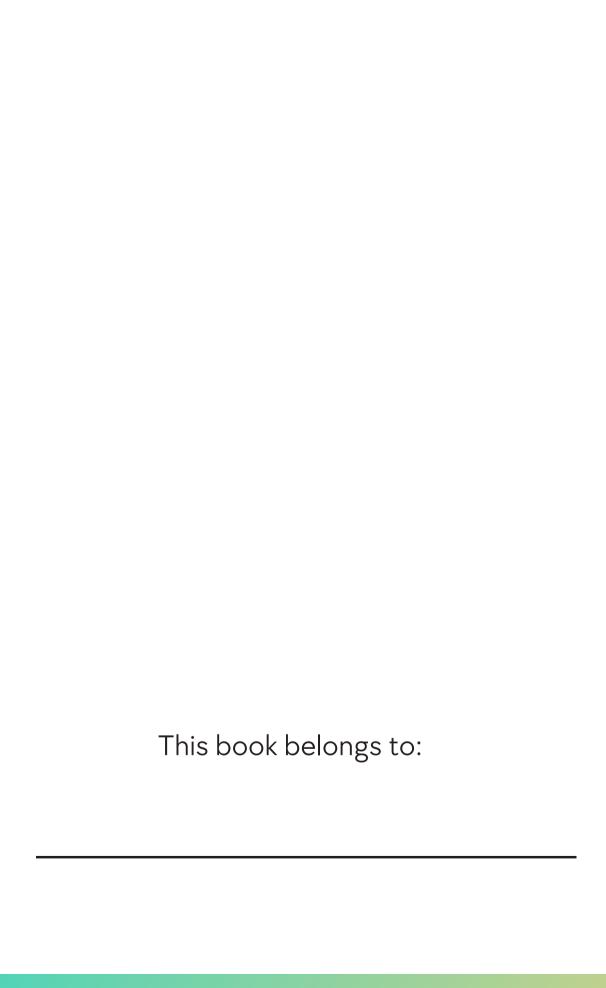
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## FROMOUR Eden eam

In the fall of 2018, a small band of men and women from around the country prepared to move their lives to Gainesville, Florida. Why Gainesville? This is the home of the Florida Gators. This is the city hosting the No. 1 public university (2024) and over 78,000 students (UF and Santa Fe College enrollments combined). We knew that the gospel impact in a cultural hub like Gainesville could be tremendous, for this city and the state of Florida. We desired to see the next generation encounter the gospel of Jesus Christ and go forth into the world with a new mission. Aided by partner churches in Florida, Salt Church held its first service in the fall of 2019.

Five years later, we stand in awe. Even through a pandemic (our first year!) and numerous church relocations, God has guided and nurtured the people of Salt Church — and He continues adding to our numbers every week. We believe that our Father is using Salt Church as an agent of change in this city. The community and campuses of Gainesville are beginning to see the impact; By the Spirit's work in our church, hundreds of students unite under Christ's banner every Thursday night at Salt Company — our ministry for college Community members find fellowship opportunities for spiritual growth. Children and youth ministries are emerging. A growing number of students spend their summers spreading the good news in other nations. Steadily, more members leave for long-term global work. All of this fruit, and we sing, "The Lord is our strength and our song" (Psalm 118).

Encouraged as we are, one great hurdle lies between Salt Church and the dream to MULTIPLY our impact on the Campus, in our Community, and Beyond. It hasn't changed since 2019; Salt Church needs a home. And if we fail to meet this challenge, all three elements of the MULTIPLY vision suffer. The Campus suffers because we are forced to send away scores of spiritually lost, curious students from crowded weekly gatherings. The Community suffers because we have fewer opportunities to meet, serve, and shape the families of Gainesville. And national and international church-planting efforts "Beyond" our city suffer due to our limited capacity. Ultimately, we desire to empower God's people and invest His resources with excellence; without a home, a lot of sideways energy goes into setting up and tearing down instead of equipping the saints. With the stability a home affords, we will be better positioned to "send out laborers into His harvest field" (Luke 10:2).

As an Elder Team, we believe Salt Church's next chapter is titled "MULTIPLY" a two-year expression of our church's vision to see the Kingdom through our local church spread on the Campus, in our Community, and Beyond through our local church. We will need 100% participation from our church and this Guidebook clarifies how to participate in the vision. Carry this book with you to Sunday services and Connection Groups, commit to the reading plan and prayer guide, and pray for obedience and joy as we journey together.

With you and full of faith,

Elder Team

Paul Sabino, Jordan Prihoda Ricky Telg, Brandon West



## HISTORY OF

August 21, 2019: Salt
Company kicks off in UF's
Union—160 students show up.
We were stunned!

August 25, 2019: Salt Church launches at Kanapaha Middle School in Gainesville —250 people come. What?!

By the end of 2019, 103 attend Salt Company, 160 attend Salt Church, and 4 people are baptized.

2019

January: Northwest Baptist Church agrees to let our growing Church use its empty fellowship hall as a temporary home.

"Salt Company International" is born.

We send our first student missionary.

By the end of 2021, 176 attend Salt Company, 259 attend Salt Church, and 13 more people are baptized.

2021

### 2020

February: 44 UF Salt Company students arrive in lowa for their first–ever national "Salt Company Conference!"

