



**MULTIPLY**

**Community Group Discussion: 09.15 - 10.13**

# Leader Information

## What is the Purpose of Multiply?

Here are the four key goals for *Multiply*.

- 1) Multiply our campuses in order to make more disciples in southern Indiana.
- 2) Eliminate debt so we have freedom for ministry opportunities and growth.
- 3) Multiply the work of God around the world by supporting church plants and missions.
- 4) Continue to make disciples by serving and loving the community around us.

## Generosity & Your Role

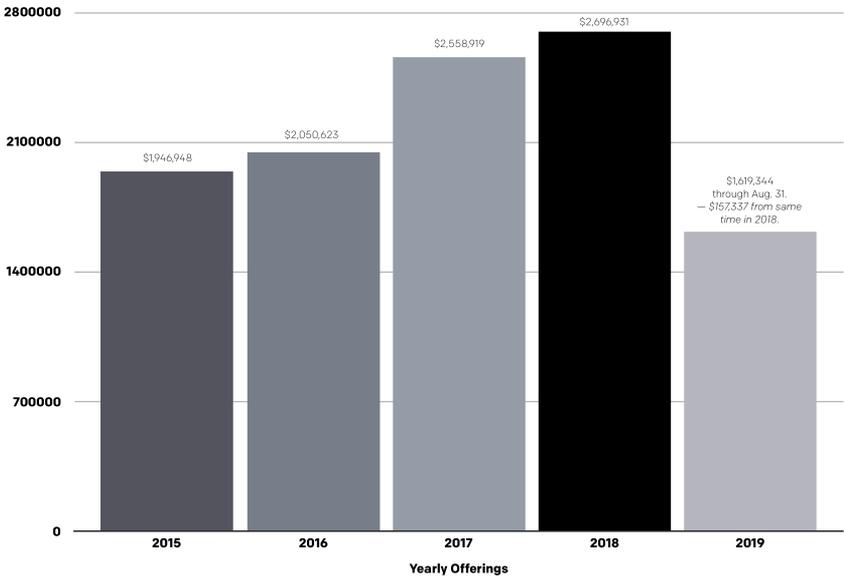
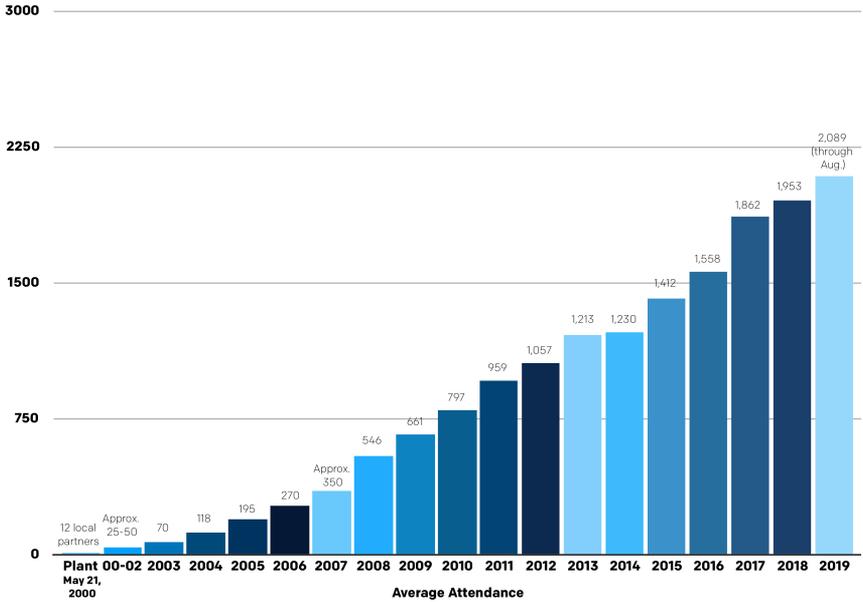
- We are, once again, taking the **ONE FUND** approach. In other words, we will use one fund to fund everything. We are not asking for “above and beyond” giving. We are simply asking you to give generously — trusting God.
- This puts **you** in the budgeting process. We can be better stewards of God’s resources because we will have a more firm grasp of what the years ahead look like.

