



## ◆ INTRODUCTION

In Acts 17, Paul sees people searching for God and brings them the truth about Jesus. That same purpose drives CrossPointe's expansion: making room for more children, students, and families to find Him and grow in faith. Somebody helped make room for us; now we can help make room for others. Participation is an invitation, never a condition of belonging, and every one of us is called to pray honestly about being rich toward God. As we trust Him for provision, we're invited to put generosity into practice through a willing, prayerful commitment above our tithe.

## ◆ KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Acts 17:16–27** — In a city filled with idols, Paul proclaims Jesus and the resurrection. He explains that the Creator gives everyone life, cannot be contained in buildings, and places people where they can seek and find Him. This purpose shapes our mission.
- **2 Corinthians 8:10–12** — Paul urges believers to complete the help they intended to give. Willingness becomes action through gifts according to what each person has.
- **1 Chronicles 29:1–9** — David gives toward the temple, leaders respond generously, and the people rejoice over willing gifts. This is the example of leadership PT described.
- **Matthew 6:19–21** — Jesus teaches us to store up treasure in heaven. What we treasure directs our hearts—the eternal perspective behind the sermon's appeal.
- **Luke 12:21** — Jesus warns against accumulating wealth for ourselves while failing to be rich toward God. This reinforces our call to prayerful, generous living.
- **Proverbs 3:9–10** — Honoring God with our wealth and firstfruits is connected with His provision. Giving expresses gratitude and trust.
- **Ezekiel 44:30** — Israel's firstfruits supported the priests and were connected with blessing on the household—a foundation for PT's appeal to honor God.

## ◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Share encouragement and next steps; personal gift amounts can remain private. Every household is invited to seek God sincerely about its part.*

1. PT said, "Somebody made room for us. Now it's our turn to make room for somebody else." How has someone's praying, serving, or giving helped your faith grow? What does their example inspire you to pass on?
2. Picture someone you'd love to see following Jesus. How does keeping that person in mind give meaning to the new auditorium and expanded children's and student spaces? What invitation or act of care can you offer them now? (*Acts 17:27*)
3. Paul reminds us that God gives us life, breath, and everything we have. When has God provided for you as you trusted Him? How can remembering His faithfulness give you courage for a step you've never taken before? (*Acts 17:24–25*)
4. PT reminded us that our place in this church has no price tag. As you pray about becoming rich toward God, what fresh step of generosity could express your love for Jesus and confidence in His care? (*Luke 12:21*)

5. “A generous moment can help somebody. A generous life keeps making room.” What practical change could help you establish or strengthen a regular giving plan? What could you adjust in your budget to make room for a prayerful commitment above your tithe? (2 *Corinthians* 8:10–12)
6. “The room that helped shape our faith will help shape theirs.” What biblical convictions do you want our children and students to carry into a world of competing religious claims? How can your giving and serving help build that foundation?
7. PT said, “First fruits looks back with gratitude and looks ahead with faith.” As you prepare for November 1, what provision can you thank God for, and what first gift could express your trust in Him? How could that gift help move the sewer connection—and our mission—forward? (*Proverbs* 3:9–10; *Ezekiel* 44:30)
8. PT challenged us to move from “I hope we can” to “Here’s how I’ll help.” What step will you take before Commitment Sunday, October 25? How can this group pray for your follow-through as you trust God to do what only He can?

#### ◆ PASTOR’S BEST QUOTES

- “We’re making room for people to encounter the God no room can contain.”
- “You don’t have to have a long giving history to begin building one.”
- “A generous moment can help somebody. A generous life keeps making room.”
- “Put generosity on your calendar and sacrifice in your budget.”
- “If you ask God to make a way, walk on that path when He clears it.”
- “First fruits looks back with gratitude and looks ahead with faith.”

#### ◆ ACTION PROMPTS

- **PRAY WITH A PERSON IN MIND:** Write down the name of someone who needs Jesus and pray for them daily. Ask God how your generosity can help make room for them. Invite them to church or take one practical step to show them Christ’s love this week.
- **PUT YOUR YES INTO A PLAN:** Before October 25, pray, review your budget, and decide with your spouse if married. Record your 30-month commitment above your tithe and prepare your November 1 gift. Count First Fruits once within your pledge, or clearly identify it as additional. Submit your commitment once; schedule gifts separately from your tithe. Revisit any new financial margin as an opportunity to follow through.

#### ◆ CLOSING PRAYER

*Pray together, making this personal:*

Father, thank You for the people who helped us find Jesus. Everything we have came from Your hands. Teach us to trust You with our whole lives and make us rich toward You. Give us willing hearts, wise plans, and courage to act. Provide for families facing real needs and help us follow through as You supply.

We ask for Your favor over CrossPointe’s expansion. Provide for the sewer connection, open the way for the parcels to sell, and guide our leaders to steward every dollar faithfully. As false religion and spiritual confusion compete for hearts, keep CrossPointe bold in biblical truth and full of Christ’s love. Strengthen churches that faithfully proclaim Jesus. Make room for people still far from You, ground our children and students in Your Word, and grow Your Kingdom through us. From God’s hands. For God’s work. So they can find Him. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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