week’s Text  
**LUKE 18:18-30**

Check Out This Week’s Video



## GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### Getting Started

1. What's something you once thought you could do on your own but later realized you needed help with?
2. Why do you think people value independence so highly?
3. When is being self-sufficient a strength? When can it become a weakness?
4. How might self-sufficiency keep people from engaging fully at church?

### Digging In

1. In Luke 18:21, how does the Rich Young Ruler describe his life? What does this show about his mindset?
2. Why was Jesus' command in verse 22 so difficult for him?
3. What does this story teach us about the limits of self-sufficiency in faith?
4. Read John 15:5. How does this verse contrast with our culture's message of independence?
5. How can self-sufficiency keep us from generosity, service, or community?
6. Why do you think surrender is so central to following Jesus?
7. What's the difference between healthy responsibility and unhealthy control?
8. How does trusting God free us from the burden of self-reliance?
9. How can the church help people learn dependence on Christ?

### Opening Up

1. What's your "one thing you lack" where you are most tempted to rely on yourself instead of God?
2. How has self-sufficiency kept you from being more engaged at Southeast?
3. What sacrifices have brought you unexpected joy or deeper freedom in Christ? How does His promise give you courage about the sacrifices you resist?
4. How could trusting God more deeply free you to engage more fully in His mission?
5. What would it look like for this group to encourage one another to trust instead of control?

### NOTES

### TRUTH TO MEMORIZE

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."*

PROVERBS 3:5-6 NLT

### QUOTABLE

*"We cannot rely on ourselves, for we have learned by bitter experience the folly of self-confidence. We are compelled to look to the Lord alone. Blessed is the wind that drives the ship into the harbor. Blessed is the distress that forces us to rest in our God."*

Charles Spurgeon



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## WEEK 5

## WORRY

We live in both a time of unmatched wealth and unmatched worry. Our phones give us nearly unlimited access to all the knowledge in the world. They also create comparison traps on social media. Our hospitals can provide us with the tools to fight off almost every sickness. Unfortunately, fighting off the medical bills isn't always as easy as stopping the disease. Our stores make it possible for us to buy food from all over the world, no matter the season. They also fuel a hunger for debt and dissatisfaction. The very things that make this the best of times have also made it the most anxious of times.

Luke 9 tells us the story of three would-be disciples who approached Jesus. Though they were wanting to follow Him, they were also worried about what it might cost them. The first was concerned with the accommodations. If he followed Jesus, where would he sleep? The second was concerned with his relationships. If he followed Jesus, could he stay in touch with his friends and family? The third was concerned about the commitment. What if he decided to follow Jesus and then wanted to turn back?

Their anxieties, in many ways, mirror our own. We don't want Jesus messing with our comfort. We don't want Him poking into our relationships. We'll give it all to Him—provided He leaves a little for us. But Jesus doesn't ask for conditional surrender; He asks for complete trust. He calls us to release even the things we're most anxious about. Because the things we hold onto can hold us back from where He wants to lead us. At Southeast, MOVE calls us to live with open hands—to worship without distraction, to step into groups and relationships without fear, to give and serve without reservation. Following Jesus isn't about the anxiety of what you'll lose, but the joy of what you'll find when you fully move with Him.

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 9:57-62. What were the excuses presented by each of these would-be disciples? How do we see these same excuses today?

Why do you think we struggle so much with worry and anxiety? How does having more give us more to be worried about?

What are some of the things you worry about on a daily basis? How do our worries reveal the things our hearts are really focused on?

Which of the three would-be disciples in Luke 9 do you most relate to? Have you ever been hesitant to follow Jesus because of what it might cost? What might it look like to overcome that worry?

What would it look like for you to move with Jesus today? Is there a step of joy in Christ you've been hesitating to take?

Read This Week's Text  
LUKE 9:57-62

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## GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## Getting Started

1. What's something small you once worried about that seems funny now?
2. Why do you think worry is so common, even in a prosperous culture?
3. What are some physical signs that you're worrying?
4. What are some common worries that keep people from being fully engaged in church life?

## **Digging In**

1. In Luke 9:58, what does Jesus teach about the cost of following Him?
2. How do the responses in verses 59-61 reveal the worries of these would-be disciples?
3. What does verse 62 teach about commitment and worry?
4. How do you wrestle with the tension between “good things” and “God’s call”?
5. What role does trust play in overcoming worry?
6. How can worry about time, money, or relationships keep us from serving or giving?
7. How does focusing on eternity change our perspective on worries?
8. What would it look like for Southeast to be known as a hold-nothing-back, faith-filled church?
9. Galatians 6:2 reminds us that as Christ-followers we commit to carry one another’s burdens (worries). How can we do this practically?