## What is the One Fund?

In the past, Redemption has had campaigns asking you to give ‘above and beyond’ regular giving in an effort to complete special projects. However, in the next two years, every gift given to Redemption Christian Church will go to **ONE FUND** to help us faithfully do the kingdom work God has set for us to do.

## Attendance & Giving: The Story So Far

As you can see from the charts on the next page, God has blessed Redemption **mightily** by bringing people to hear the gospel. He has also blessed us financially. However, giving growth has consistently lagged behind attendance growth. In fact, 2019 giving is \$157,337 behind where it was this same time in 2018.



How can you be a  
part of Multiply?

**Pray. Give. Go.**

## Pray

Faith doesn't come from our will or emotions, but seeking God through prayer. Faith comes by being with Jesus. Ask God what role He wants you to play in His multiplication of His Kingdom via Redemption. Surrender all you are and all you have to Him and be bold as you pray.

## Give

You may be a **rookie giver**, giving this whole "giving" thing a shot and trusting God with your finances for the first time.

You might be a **regular giver**, giving on a consistent basis but not necessarily sacrificing. You might give regularly, but it's not a big factor in your budget or among the top priorities.

Or ... you might be a **radical giver**, giving consistently in a way that costs you with an eye on longer-term impact for the Kingdom of God. Giving is at the top of your budget each week and you don't ask God what you should give, but rather, what you should keep.

No matter which type of giver you are, we want you to take a step of faith during this initiative and move toward a new level of faith in God's provision.

## Go

Growing as a disciple is a journey of ongoing steps of trust in Jesus. We don't grow without taking a step of faith. It requires us to take a step in trusting Jesus as we give what He has called us to give of our time, talent, and treasure. We want to multiply Kingdom-worker disciples by reaching people in **our communities and region**, multiply our campuses in order to make more disciples in **southern Indiana**, and multiply our impact **locally, regionally, and globally** by eliminating debt in order to free up resources for ministry and prepare for the next big thing God has in store for Redemption.

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# Week One: Mission

*The story of God is a story of multiplication. Woven throughout history is evidence of His ability to increase in explosive, exponential ways. From Creation to the Cross He always multiplies what is put into His hands.*

## MAIN TEXT

Acts 1:8, Acts 2:42-47, Mark 12:28-31

## GETTING STARTED

If you could be a part of any TV family, who would you choose and why?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Acts 1:1-11 out loud as a group. What do you think the apostles were thinking after Jesus ascended?
2. The same Holy Spirit that existed within the first believers is available to us today. Do you recognize the Holy Spirit as the same as He was in Acts? Why or why not? Have you experienced His power inside of you? If so, how would you describe it?
3. Read Acts 2:42-47. What stands out to you most about the church described in Acts? Do you see these characteristics in believers you know? Do you see these characteristics in your own life?
4. Read Mark 12:28-31. What is most challenging about this scripture? What happens when we try to do the mission of God (Go and make disciples) with out following the great commandment of God (Love God, love people)?

5. By the example of the church in Acts, we see that God meets us right where we are. Where were you when He found you? Who else was involved? How can you share your story, so it impacts others, both believers and non-believers?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Being a gospel community on mission is God's invitation to be part of something bigger than ourselves. As the church in Acts demonstrated, when believers are faithful to the mission of God, God is faithful to multiply his Kingdom.

Set your phone alarm for 1:08 PM each day as a reminder of Acts 1:8, and pray about how you will contribute the the mission of God through our Multiply series.

