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“I tell you the truth,
if your faith is as big as a
mustard seed, you can
say to this mountain,
‘Move from here to
there,’ and it will move.
**All things will be
possible for you.”**

- Jesus



Matthew 17:20

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BEYOND

Dear Brooklife,

We want to change the world and leave a legacy. We desire for our lives to have meaning and purpose. This desire is as natural to us as our desire for a cold, refreshing glass of water on a hot summer day. Books, articles, and videos aplenty have been written to give us the answer to satisfy our souls' longing, and many of them have some derivation of the word "leadership" in the title. Why? Well, to make an impact you have to lead - you have to be daring, courageous and bold. But what if our daring, courage and boldness don't come from leading the charge? What if they come from following Jesus as He leads the charge? What if the key to making a difference and leaving a legacy in

this world and the next is actually following God? What if true bravery and boldness come from letting God lead?

Well, that's what we believe. We believe that the "Leader" of Brooklife is Jesus Himself - that Brooklife is Jesus' church, and that we, as His followers, get to be part of what He is doing to

change the world by transforming people. We have decided that we will only go where Jesus takes us and wherever He takes us, we will go. We know He always takes His people far Beyond anything they could have imagined.

Jesus has literally called each and every one of us to "Follow Him" (Matthew 4:18-20), to let Him lead us where He will, trusting that wherever He takes us, it will be Beyond our wildest dreams (Ephesians 3:20). Rarely does God reveal to us His entire path or plan; instead, He gives us light as if from a lamp (Psalm 119:105), which reveals just a little way ahead, but that little way lets us see His footsteps, His ways, and His truth.

**TO MAKE AN IMPACT
YOU HAVE TO LEAD - YOU
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COURAGEOUS AND BOLD.**

Our confidence to keep following no matter how rough the terrain, how steep the path, or how long the journey comes from knowing that we are following God Himself, and He not only knows where we are going, He empowers our every step to lead us into something bigger than you or me - bigger than us. It is a God-thing we've been invited to participate in, doing what we can and trusting God to multiply it, as only He can, into something Beyond our imaginations, Beyond our capacities, Beyond our dreams, Beyond our understanding, Beyond me and Beyond us. He's leading us into something that can only be seen as a work of God Himself!

Our great desire is that as a church family, we will all be 100% engaged in this Beyond journey. We don't want anyone to miss out on the excitement and the challenge of being a part of what God wants to do in and through us. It's time for us to be daring, courageous, and bold because we know Who is leading us.

Rob Pilant

Lead Pastor

Julie Scheibe


Executive Pastor



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WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

A scenic landscape featuring a dirt path leading through a grassy field towards a range of mountains under a cloudy sky. The image has a soft, slightly desaturated greenish tint.

We have been on a journey these last several years, desiring nothing more than to experience the presence of God in our lives and follow Him where He leads, one step at a time, while loving Him and loving people. To be honest, growing bigger hasn't been our goal. Growing in our relationship with Jesus has been our sole ambition, but in the process of growing in our relationship with Jesus, God has grown our church. We have shown Jesus' love to this community, and the community has responded by coming to see what we are all about. We've done what God called us to do, and God has been transforming people's lives in the way that only He can.

What God Has Done

ATTENDANCE

Since COVID - up 14%
Online since COVID - up 313%
Christmas '23 - 2,431
Good Friday '24 - 612
Easter '24 - 1,912

BAPTISMS: 51

VOLUNTEERS: 483



STUDENTLIFE:

