

## WELCOME TO GOD'S BEAUTIFUL ALTERNATIVE

If you've had enough of the heartache, hardship, and hate of a world at war with God and you're ready to absolutely THRIVE in the life-giving, eternity-changing calling your Designer has designed you to fulfill, you're right where God wants you to be! We are a community of imperfect people sincerely pursuing God's absolute best for ourselves and everyone around us. That means if there is anything we can do to help you take your next step in following Christ and finding His calling on your one and only life, we are right next to you at whatever cost. If you've got questions, or want to speak to a pastor, or would like to ask for prayer, grab that pen you got with this handout and fill out one of those CONNECT CARDS that was along for the ride. Other than that, we sincerely hope you have an incredible morning marked by a life-changing encounter with the risen and reigning King Jesus Christ.

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## EVERYONE WANTS TO BUILD SOMETHING GREAT

The problem is finding the right opportunity. Fortunately, we've got a gaggle of life-changing, eternity-shaping options for you. When you serve with One Missoula Church, you help other people rise to become all that God made them to be. Here are a couple key areas we can multiply your time, energy, and willingness to help others:

- **KidsMin (birth-5<sup>th</sup> grade)** – bring love, joy, and biblical wisdom to young lives
  - **Host & Greeter Team** – MASSIVELY important opportunity to help people know they are not only welcome, but WANTED here
  - **Event Team** – help us put together anything from special events to simple hangouts so that we can make connections, deepen friendships, and make memories
  - **Production Team** – leverage lighting, screen, computer, and sound systems to make the eternity-shaping message of Christ accessible to all
  - **Worship Band** – sing or play guitar, bass, drums, and keys with others while building the church and pointing one another to Christ
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## START OR JOIN A DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

Connect with others, get to know God, and introduce friends, family, or coworkers to Christ in a Discovery Bible Study. We can help you begin one of your own, or help you plug in to a group if you're not quite ready to facilitate on your own. Let us know how to get in touch with you via the Connect Card, by emailing info@onemissoulachurch.com, or giving us a call at 406-370-4844.

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# ONE+ SETTING UP AN UNPOPULAR SOLUTION

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**After messages about political overreach like last week, people want to storm the Bastille... But slow down, Turbo! You may not have God on your side. If you venture out in resistance toward tyrants and oppressors, but you yourself are not in right-standing with God, a common enemy is not enough to save you or your endeavors**

*Joshua 7:1 4, 10-12* - But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel... <sup>4</sup> So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, <sup>5</sup> and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water... <sup>10</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? <sup>11</sup> Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. <sup>12</sup> Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.

**Because of our cultural/societal/historical moment, this might be one of the most important AND most unpopular message series I may ever give, but I love you enough (biblically) not to let approval ratings drive distorting God's message**

*John 5:39-44* - You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

*Proverbs 29:25* - The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

**Why would I give an unpopular message? Because I \*biblically\* love those who God loves... And I've got this thing about self-preservation**

*Ezekiel 3:17-21* - "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>18</sup> If I say to the wicked, "You shall surely die," and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>19</sup> But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>20</sup> Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>21</sup> But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul."

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

James 3:1 - Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness

2 Peter 3:15-17 - And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,<sup>16</sup> as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.<sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

**Decision point for you: Do you want a Bible TWISTER who loves himself and tells you what you want to hear in order to get praise and approval from you -OR- do you want a Bible TEACHER who loves you enough to incur your wrath for treating you like an adult by giving you the info you need even when it is brutally difficult to hear?**

2 Timothy 4:3-4 - For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,<sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

**Where are we going next week? Throughout the Bible and history, God uses wicked oppressors to discipline His people and to destroy His enemies. How is God using wicked external and internal oppressors to discipline modern American Christians and destroy His enemies?**

Habakkuk 1:5-7 - "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.<sup>6</sup> For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own.<sup>7</sup> They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves." (see also the entire Book of Judges in the Old Testament or Matthew 23-24 in the New Testament)

1 Peter 4:17 - For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?



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