March: Our services go online due to the pandemic.

August: Masked and sitting 6 feet apart in camping chairs, Salt Church begins to meet outside on the lawn of Oaks Church..

November: Salt Company moves to a UF parking garage for Thursday nights.

By the end of 2020, 150 attend Salt Company, 152 attend Salt Church, and 18 more people are baptized.

### 2022

February: Salt Company
Conference attendance doubles
from the year before!

May: We send our first team of students overseas.

August: In a crazy turn of events, UF's Jewish Center, the Hillel, becomes Salt Church's new home.

By the end of 2022, 224 attend Salt Company, 342 attend Salt Church, and 65 more people are baptized.

## SALT CHURCH

Salt Company Conference attendance triples from the first year.

May: Two summer teams head to the Nations!

August: We plant 10:02 Church in Orlando

400+ internationals attend Salt

Company International's welcome party

Our Church family partners with nonprofit Anew along with Sira and Foster Florida

By the end of 2023, 402 attend Salt Company, 429 attend Salt Church, and 43 more people are baptized.

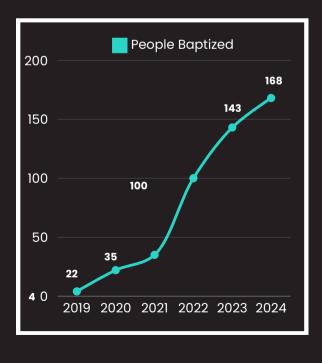
2023

### **PAST**

Salt Church: 160 attendees Salt Company: 103 attendees

### **PRESENT**

Salt Church: 705 attendees Salt Company: 645 attendees



2024

January: Salt Company Conference attendance quadruples from the first year.

January: Students and community members begin a 10-week "Disciple Making Intensive" (DMI).

May: Four summer teams go to the nations.

August: Two new DMI groups (25 people) form over the summer, and an intensive "9-month group" starts.

As of Spring 2024, 645 attend Salt Company, 705 attend Salt Church, and 25 more people are baptized.





ON THE CAMPUS
IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND BEYOND

FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST

# What is a B L Y

**MULTIPLY** is a two-year expression of our vision on the *campus*, in our *community*, and *beyond*. God has called us to **MULTIPLY** disciples in our neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, and across the globe. To house the expanding family that God continues to build at Salt Church, we must move into a new home, a welcoming space that can accommodate our growing number of college students and families. **MULTIPLY** is a two-year financial commitment to accomplish this faith-stretching, exciting vision, requiring 100% involvement from our people. Join us on this journey, and let's **MULTIPLY** our impact for the gospel and see King Jesus enthroned in the hearts of more disciples.

ON THE Campus

IN OUR Community



We long for the next generation to follow Jesus Christ. Grounded in the local church, we envision a movement of college students rooted in Christ's love, encouraged by His people, and positioned to bear fruit for a lifetime by:

- Utilizing new space for large group gatherings and equipping classes.
- Developing more leaders through serving opportunities, internships, and residencies.
- Welcoming international students and introducing them to Christ.

The primary mission field for our church is Gainesville. We want to share and show the gospel by faithfully serving all demographics. Together, we can accomplish this by:

- Creating a functional space for children, youth, and family ministries.
- Advancing the gospel through equipping events and creative outreach initiatives.
- Increasing our support and involvement with our local partnerships.

God's mission field knows no geographic boundaries. God calls us to take the gospel to those who have not heard. We will represent Christ and his Kingdom throughout the world by:

- Sending out church-planting teams to university cities in the state of Florida.
- Forming short-term international missions opportunities for people of every age.
- Training and mobilizing long-term missionaries to unreached people groups.

# NEXT STEPS

The vision is BIG! And it is only possible when all of us work together. Over the next two years, we are inviting you into this vision. Are you ready? Let's Multiply!

Jungalia 100% PARTICIPATION

As we pursue this vision together, there are a few steps we are asking you to take.

### 1. PRAY

2. COMMIT

Pray for our church and our city: that our efforts to take the gospel to the campus, community, and beyond will be successful. God is calling each of us to MULTIPLY. Pray and ask God how He is calling you to participate over the next two years.

Say "I'm in!" by filling out a commitment card and making a financial commitment for the next two years. Help us reach 100% participation as we MULTIPLY together.

### 3. MULTIPLY

Be a leader by joining us in MULTIPLY, coming on Sunday mornings, and inviting others to participate.





At Salt Church, we love our college students. **Our network of churches focuses on reaching the next generation** because they are the nation's next *leaders* and *world changers*. We long to encounter students in this formative time of life and to share with them the life-changing news of the gospel. How deep and far could the gospel go from one of the *nation's most prestigious public universities*? The MULTIPLY vision furthers our mission in various ways.

### **SPACE**

Salt Company is growing rapidly. We are seeing students not only maxing out our designated space, but now sitting outside the current meeting room just to be a part of what God is doing. By fundraising and securing a home for Salt Church, the door to outreach initiatives, equipping classes, and special events is opened wide. Instead of sending newcomers away from overflowing facilities, we could host with greater capacity and impact.