Average per week - 67

Winter Camp - 62 students | 14 leaders

Fall Retreat - 73 students | 18 leaders

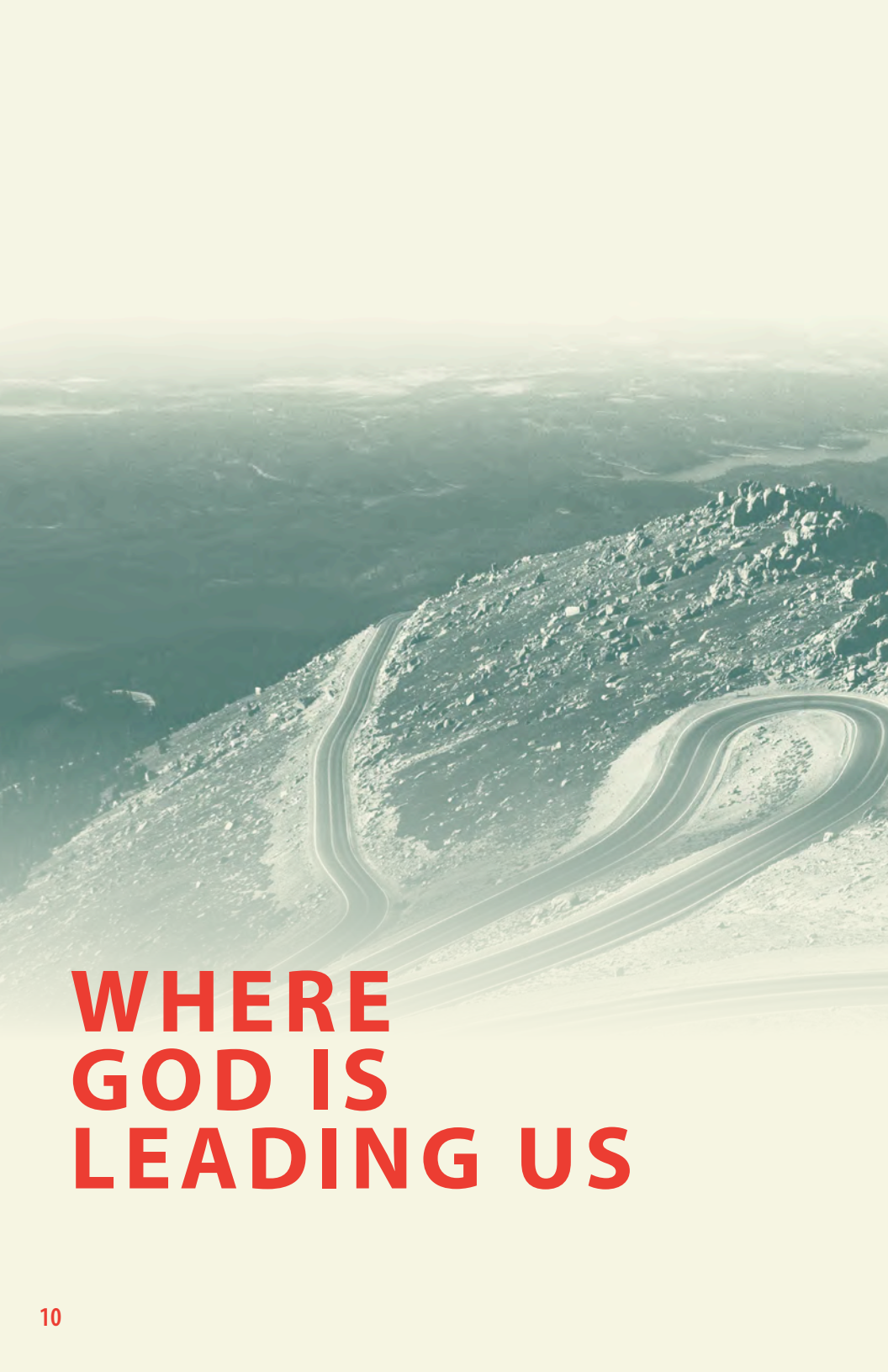
Mission Trip - 42 students | 14 leaders

KIDLIFE:

Average per week - 124

Camp Brooklife - 233





**WHERE
GOD IS
LEADING US**

God is working through Brooklife in miraculous ways and bringing more and more people into our sphere of influence. That influence brings with it the responsibility to care for people well and help them experience the love of Jesus. To better serve the people God is entrusting to us and to handle our church's growth, we need to renovate our property. It starts with adding 90-100 desperately needed parking spaces to our parking lot. Then we need to address the space and safety concerns of our rapidly-growing kids and student ministries by adding space, redesigning hallways and entryways, and creating more visibility for our incredible kid and student ministries. Next, we need to replace worn-out flooring and our faded sign and facade and create a space where families can come and play even when the weather doesn't cooperate. Our property needs to look respectable; after all, we represent Jesus to this community.

