

UNLEASH - Part 2

Grow

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Part of UNLEASHGATHER - GROW - GO

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Gateway's leaders have sensed that God wants to *unleash* our church to more effectively minister in our homes, our church, our community and our world.

The brochure is literally only the tip of the iceberg of where we believe God is leading us in the next three years.



GATHER

We care for and support one another with a sense of belonging through gatherings and serving.



GROW

We grow in our understanding of God's Word, increasing our commitment to our relationship with Jesus Christ.



GO

We inspire and mobilize our church family to serve our local community, inviting and welcoming them to Gateway.

INTENSA
CHURCH

INTENSE CHURCH

GET READY FOR OUR FIRST
SERVICE AS INTENSE CHURCH



Hilton
Garden Inn

OCTOBER 2ND, 2022
10:00 AM

8001 MONROE RD HOUSTON, TX 77061



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CHURCH

DOMINGOS | SUNDAY

10:00 AM

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You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

—James 2:19 (NLT)

The Bible is clear that it's not just *what we know* but what we *allow God to do in us* with what we know.

Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything — and I do mean everything — connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life — a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

—Ephesians 4:22-24 (Message)

God's goal for you and me is a transformed life, a life that reflects the nature and character of God as revealed in Jesus Christ.

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

—Romans 8:29 (NLT)

God sent Jesus to not only *show* us the way but be the way for each one of us.

Jesus: ... I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

—John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus: The Father and I are one.

—John 10:30 (NLT)

Jesus: ...Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! ...

—John 14:9 (NLT)

...[Christ] is the exact likeness of God.

—2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God...

—Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God...

—Hebrews 1:3 (NLT)

... [You were] created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

—Ephesians 4:24 (NLT)

This is the journey every human being was created for.

There are two parts to this journey of discipleship:

- 1. We become more and more like Jesus in terms of his character and love.**
- 2. We have to also take up Jesus' mission, which was to lead *others* to also become like Jesus.**

Jesus: For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

—Luke 19:10 (NLT)



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THREE MAJOR AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE *NEXT THREE YEARS*



STRENGTHEN

Expand and invest in the health of our long-term groups.



EQUIP

Provide leadership development to identify, resource and empower lay leaders.



DEVELOP

Clarify and expand our existing plan to grow and multiply followers of Jesus.

FIRST STEPS TO FOCUS ON IN THE *COMING YEAR*



FIRST STEPS

Establish Sunday morning groups
& studies for adults



FIRST STEPS

Evaluate effectiveness
of current groups ministry



Sign up to serve on a Task Group [online](#) or at Gateway's Next Steps area.

I am the church - it's not a building or a place - it's us, the people!

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature,

attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
—Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV 11)

Next Week - Unleash: Go