#### LEADER DEVELOPMENT

Salt Company began with three staff members but now has grown to i nclude a well-rounded staff and intern team of 15. Many students are longing to use and/or develop their gifts to bless the church, and some are even considering vocational ministry during or after college. By growing Salt Church's budget and expanding our ministries, we hope to have increased opportunities for students seeking to serve, intern, or begin residencies both here, around the country, and globally.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We long to welcome the nations, and they are at our front door! **UF alone hosts** *6,000* **international students.** Most students who come to the States will never enter an American home, let alone join a Christian college ministry. By acquiring a space and pouring more resources into the exploding Salt Company International ministry, we will more effectively reach these students and—by extension—the countries they represent. We long for students to come to America for an education, but leave with the hope of salvation.





Gainesville, Florida remains the most populous city in North Central Florida. With numerous professionals in healthcare, academia, and the Alachua County School District, **Gainesville is ripe for outreach**. We want to see all young professionals, newly weds, families, and seniors *alive* in Christ and engaged in the culture-shaping work of the kingdom. MULTIPLY has a three-fold approach to fulfilling this vision – in our community.

#### **FAMILIES AND YOUTH**

Salt Church longs to offer its families *stability*, a sense of *community*, and spiritual growth opportunities for all ages. **We want to invest in the children of Salt Church and to "train them in godliness" (1 Timothy 4:6).** By having the use of a functional building, we hope to welcome more families and to accommodate fun, formative youth events. We also want to equip and guide parents as they seek to "start children off on the way they should go" (Proverbs 22:6).

### **GATHERINGS AND OUTREACH**

If Salt Church has a home, then we can officially host events! We want to have space ready on hand for all purposes. From BBQs, worship nights, and welcome brunches, to Sunday services, equipping classes, and outreach events, we can't wait for a facility to "facilitate" the ministry we long to see happen. With a clear parking lot and an intuitive building layout, we will be able to offer *structure* to visitors and members that enables growth and flourishing.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

2 Corinthians 2 tells us that "we are the fragrance of Christ," and that God, through His children, "spreads the aroma of the knowledge of Him." To this end, Salt Church has intentionally served local groups through financial partnerships and volunteer work. It has been a joy to see God bless our partners at Anew Gainesville, Foster Florida, Sira, and Idylwild Elementary School. As MULTIPLY unfolds, we long to invest deeper into our current partnerships and to seek out more ways to serve the city we love.





God commands each of His children to bring His love to the world *around* them, and the world beyond them. Jesus said that "this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations" (Matt. 24:14). **As a sender or a goer, we want to play our part**—for our joy and His glory. MULTIPLY aims to support the declaring of "His glory among the nations" (Ps. 96:3) in the following ways:

### FLORIDA OUTREACH

So far, three of the 38 churches within The Salt Network exist in our state—Salt Church (Gainesville), City Church (Tallahassee), and 10:02 Church (Orlando). By population, Florida is the third largest state in the country—we want to steward this significant opportunity well. By acting as a sending station for future church-planting teams, we intend to target roughly 30 other major university cities in Florida. With the help of more resources and emerging leaders, we intend to continue this legacy—one that we hope influences the Southeast at large.

### **SHORT-TERM MISSIONS**

Currently, Salt Church provides an eight-week-long missions opportunity for college students each summer—to date, 34 bold students have participated. However, we have people of all ages desiring to serve overseas and to participate in God's work abroad. We long to broaden our capacity so that every age can experience a short-term trip—whether during the summer months or throughout the year. With the proper funding and partners, we hope to engage mightily in global work.

### **LONG-TERM MISSIONS**

In our five years as a church, we have sent 5 long-term workers to unreached people groups and are currently preparing to send many more. In order to continue this growth, we must train, mobilize, and support healthy long-term workers. We must also create opportunities for future goers—current church members— to "see the vision" of Christ's heart for the nations and to begin taking next steps. As our church grows, we intend to channel more resources to those who are willing to be witnesses "to the ends of the Earth"!

















# GENEROSITY SENEROSITY

We see it everywhere in the Bible "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). We actually believe this is a **truth-statement about reality.** That's why we see the kingdom work ahead of us as a "dual" gift—both a blessing to Salt Church (and its mission!) and an invaluable blessing to the hearts of givers. Among Jesus' teachings, none gets more airtime than "money." With astonishing accuracy, money reveals our hearts' deepest desires.

As a church that desires to help people take their next step with Jesus, we believe that our next step is towards faith-filled, kingdom-anticipating generosity. We are inviting you to join us in Jesus' command to "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys" (Matt 6:20). On one hand, giving impresses the reality of the future kingdom more deeply into our minds; we train our hearts to desire and depend on Heaven and we anticipate God's promised reward. On the other hand, we begin to taste the selfless joy of serving and enriching others; we begin to feel how Jesus feels because we are doing what he does. Whether increasing your current giving or beginning this practice for the first time, we are eager to experience the dual gift of generosity together as we devote ourselves to the MULTIPLY opportunity.

## FIRST TIME GIVER I am giving for the first time.

This is where any and all givers begin. To become the generous people God desires us to be, we must grow and change; this is the first step on that transformative journey! Take your first step by giving today.

# OCCASIONAL GIVER I give irregularly.

Many disciples of Christ give inconsistently, based on emotion or a lower priority in their monthly budget. The next step for the occasional giver is to practice faithful percentage giving. This step begins by setting up a recurring gift based on a fixed percentage of all streams of income.