## **PRAY**

*Pray for Redemption's Multiply initiative. Pray for wisdom as we seek God's will for this body of believers in this time and place. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open our hearts.*

## **Week Two: Generosity**

*The story of God is a story of multiplication. Woven throughout history is evidence of His ability to increase in explosive, exponential ways. From Creation to the Cross He always multiplies what is put into His hands.*

### **MAIN TEXT**

Acts 4:32-37, Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 6:21, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

### **GETTING STARTED**

Think of a time in your life when someone was very generous toward you. Share with the group.

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. How has money affected your sense of peace? What influences the way you view and use money most? How much have you considered what the Bible says about money?
2. Matthew 6:21 says, "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." What does your treasure reveal about your desires? Is it hard to accept and be honest about those desires? Why?
3. Would you consider generosity a response to what you have received or is it something you do out of obligation? When and how did you first discover God's generosity to you?
4. How does the condition of your heart affect your generosity? Do you have a difficult time letting go of your money?

5. Joyful generosity comes out of 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What part of this passage speaks to you the loudest? Have you ever met a truly cheerful giver? Are cheer and joy what you normally associate with generosity? Why or why not?
6. How is joyful generosity possible? Is it limited to those who are wealthy or successful?
7. We are not told an amount that we have to give, but we are given some guidelines: a tithe, a lifestyle change, and enthusiasm. Do you think 10% is a reasonable amount to give back to God? Why or why not? How would you describe your attitude towards giving? Cheerful, sometimes willing, hesitant, or opposed?
8. Do you really believe that God multiplies whatever we put in his hands? Why? Have you experienced this in your own life?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Generosity ought to be a response to what you have received from God. To find perspective, determine which of the following questions you will ask yourself this week.

- How much of my money does God want me to give?
- How much of God's money should I spend or save for myself?

## **Pray**

*Ask God for wisdom about what you plan to joyfully give financially over the next two years toward the mission of Redemption Christian Church. Ask God to bless what we give to impact the kingdom, and to impact our hearts as we put it into his hands.*

## **Week Three: Serving**

*The story of God is a story of multiplication. Woven throughout history is evidence of His ability to increase in explosive, exponential ways. From Creation to the Cross He always multiplies what is put into His hands.*

### **MAIN TEXT**

Acts 6:1-7, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 1 Peter 4:8-11

### **GETTING STARTED**

What's the last TV show you binge watched?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. In your own life, do you do more consuming or more contributing? If you feel like you are consuming too much, how can you start contributing in meaningful ways?
2. Share about a time when you served out of guilt or obligation. How did those feelings change the focus of serving for you and for those you were serving? Did that experience make you more or less likely to serve again?
3. How much does your desire for personal comfort affect your willingness to serve others? What are some things you do to accumulate comfort?
4. Do you over value privacy? Do you have any habits you need to break to become more accessible? If so, what are they? How can you break them?

5. When it comes to injustice, where do you need to step in? When you're not the victim of injustice, does it affect your urgency to step in and help? If so, how might God be calling you to step in and get involved?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:8-11. Just as it was in the early church, you have been given gifts by God to be used for the mission of the church. What are some gifts you feel like God has given you? Are you using them for the benefit of others?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Discuss as a group the gifts you recognize in each other, and the ways they can be used to serve other people.

### **Pray**

*Thank God for the gifts that he has given you. Ask him to show you how your gifts can be use to meet a need in our church and in our community. Ask him for the boldness to go do it.*

## **Week Four: Discipleship**

*The story of God is a story of multiplication. Woven throughout history is evidence of His ability to increase in explosive, exponential ways. From Creation to the Cross He always multiplies what is put into His hands.*

### **MAIN TEXT**

Acts 9:1-22

### **GETTING STARTED**

Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Why were they your favorite?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Values are more than just a set of statements; they keep us focused on what Jesus has asked us to do and be in this world. What values have you established for your life, family, and career? How do they motivate the way you live and shape the person you are becoming?
2. There are moments when life requires that you draw from your spiritual well to make it through. If your well is not full, there's nothing to draw on, and you feel empty and defeated. What are the risks of having a shallow or cracked well? What are the consequences of filling your well with worldly or cultural alternatives?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. What does it mean to reconcile people to God? What does it mean to be an ambassador? How are you doing with each of those things?