We are following God as He leads us over this mountain and into the great Beyond.

PRIMARY GOAL

100% ENGAGEMENT

EACH OF US AND ALL OF US

We challenge every person who calls Brooklife home to take their walk with Jesus to the next level:

THE NEXT LEVEL OF SURRENDER

What are we holding back from Jesus that we need to surrender to Him?

THE NEXT LEVEL OF FAITH

What next step do we need to take to move Beyond our comfort zone and into a deeper dependence upon Him?

THE NEXT LEVEL OF GENEROSITY

What new level of generosity do we need to achieve in order to express our gratitude for what He has done for us?

SECONDARY GOAL

\$9.2 MILLION

We've asked the Lord to show us where He's leading us next, and He is calling us to care for the people in this community who are being drawn to Brooklife through Him. We trust Him to move His people to invest \$9.2 million over the next two years, preparing the way for God to do what only He can do in this community.

BEYOND ME: \$4.7 MILLION

This is our operational budget for the next two years, including ministries, facilities, and staff. This is God using the church to bring change into this community.

BEYOND US: \$4.5 MILLION*

This will be the cost of renovating our building to better meet the needs of our ministries and our community. God has given us incredible influence in this community, leading many to seek God through Brooklife. He has called us to be A Place For Everyone to experience Him, and we must be ready when they come.

*The total cost of the building renovation is \$5.6 million. We anticipate financing \$1.1 million to complete the building project.

WHAT'S NEXT

PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Pray that God will work in the hearts of His people at Brooklife, and that we will listen with the intent to obey.

COMMIT FULLY

Help us reach our goal of 100% engagement by saying 'yes' to what God asks you to do and encourage others to do the same.

CELEBRATE LOUDLY

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this season. Share His handiwork enthusiastically with those around you.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

Live and give in a way that stretches you to take your faith to a whole new level of generosity.

KEY DATES

October 13- November 17

Beyond Series

November 3

Advanced Commitment Night

November 17

Commitment Sunday

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according to the power that
works in us, to Him be the glory
in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Ephesians 3:20-21

BEYOND

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ONE FUND INITIATIVE





BEYOND

is a one-fund initiative, meaning that all of our regular giving and all of our special giving over the next two years will be combined into one unified fund.

It's all one mission - all one budget; this is not just a "building campaign."

We've included a sample commitment card so you can see how a "one fund initiative" works. Please take time to pray over this card and begin to work through it; but don't worry, you'll get a brand new one on **Commitment Sunday | November 17.**



GIVING JOURNEY

TWO-YEAR GIFT:

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool—let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity in making a Place for Everyone as we seek to give it all for Him.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ONE YEAR GIFT LEVEL	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$1,000,000
1	\$750,000	\$375,000	\$31,250	\$750,000
1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$500,000
2	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$500,000
3	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$350,000
4	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$400,000
8	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$600,000
13	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$650,000
25	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$925,000
25	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$625,000
35	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$628	\$525,000
50	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$500,000
100	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$750,000
100	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$500,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$525,000
TOTAL				\$9,200,000

There are five stages in the Beyond giving journey. Where would you say you are?



INITIAL GIVER

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



CONSISTENT GIVER

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



INTENTIONAL GIVER

An Intentional Giver is someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. For example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to AT&T than I am giving to God?" or "Should my giving to God be greater than what I spend on my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize it in relation to other things on which they spend their money.