### CONSISTENT GIVERS I give consistently, but less than I could.

The consistent giver has committed to regularly giving a percentage of their income. They have proactively oriented their budget around generosity. The next step of growth for a consistent giver is to assess the percentage they give monthly. Some make it a goal to increase their giving by 1% every year.

### GENEROUS GIVERS I go above and beyond to give to God's work.

Like the Macedonian believers of 2 Corintians 8, "with abundant joy" these Christ followers strive to give "beyond their ability". The generous giver possesses a cheerful, God-transformed heart, that dreams with joy of how to give more!

## SACRIFICAL GIVERS I give until it hunts!

The sacrificial giver revolves all of their resources around the Kingdom of God. Like an elite athlete with tremendous physical discipline, sacrificial givers give until it hurts! They regularly say no to their dreams to say yes to God. These givers are faith-filled servants who happily empty their accounts in this life with an unflinching gaze on the rewards coming in the life to come.

Let's find where we are in the grace of giving and with faith and joy in Christ, take the next step in our discipline of generosity.

# THE NUMBERS giving breakdawn

From November 2024 to December 2026, we desire to raise a total of \$7 million to fuel the MULTIPLY vision and its three-part focus. **Our goal is for the Salt Church family to raise \$3 million of that total.** 

#### **FUNDING PLAN:**

Financing: \$2,000,000 Salt Church Support \$3,000,000 Outside Contributor \$2,000,000

**Total Budget** 

\$7,000,000

### **VISION FUND**

**ON THE CAMPUS** 

IN OUR COMMUNITY

**AND BEYOND** 



### GIVING GUIDE

As we have said, our vision hinges on faith and full Salt Church family participation! To give a practical path forward, we have put together a guide that may help you determine the level at which to give over the next two years. We encourage you to locate your "level" of current giving on the guide, and then to pray about a "new" level of giving for the next two years. Whatever you decide, may it be with a cheerful heart and a Kingdom vision!



### **OUR GOAL**

COMMITMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	CUMULATIVE
1	500,000	500,000	500,000
1	250,000	250,000	750,000
2	100,000	200,000	950,000
3	75,000	225,000	1,175,000
5	50,000	225,000	1,425,000
7	35,000	250,000	1,670,000
14	25,000	350,000	2,020,000
20	15,000	300,000	2,320,000
30	10,000	300,000	2,620,000
40	5,000	200,000	2,820,000
50	2,500	125,000	2,945,000
60	1,200	125,000	3,017,000

# Commitment Card

By the end of the MULTIPLY teaching series, we are asking everyone to express their financial contribution with a **Commitment Card**. We will turn these in on November 3rd. While the card is not binding, it will be a helpful tool for tracking our financial progress over the next two years. Until **November 3rd**, please pray earnestly about God's invitation for you in the MULTIPLY campaign. Consider reviewing the Giving Guide on the previous page to help you decide your contribution amount.

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### **MULTIPLY**

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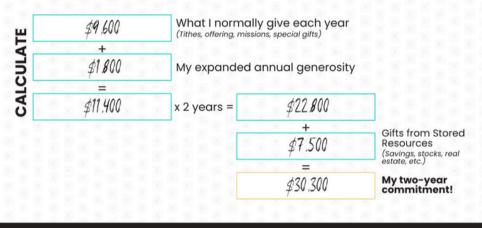
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Tell us why you

### **MY COMMITMENT**

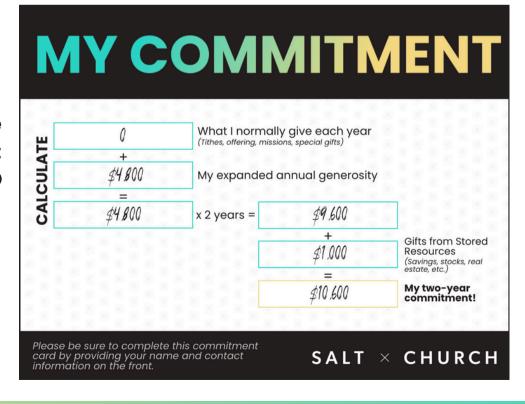


Please be sure to complete this commitment card by providing your name and contact information on the front.

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### First Time Giver Example:

**Card Example:** 





### FROM OUR Campus



How did you first find Salt Church and how has it become home? I searched for "Churches at UF" on Google and found Salt Church. I vividly remember attending a Sunday service that August of my freshman year, feeling overwhelmed with anxiety as I walked in. Yet, as I listened to the sermon, it felt as though the pastor was speaking directly to my innermost thoughts. Past experiences had left me feeling disconnected from church communities, but that day's message centered on the concept of church as a loving community, designed by God to be a family. After my first service, I met my connection group leader for the year. Despite my skepticism about joining a new church community, God gently nudged me out of my comfort zone. Gradually, Salt Church became my home. Now I serve as a Salt Company Connection Group leader and a graphic designer on the Salt Creatives team. God made me an artist, and it's fulfilling to see my gifts leveraged for the kingdom.

How have you grown while at Salt Church and Salt Company?