4. Spiritual growth happens best in relationship. God always involves other people in your spiritual growth, and he'll use you in theirs — just like he used Ananias and Saul. Who's your Ananias? Who has God sent to help you when you couldn't help yourself? Who is he asking you to help?
5. Read Acts 9:13-14. What fears have kept you from letting someone in your life? What are the dangers of living in isolation? What breakthrough have you experienced as a result of letting someone in your life, even if it was messy or uncomfortable?
6. Before you joined a group, what were some of the excuses you gave for not making it happen? How did you finally overcome them? What growth have you experienced from being in a group?

## **NEXT STEPS**

Discipleship is all about digging your wells deep through study, prayer, and relationships. You can do all of that in a group. What next step can you take this week?

- Make yourself available and known, find someone to invite into your life.
- Invite someone you know who's trying to do life on their own to join your group or help them find another group.
- Multiply your group. Are you at a point where your group could split into two and allow for more people to join?

# Week Five: Evangelism

*The story of God is a story of multiplication. Woven throughout history is evidence of His ability to increase in explosive, exponential ways. From Creation to the Cross He always multiplies what is put into His hands.*

## **MAIN TEXT**

Acts 17:16-34, Colossians 4:5-6

## **GETTING STARTED**

What is your favorite thing about fall?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Read Acts 17:16-34 out loud as a group. What things stand out to you from this passage?
2. We read that Paul was “deeply troubled” as he saw the brokenness of the people in Athens. Is your heart broken for the lost people in this region, country, and world? If not, how do you develop a burden for the lost? How do you practically develop a passion to see lost people come to Jesus?
3. The way we approach someone with the gospel is just as important as the content itself. How have you seen the gospel presented in an inappropriate way? What situations have you been in where you have had to share the gospel differently than you normally would, because of the person you were talking to?

4. What do you think relational evangelism is? What feelings does the word evangelism give you? Why? How have you seen relational evangelism done well? What is different when a connection is established with the person first?
5. Read Acts 17:22-23. How did Paul remove a barrier that was keeping people from Jesus? What unnecessary barriers do you see that are keeping people from Jesus? How can you remove them?
6. Read Colossians 4:5-6. Paul found an opportunity in a marketplace to share the gospel. What is your marketplace opportunity? What audience do you have every day for people to hear and see the gospel lived out?

## NEXT STEPS

**Review the values below and take some time to reflect or journal your thoughts about each. Take note of which ones are natural for you to live out and which are areas that need growth.**

**Evangelism:** Because of what Jesus has done for us we will do everything we can to remove barriers that stand between others and Jesus. (Mark 2:1-5)

**Discipleship:** We will intentionally dig deep spiritually, through study, prayer, and relationships. (Colossians 2:7)

**Generosity:** We will always give joyfully in a way that only makes sense in light of God's grace to us. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

**Service:** We will always look for ways to contribute rather than consume. (1 Peter 4:8-11)

**What are some key things God has taught you through the Multiply sermon series?**

# Sample Commitment Card

Actual commitment cards will be available and submitted during services on Oct. 13. After that Sunday, we will have digital commitment cards available online. You may include a total number (for two years), a number for weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc. giving. However, it's important to note that this total will be for two years.



## A Two-Year Commitment To Multiply

Redemption's MULTIPLY initiative will last two years (Nov. 2019 to Nov. 2021). In these two years, every gift given to Redemption Christian Church will go to ONE FUND, the Multiply Initiative, to help us faithfully do the kingdom work God has set for us to do.

### I/We commit to giving

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**over the next two years to fund ONE MISSION — to love God, love people, and see Him change our world.**

*The information requested below is **completely optional**.*

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