## ■ Opening Up

1. If you could only focus on three priorities during this season of life, what would they be—and why?
2. How has worry held you back from taking a step of faith in this MOVE journey at Southeast? How can our worries keep us from living generously?
3. When has trusting God with your worries led to peace?
4. What would it look like to hand your biggest worry over to God this week?
5. How can our group walk with you in your worries?

## NOTES

## TRUTH TO MEMORIZE

*“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”*

1 PETER 5:7

## QUOTABLE

***“Worry implies that we don’t quite trust God is big enough.”***

## Francis Chan, *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*



## EXPLORE FURTHER

## WEEK 6

# COMPARISON

There's something in us that likes to look down on others. We "Facebook stalk" people so that we can check out everything from their vocation to their vacations to see how we measure up against them. We use social media to ridicule and gang up on those who have different opinions than the ones we hold. We may not be convinced we're a good person, but our comparison games help us recognize that we're not a bad person. At least we're not as bad as *those* people. We don't need to be in first place; we just like the assurance that we're not in last place.

As Jesus dined in the house of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7), an amazing thing happened. A sinful woman from the town decided to crash the party. She ran up to the table where Jesus was sitting and began weeping at His feet. When the tears proved they weren't enough to wash His feet, she took out an expensive bottle of perfume and began to anoint them. As the aroma of the perfume began to fill the room, so did the scent of scandal. Didn't Jesus realize who this woman was? Didn't He know what kind of woman she was? To Simon and the others, this woman's posture on the floor represented her worth. She was nothing. She was beneath them.

No one would dare to vocalize thoughts like these. But the truth is, we've all had them. We look down on people. We elevate ourselves at the expense of others. Jesus confronts us the same way He confronted the crowd in Simon's house. He reminded them that sin has brought us all low. It has made all of us debtors. It's left every one of us on the floor. Staring at those we think are beneath us only keeps us from pointing them to the One who lifts us all up. The barrier of comparison falls when we remember that we've all been rescued—and none of us did the rescuing. That's why MOVE calls us to live differently: to worship fully without pride, to connect deeply in groups without judgment, to serve sacrificially with humility, and to give generously so that others can experience the same grace we've been given.

## PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read Luke 7:36-50. How did the crowd react to the sinful woman? How do we have the same reaction to those we believe are beneath us today?

Why do you think we feel the need to compare ourselves to other people? Why can't we just be content with who we are and who Jesus has created us to be?

Are you more likely to view people the way the Pharisees did or the way Jesus did? How can you begin to see people more through Jesus' eyes?

In what ways can comparison keep us from moving with Jesus? How does comparing ourselves to others prevent us from being 100% engaged in the mission?

What would it look like for you to move with Jesus today? Is there a step of contentment you've been hesitating to take?

Read This Week's Text  
**LUKE 7:36-50**

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## GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### Getting Started

1. What are some of the most common ways we compare ourselves to others today?
2. Do you think comparison makes us feel better or worse in the long run? Why?
3. How does social media feed into the temptation to compare?
4. Why do you think comparison so easily creeps into the way we think about church involvement?

### Digging In

1. In Luke 7:36-50, how do Simon the Pharisee and the sinful woman respond to Jesus differently?
2. What role does comparison play in Simon's attitude toward the woman?
3. How does Jesus turn the tables on Simon's view of who is "worthy"?
4. Read Galatians 6:4-5. What does Paul teach about comparison and personal responsibility?
5. How might comparison affect someone's willingness to serve, join a group, give financially, or step into leadership?
6. What is the danger of comparing your spiritual life to others in the church?
7. What does this story show us about the heart Jesus values most?
8. How does gratitude help counteract comparison?
9. What might change if we viewed Southeast not as a competition but as a family working toward the same mission?

### Opening Up

1. Where are you most tempted to compare yourself with others—at work, in relationships, or in your spiritual life?
2. How do I respond when I see someone worship or express devotion in a way that feels unnatural or uncomfortable to me?
3. How has comparison kept you from stepping more fully into what God is calling you to at Southeast?
4. What would it look like for you to find contentment in who God made you to be and the role He's called you to in the church?
5. How can our group help one another fight against comparison and pursue 100% engagement together?