Salt Church became a channel that God has used to position me for transformation. Salt Company's 2022 Fall Retreat was where He taught me how to listen when He said He loved me. For the first time, I believed it! Only in the past two years have I truly grasped what it means to worship God in spirit and truth. There were many firsts. I had Christian mentors for the first time. I confessed sin for the first time at a connection group. God broke many sin cycles that had enslaved me. Being both discipled and discipling others shaped my character. I cannot imagine what my spiritual life would look like without community.

How is Salt Church helping you to reach the Campus? Salt's emphasis on sending out laborers and creating community makes it easy to invite others into Christ-centered fellowship. I could point any stranger to any connection group and know with assurance that they would be loved/discipled well. Salt Company outreach events like Kickoff and Beach Retreat make it easy to invite classmates to a place where I know they will hear the gospel. Furthermore, our church's (and network's) emphasis on Luke 10:2 shows the mission of multiplication implemented at Salt.



What do you do in Gainesville, and how did you find Salt Church? Hey everyone, my name is Josh and I am originally from Daytona Beach Florida. About a year ago, my wife Olivia and I made the move down to Gainesville. Right now, I am a nurse at Shands. I originally found out about Salt Church from a neighbor at my apartment complex. She had a fellow coworker that was heavily involved at Salt, and that coworker invited all of us to come for a Sunday service! Soon, we were sold. So far, my wife and I have loved how every sermon is Bible-centered with a gospel focus. All of the community opportunities have also helped us to easily plug in at Salt.

How has Salt Church challenged you to grow as a disciple of Christ and as a leader? About a month ago, I remember coming back to my car after hitting a few golf balls at a local range. Looking down to check my phone, I saw that I was added to a group chat with Paul Sabino and about 15 other numbers. Paul had challenged all of us to join a study on the book, "Lead" by Paul David Tripp. On top of the weekly meetings, we were paired with a daily accountability partner and received special challenges throughout the week to grow our relationship with Christ. God has not called us to live this Christian life alone. God has firmly taught me that community involvement is so vitally important for growing one's relationship with Him; I'm so thankful for community groups like this that help me do just that.

What excites you about your next season in Gainesville?

I'm very excited to get involved with The Salt Company for the fall semester. College can be a confusing time for many different reasons, and I would love to help pour into students who are hearing the gospel for the very first time. Additionally, I'm excited to be a part of the worship team and to use the gifts God has given me to glorify Him. And as always, I'm very excited for the Florida Gator games this season!

# Beyond



What role
did Salt
Church play
in your
journey from
college life
to missions
work?

**Salt is family.** For this reason, I stayed 2 more years after graduating just so I could continue to grow and live with Salt. As I reflect, my time at Salt was a sweet blend of safety and stirring. Salt's leadership & community provided spiritual safety. The gospel was the foundation on which everything else was built. Then from His sacrifice for and delight in me, I was invited to take my next step into His love and will. I was equipped to reach the lost through ordinary discipleship. I was taught to deeply study His Word through Sunday preaching. I was empowered to help start Salt's international ministry. Now, I am commissioned by Salt to serve overseas. He has been so kind to give me Salt as my church family.

Why serve in Mumbai? How have you seen God move? I remember not wanting to move to Mumbai. "Too overwhelming," I thought. Then, at the Salt conference, of all places the speaker could have said, he spoke of India. India has the highest number of unreached people groups (UPG) of any country. In my city alone, there are over 500 UPGs. When I heard that, I involuntarily started bawling. The need was overwhelming! In Mumbai, one of the largest temples dedicated to the idol Ganesh stands. As people are shoved through railed lines, for a few seconds they ask for their heart's desire before a miniature statue of an elephant (Ganesh). Every year, \$1.8 million flows through this temple. On its busier days, Ganesh is worshiped by a record 1,500,000 devotees. Think of all those prayers, all those hearts crying out to a god that cannot save, let alone hear or speak. I give my life so that the unreached would know Him!

How does
Salt
Church's
support help
the Mumbai
team?

Financially, I wouldn't be here if not for Salt Church's support. But relationally, I'm benefitting from Salt sending people like Cheney/Josiah to visit me and sending summer teams to my city. All of this tangibly connects me back to Salt; our partnership builds gospel momentum in this city. Salt's heart for my region allows us to labor on behalf of it together, reflecting the biblical model of reaching the ends of the earth via the church. Also, Salt members reading my letters, texting me, and video chatting me throughout my time here—such wind in my sails!

# SPECIAL EVENTS



NOVEMBER 3RD
COMMITMENT
SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17TH
CELEBRATION
SUNDAY



## IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK ONE: OCTOBER 6TH

**MULTIPLY OUR VISION** 

WEEK TWO: OCTOBER 13TH

**MULTIPLY OUR COMMUNITY** 

WEEK THREE: OCTOBER 20TH

**MULTIPLY OUR BOLDNESS** 

WEEK FOUR: OCTOBER 27TH

**MULTIPLY OUR DEPENDENCE** 

WEEK FIVE: NOVEMBER 3RD

**MULTIPLY OUR GENEROSITY** 

WEEK SIX: NOVEMBER 17TH

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY** 



#### What is "MULTIPLY"?

MULTIPLY is a two-year expression of our vision to minister on the campus, in our community, and beyond. Within this vision is a two-year-long financial campaign that will fuel all of our efforts. MULTIPLY's success will depend upon 100% of our church family's participation.