SURRENDERED GIVER

A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes the cost Christ paid on the cross for us and therefore, surrenders to honoring God with 100% of their resources. Surrendered Givers give in a way that changes them. Their giving governs their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. Surrendered Givers aren't just concerned with what they ARE giving, they are also concerned with what they're NOT giving and why. They seek to honor God with 100% of what He has given them, whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.



ETERNAL GIVER

An Eternal Giver is someone who thinks about the long-term effects of generosity rather than month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in light of eternity for the long term rather than earthly short term. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to the impact on their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver might be someone who has a lifetime giving goal which governs their larger-ticket decisions. Much like a Surrendered Giver makes a commitment that will govern his/her monthly and annual decisions, an Eternal Giver makes a lifetime or longer-term giving commitment that governs his/her larger-item purchases like homes, cars, investments, and the like.



SAMPLE
BEYOND
COMMITMENT CARD

\$ What I/we would normally give in a **YEAR** Beyond Me.

+\$ My/our expanded **ANNUAL** generosity as part of the **BEYOND** initiative.

= \$ X2 Years



\$

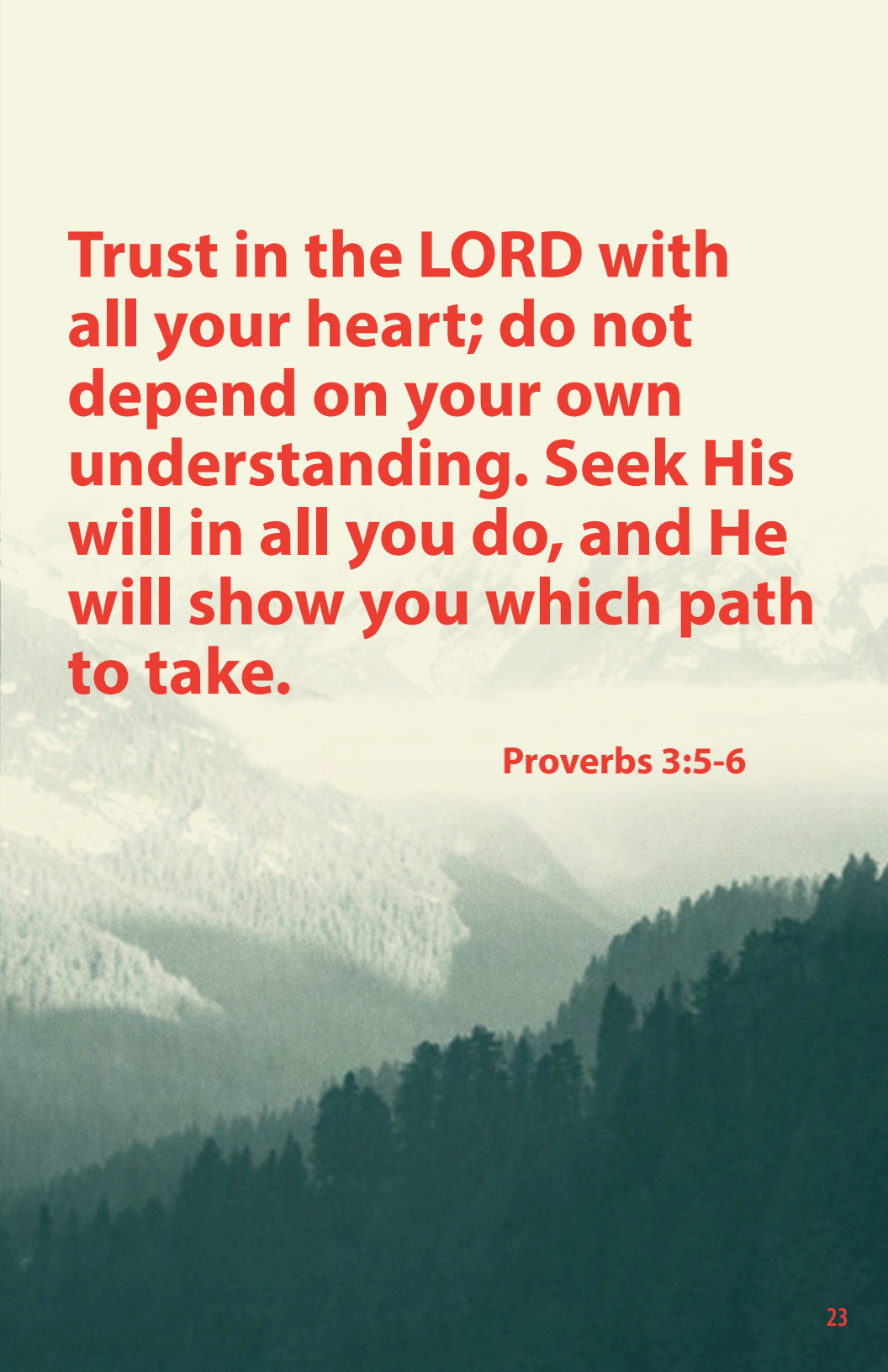
+\$
(Gifts from my/our stored resources)