### NOTES

### TRUTH TO MEMORIZE

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves..."*

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

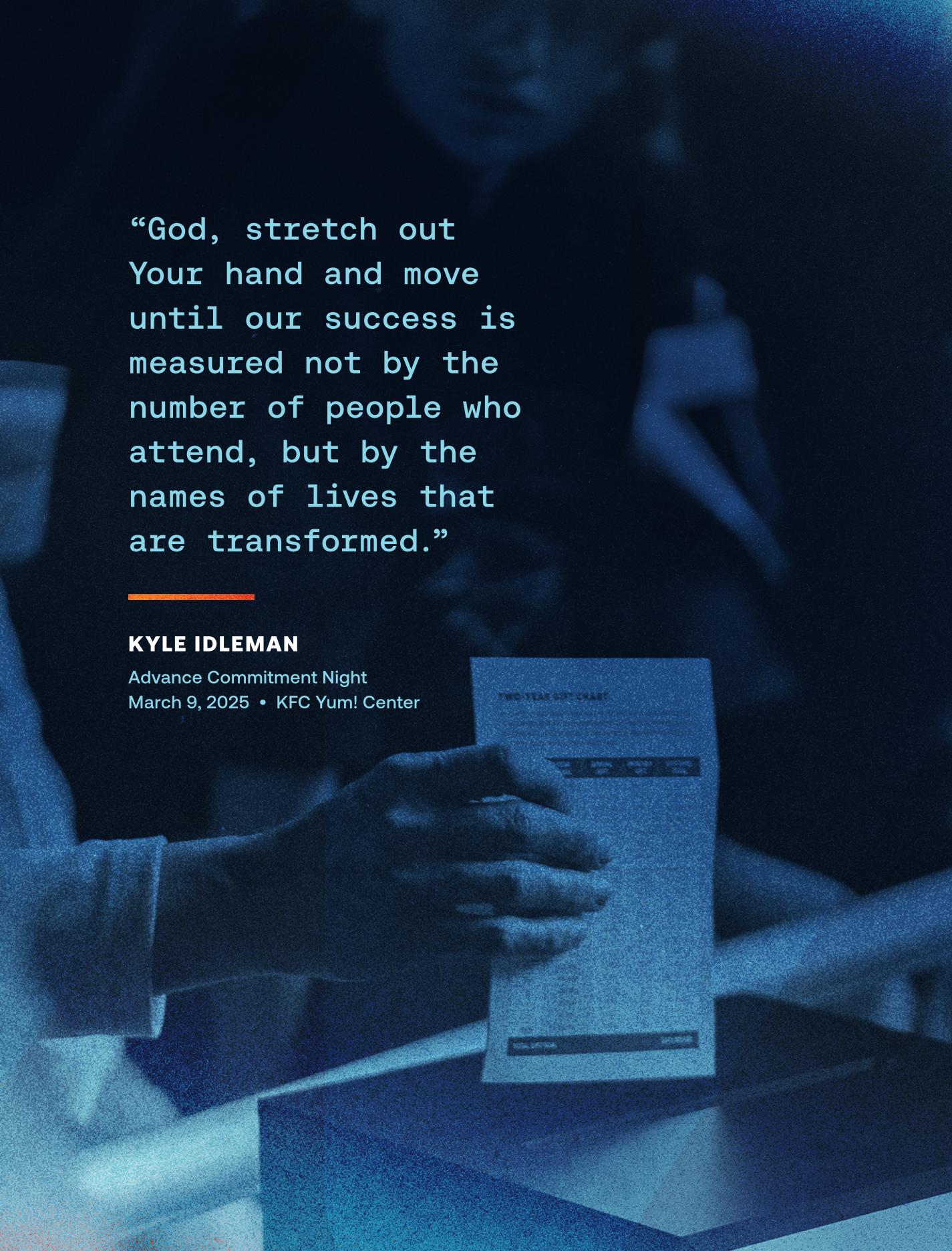
### QUOTEABLE

*"The humble man feels no jealousy or envy. He can praise God when others are preferred and blessed before him."*

Andrew Murray, *Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness*



EXPLORE FURTHER



“God, stretch out  
Your hand and move  
until our success is  
measured not by the  
number of people who  
attend, but by the  
names of lives that  
are transformed.”

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“FOR IN HIM WE LIVE AND  
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ACTS 17:28

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