#### • Why is it called "MULTIPLY"?

Even in our branding, we have always had a thin "x" in the middle of our name, Salt Church. This represents our passion for the gospel, disciples, and the Kingdom to multiply in Gainesville and beyond. We want the hope of Heaven to spread. We want growing numbers of people worshiping Jesus and experiencing "life abundant" in His presence. We want disciples who make disciples. To the ends of the Earth, we desire to MULTIPLY!

#### Are we trying to buy a building or rent a space?

Our greatest desire is to purchase a building. We believe this would move us towards greater stability and permanence in this community. In the event that we are unable to purchase a building, we believe our next best option is signing a long-term lease somewhere that meets our square footage, parking, and campus-proximity needs. Our elders are exploring all of these options at present.

#### • What will my money go towards?

Your giving will fund Salt Church's ministry vision for the next 2 years on the campus, in our community and BEYOND.

Additionally, this giving also includes the purchase of a long term home. We desire all who call Salt Church their home to prayerfully fill out a commitment card (see p. 25) and turn it in on November 3rd, Commitment Sunday. This card will help our elders make wise financial decisions throughout our two-year giving journey. Keep in mind that the sum on your commitment card should represent the next TWO years worth of your current giving + expanded giving + gifts from stored resources.

#### • What is the timeline for the MULTIPLY vision?

The MULTIPLY teaching series will run from October 6th–November 3rd. During these 5 weeks, we will also engage in a daily, digital prayer journey and participate in a 3-week excursion – like prayer tour – more details to come on both. We finish our 5-week teaching series on November 3rd — Commitment Sunday. Celebration Sunday is two weeks later, November 17th. The financial timeline runs from November 3rd, 2024 through December of 2026. As we journey forward, we will continually highlight stories, provide financial updates, and celebrate landmark moments along the way!

#### What is Salt Church's vision for sourcing the necessary funds?

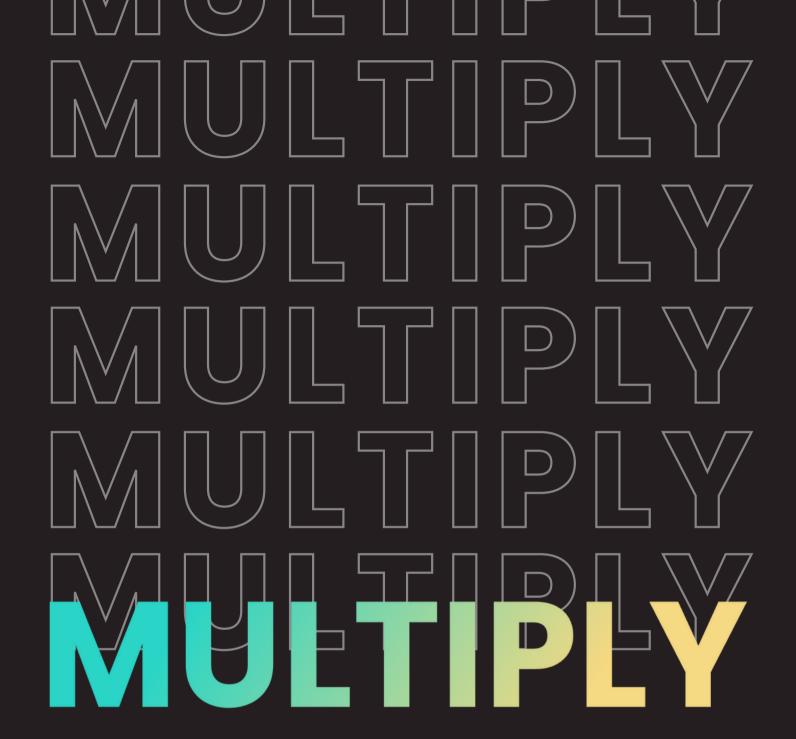
If Salt Church proceeds with the building we are attempting to purchase, our 2-year financial goal is to raise \$3 million from the Salt church community, secure \$2 million in bank financing, and obtain the remaining \$2 million from external donors, such as partner churches and other outside contributors.

#### • How can I give to MULTIPLY?

Giving to MULTIPLY is simple and easy! On Salt Church's website, there is a "Give" button that will take you straight to our MULTIPLY (general) fund. For any additional one-time gifts that you would like to make during the two-year campaign, follow the same giving procedure!

#### I might be moving in the next 2 years. Should I still turn in a 2-year commitment card for MULTIPLY?

Absolutely. James 4 helps us realize that none of us knows the future. We encourage everyone to give in light of the present we do know instead of the future we do not. Additionally, if the Lord does lead you outside of Gainesville over the next two years, we trust that your next church home would rejoice in your Kingdomminded commitment to see lives changed and a ministry flourish in a different part of God's greater harvest field.



x His Glory

x Our Joy

x Kingdom Impact



TITLE: MULTIPLY OUR VISION

**SCRIPTURE: ACTS 1:1-14** 

MAIN IDEA: THE GOSPEL MOVEMENT IS LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, FUELED BY THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS, AND SENT TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

NOTES



TITLE: MULTIPLY OUR COMMUNITY

**SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:42-47** 

MAIN IDEA: THE CHURCH GOD ENVISIONS LOOKS A LOT LIKE THE BEST THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION EVER—A GROWING FAMILY THAT LOVES GOD, DELIGHTS IN EACH OTHER, AND MAKES ROOM FOR EVEN MORE AT THE TABLE.