MY/OUR TOTAL 2-YEAR COMMITMENT

\$

NAME PHONE

EMAIL



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

BEYOND - Session #1

Hebrews 11:1-2, 1. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2. This is what the ancients were commended for.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are some things that you have “faith in” in this world? Why do you trust it? Who are some people you have “faith in” in this world? Why do you trust them?

- If you do business with people expecting them to cheat you, how will that affect the way you do business with people? If you fear that the people closest to you will abandon or betray you, how will that affect those relationships? If you expect your kids, if you have any, to disappoint you, how will that effect your attitude toward them and their attitude toward you and life?

Define the following terms from Hebrews 11:1-2:

FAITH: _____

HOPE: _____

CERTAIN OF: _____

ANCIENTS (who is it referencing): _____

COMMENDED: _____

Do you have faith in God? _____

If you do, what does that look like in your practical day-to-day living?

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.”

Hebrews 11:1-2



BEYOND - Session #2

Mark 12:41-33, 41. *Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. 43. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

-Why do you think God approved of Abel's gift to God and not Cain's? Did it have anything to do with Abel bringing meat and Cain bringing produce?

-What does the concept of "firstfruit giving" mean to you? Where in the Bible do you see that concept playing out?

-What do you see as the purpose in why people gave their firstfruits to God in the Old Testament of the Bible? What do you see as the purpose of why people give to the church today? Should the concept of firstfruit giving apply to the New Testament like it did to the Old Testament or in other words, does firstfruit giving apply to you?

-Why was Jesus so impressed by the widow's giving versus the rich, religious leaders giving? Why is the mission of the church so important that we should sacrificially give by faith to make it happen?

-What is God asking you to do by faith during this Beyond Initiative?

**By faith he was
commended as
righteous, when God
spoke well of his
offerings.**



BEYOND - Session #3

Matthew 22:37-40, 37. *Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38. This is the first and greatest commandment. 39. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’*

Discussion Questions:

- Do you believe that people besides Noah knew that the world was heading in a bad direction? If so, do you think there were some who were trying to fix it? Do you believe that people today know that the world is heading in a bad direction? If so, how are people who aren't God-followers trying to fix it? Why are those ways doomed to fail?

- Noah was willing to do what seemed to some, maybe many, maybe all as fanatical. Why? Are you willing to be seen as a fanatic for God? Why or why not? If you're being honest, does your life reflect that?

- What does it even mean in today's world to be a fanatic for Jesus that Jesus would approve of? What does it require to live like that?

- Giving your time, your energy, your skills, and your money to accomplish God's mission will seem 'fanatical' to some. Why do you see it as a wise move, not a fanatical one?

Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:37



BEYOND - Session #4

Matthew 6:25-33, 25. *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27. Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28. “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31. So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32. For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

-Have you ever thought committing treason could be a good thing? In what instances can you think of that “treason” would be the right answer?

-Why do you believe Rahab decided to commit treason against her people, her culture, and her old gods? What kind of faith and courage would have been required to do that? What kind of faith and courage does it require for someone to choose to make Jesus God of their lives?

