

UNLEASH - Part 3

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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.



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The Great Commandment

Jesus: "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

—Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

The Great Commission

Jesus: Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

—Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

This love is an action, not warm thoughts!

The love Jesus calls his followers to reproduce chooses to accept someone for who they are and sacrificially works for their good.

"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he

saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

—Luke 10:33-37 (NLT)

Jesus says the one who took action, and the one who probably would have been shunned by the injured Jew if he were ok, was the good neighbor.

Loving others is not only part of Jesus' command for how we are to live our lives, but it is also what we were created to do and is a way to express our gratitude for the gift of salvation which we can never repay.

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

—Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

We weren't created to do good and love our neighbors to earn our salvation, but rather it is the right response, the fruit, for the person who recognizes all God has done for her or him through Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation.

Jesus: "A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions."

—Matthew 7:17-20 (NLT)

Love is an action - it matters what we do!

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

—James 2:17 (ESV)

People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words.

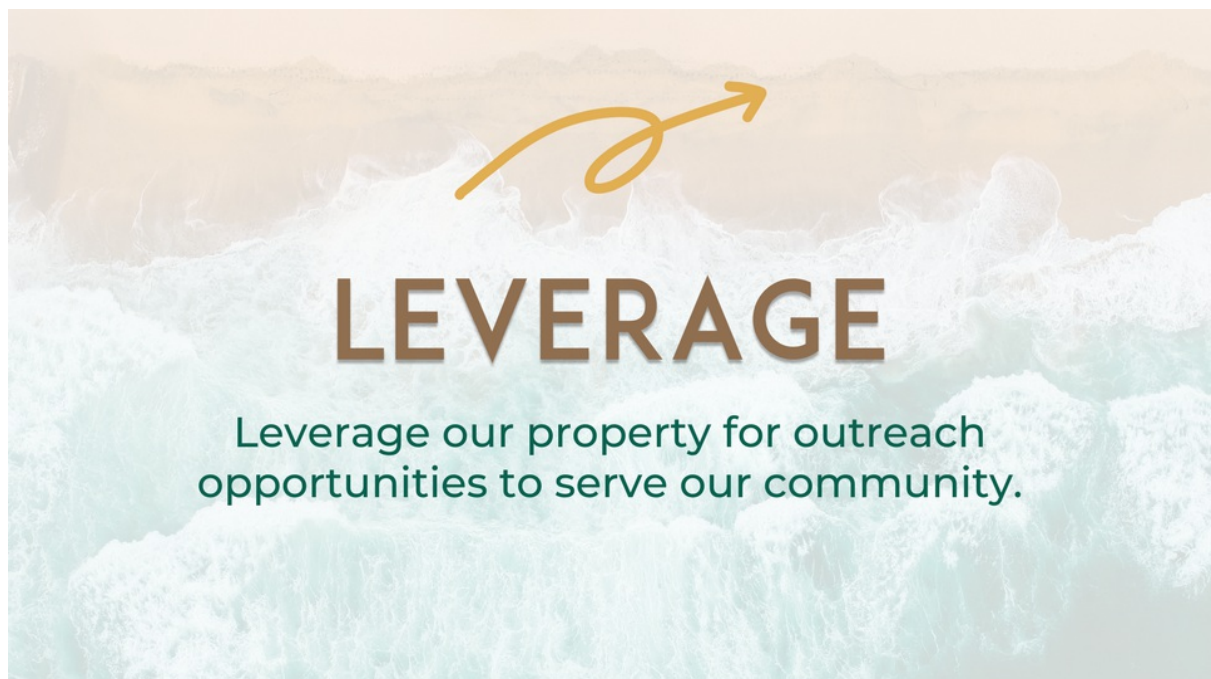
—St. Francis of Assisi

...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

—1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

People need to understand why we're doing what we're doing, because, otherwise, they may attribute our love of Christ to some other reason.

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





FOCUS

Focus on engaging the next generation and families, recognizing that reaching them will require a variety of new strategies.



INFUSE

Create a community-wide awareness of Gateway as a place that loves and cares for their community.

FIRST STEPS TO FOCUS ON IN THE *COMING YEAR*



FIRST STEPS

Complete work on the western part of the field for T-ball use



FIRST STEPS

Connect & build relationships with young families



FIRST STEPS

Offer lay leader led outreach events for families



FIRST STEPS

Partner with or adopt local school(s)

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



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SERVICE AS INTENSE CHURCH



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Next Week - The Gospel of Mark: Signs, Part 1 *(read Mark 8:11-13, 27-30)*