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#### WEEKTHREE

TITLE: MULTIPLY OUR BOLDNESS

**SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:1-22** 

MAIN IDEA: CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST'S CLAIMS AND POWER THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLES SUPERNATURAL BRAVERY.

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#### WEEK FOUR

TITLE: MULTIPLY OUR DEPENDENCE

**SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:23-31** 

MAIN IDEA: AMIDST CULTURAL PRESSURE AND OPPOSITION TO THE FAITH, WE CAN TRUST THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE POWER, JOY, AND BOLDNESS AS WE PRAY WITH UTTER DEPENDENCE.

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#### WEEKFIVE

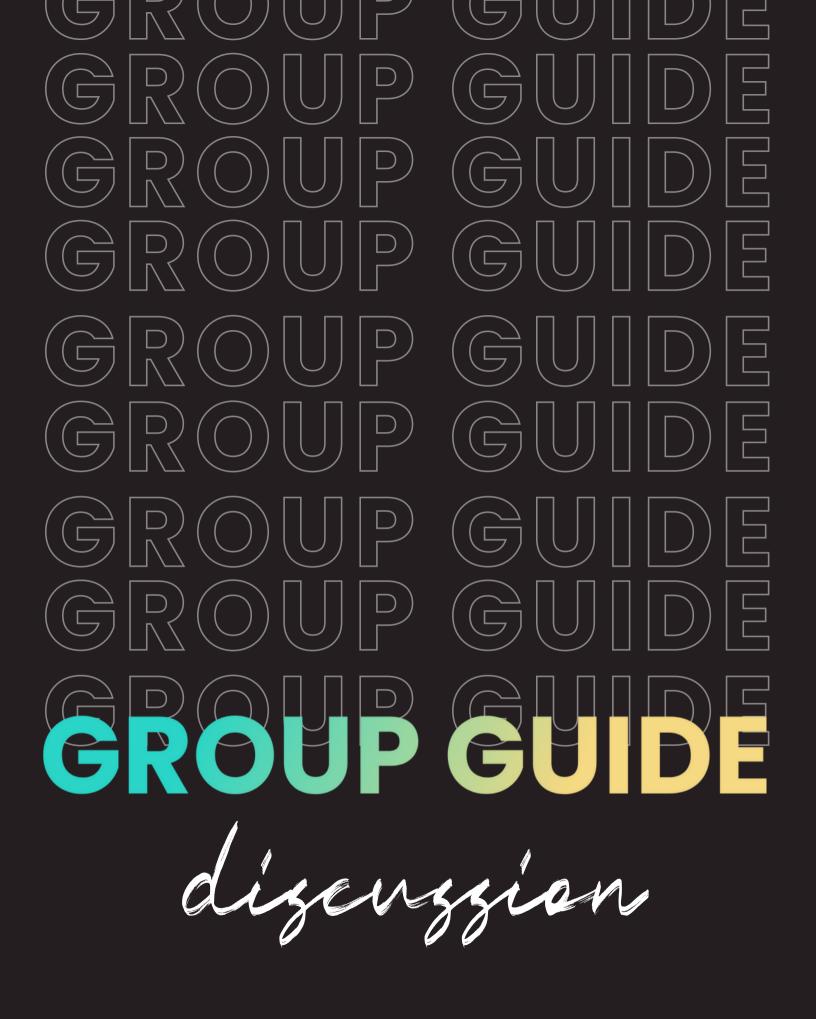
**TITLE: MULTIPLY OUR GENEROSITY** 

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 4:32-37, 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9

MAIN IDEA: WITH THIS WORLD FADING AND HEAVEN APPROACHING, OUR GREATEST JOY AND MOST LOGICAL DECISION REMAINS RADICAL FINANCIAL GENEROSITY.

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#### WEEK ONE Muttiply Our Vision

**SCRIPTURE** 

Acts 1:1-14

GETTING STARTED What is Multiply? Consider replaying the video and share about how it impacted you last Sunday.

- 1. Why is the Father's promise of the Holy Spirit essential for the work laid out before the disciples? How do we awaken to His presence and function in our lives?
- 2. What does the disciples' question, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?" reveal about their understanding of Jesus' work on Earth? What might they have felt upon hearing that the Gospel was for "the ends of the Earth"?
- 3. What might the disciples have felt walking back to Jerusalem? How do you feel right now as a disciple of Christ waiting for Jesus' return?
- 4. What is the purpose of being "continually united in prayer" while we wait? (v14).

- 1. With the "ends of the Earth" in mind, to whom will you show or share the gospel? How will you follow-through? Where, or to whom, do you not want the gospel to go?
- 2. How will you practically unite in prayer with others this week? (Set up a plan for accountability before leaving group. We obey by taking action!)

#### PRAY

Spend time...

- Thanking God for the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Praying for lost people that the Spirit brings to mind
- Asking God for the power to obey his command so that gospel impact is multiplied to love those different from us.