-Why is it so hard for us to trust God for our food, water, clothing or for what we need to live? Why have you come to believe that is bad thinking? How have you seen God provide for your needs?

-What next steps does Rahab's story of extravagant faith inspire you to take? How does God's promise to take care of your needs free you to pursue His kingdom with all of your life, your time, your energy, you skills and your finances?



BEYOND - Session #5

Matthew 4:19-20, 19. *“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”* 20. *At once they left their nets and followed him.*

2 Timothy 1:6-7, 6. *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.* 7. *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

-Does it bring you comfort knowing that God worked through many, many people who had doubts about God’s ability to do what He says He will do? When it comes to following God into this next step for Brooklife, the Beyond Initiative, what fears are you going to have to face?

-What is the difference between someone who has no fears and someone who has fears but does what needs to be done anyway? Take a minute to read Matthew 26:36-44. Do you think Jesus had no fear or do you think He had fear but He had more faith?

-2 Timothy 1:6-7 says that Timothy was anointed for the work God called Him to. Have you thought about the fact that as a follower of Jesus you have been anointed by God to do the work of God, to help people be transformed by God? What does living out that calling look like? How is it powerful? How is loving? How is it disciplined?

-What is God asking you to do as your part in what God is leading our church to do during this Beyond Initiative? How can you accomplish your part with power, love and discipline?

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19



- **When will construction begin?** It is our intention for construction to begin in March of 2025.
- **Will the church be shut down during parts of construction?** We will not be shut down during the construction, although at times part of the building might not be available.
- **Why are we only raising \$4.5 when we need \$5.6?** In assessing our financial capacity as a church, we feel that seeking to raise \$5.6M would be too aggressive and too unreasonable to put on our people and may not result in a positive experience for our giving initiative. So we are planning to finance the remainder of the project so that we can invite our Brooklife family to contribute very significantly and in a healthily aggressive manner towards the \$4.5M, and we will rejoice and utilize any overages to pay down that debt that we might receive over the \$4.5M.
- **How long is my commitment?** We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment to the Beyond Initiative. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin in December 2024 and culminate in December 2026.
- **What are you asking me to do?** First and foremost, we ask that you pray and seek God's guidance on what He asks of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him and listen to what He says. Join a group this season if you aren't already part of one. Engage in personal reflection with God in the Beyond Guide you receive. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life. We ask that you make a surrendered commitment to generosity - whatever God leads you to do, follow Him. Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. We serve an awesome God, and He will move in remarkable ways. We anticipate an unprecedented impact from our collective Beyond commitments - something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 17, 2024, and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will be remembered as a defining moment for our church and faith.

• **Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give toward Beyond?** Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give. You might have some stock, property, or other items. Or you may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He might call you to give during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Meghan Giese at mgiese@brooklife.org to make a gift of this type.

• **What if I have never given to Brooklife before?** The Beyond Initiative was explicitly designed with you in mind. Beyond is a “one fund” generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to not only regularly give to the church’s general fund but also asked to give to a special project or building fund - creating TWO steps for people who aren’t yet giving. By doing a “one fund” Initiative with Beyond, we’re saying that every dime given to Brooklife over the next two years goes towards Beyond. You don’t need to be a regular giver already to participate. Beyond is a call to sacrificial, gospel-centered generosity for everyone at Brooklife. If you have never given, this is your chance to get in the game and commit to God’s work. We hope you will.

• **What if I am new to Brooklife?** Beyond is about the vision of our church. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give toward and would love for you to make Brooklife your church. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time to put a stake in the ground and make this your church.

• **Where do I stay up to date on all things Beyond?** For more information about Beyond, stop by the Beyond display area inside Brooklife Church or go to the Beyond website, which is: beyond.brooklife.org.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

If you have a question we didn’t answer in our FAQs, please contact Meghan Giese at mgiese@brooklife.org.

F.A.Q.



We exist to create a place for everyone to experience the love of Jesus, find life-giving relationships, and pursue God-given purpose.