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## WEEK TWO Muttiply Our Community

**SCRIPTURE** 

Acts 2:42-47

GETTING STARTED Replay the video shown on Sunday. How has it personally impacted you?
On a scale of 1-10, how close do you feel to your community? Who is in your community?

- 1. Acts 2:42 lists four objectives to which the new believers devoted themselves: teachings, fellowship, breaking of the bread, and prayer. What do these mean? How do we follow suit?
- 2. We see that the people "held all things in common," "sold their possessions," and "distributed the proceeds to all." How is their practice different from ours?
- 3. This new community is "joyful," "sincere," "praising God," and "enjoying the favor of all the people." They are living the good life. And every day, more people joined the family. What can we learn about effectively reaching the lost world according to this passage? How does this passage broaden our concept of "evangelism"?
- 4. What selfish desires are holding you back from the good life?

- 1. What would it look like for you to increase your devotion to meeting with God's people weekly for teachings, fellowship, breaking of bread (eating together), and prayer?
- 2. How will you fight to be communal and generous in your daily rhythms?
- 3. What is one step you can take this week to counteract our western culture of wealth and individualism? (Set up a plan for accountability before leaving group. We obey by taking action!)

PRAY

Choose 8 people to each read one of the verses below and briefly pray through the verse on behalf of the group.

Proverbs 18:1, Proverbs 19:17, Galatians 6:2, Romans 12:4-5, Proverbs 27:17, Romans 12:16, John 15:12-13, Hebrews 10:24-25

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## WEEK THREE Muttiply Our Baldness

**SCRIPTURE** 

Acts 4:1-22

GETTING STARTED Replay the video shown on Sunday and share about how it personally impacted you.

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- 1. Peter and John are recorded saying, "we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard" (v20). Take a moment to encourage one another about what you have seen God do recently. How is he freeing you? Has he done a miracle you know about? If so, share.
  - 2. Acts says that Peter is "filled with the Holy Spirit" right before he witnesses to the Sanhedrin. Didn't Peter already have the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit help Peter?
  - 3. The account takes care to note that these apostles were "uneducated" and "untrained." Why?
  - 4. Not long ago, Peter and John were hiding from religious leaders, but now they are boldly proclaiming truth. What can we learn from them about "witnessing"—either in the content of their message or in their delivery?

How can we begin talking about the truths of God to both fellow believers and lost people? Consider how you can share the gospel of Christ and/or what God has done for you (past or recent activity!) this week.

(Set up a plan for accountability before leaving group. We obey by taking action!)

#### PRAY

Every member of the group offers a prayer of gratitude for something they have witnessed God do for them or someone they know. Then, every member prays for one person in their life whom they will talk to about Jesus and/or the activity of God in their lives.

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## WEEK FOUR Muttiply Our Dependence

**SCRIPTURE** 

Acts 4:23-31

GETTING STARTED Replay the video shown on Sunday and share about how it personally impacted you. Why is prayer so important? What happens when we stop believing in the power of prayer?

- 1. This is a powerful passage that shows us what the early church prayed about. What kind of things were they praying for? How is that similar or different from the things you find yourself praying about?
- 2. What does your current prayer life look like? How do you spend time alone with God in prayer? With others?
- 3. Take a hard look at verse 31. What is the link between prayer and the Holy Spirit? Why do you think prayer is a variable in God's actions at all?
- 4. Briefly discuss a few of these verses concerning prayer: Mark 11:24, James 5:16, Matthew 26:41, Ephesians 8:16, James 5:13.

How can you take a step forward in your prayer life? Consider *what* to pray, *how* to pray, *when* to pray, and *who* you could potentially pray with as you discuss.

Include in your regular prayers that God would MULTIPLY Salt Church's kingdom impact on the campus, in our community, and beyond.

#### PRAY

The way the early church prayed was the same way Jesus taught His disciples to pray in the Lord's Prayer ("He is worthy, we are needy"). Use the text we just read and the prompts below to pray together.

- "Father, we thank You that You \_\_\_\_\_
- "Father, help me/us to \_\_\_\_\_"

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## WEEK FIVE Muttiply Our Generasity

**SCRIPTURE** 

Acts 4:32-37

GETTING STARTED Replay the video shown on Sunday and share about how it personally impacted you. Does the heart follow how we spend our money or does our spending of money follow the heart?

- 1. Barnabas' name, "son of encouragement," springs from his act of generosity in verse 37. What stands out to you about his generosity?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7. What made it possible for this church to "beg to give" to God's work? What did they understand that we must learn?
- 3. What is the connection between God's generosity in the gospel and our generosity with our finances?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 9. Do you believe in the "universal law" of verse 6? What do you observe in verses 7–9 that surprises you?

As we seek to MULTIPLY kingdom impact as a church, how can we "encourage" others around us towards radical generosity like Barnabas?

How do you sense God practically calling you to take a step in generosity?

Choose a verse to memorize that will renew your mind to believe that the path of happiness is the path of generosity. Share this truth with the group and dwell on it throughout the MULTIPLY campaign.

#### PRAY

Pray for the following four categories:

- Insight to see our generosity motivated by and flowing from God's generosity.
- Faith to believe in the blessing of generosity.
- Fun while pursuing creative and sacrificial ways to participate in MULTIPLY.
- Follow-through to give the pledged amount and walk with community in accountability.

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