

When God launched the church, He did not have safe in mind.

The church is a movement.

- The church was launched as a movement around a single event in history... the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The message.

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:16-18

The mission. (Matthew 28:19-20)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

Believers met together in one place

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Acts 2:1

- When Gospel and relationship intersect, discipleship can happen.
- When relationship and location intersect, fellowship can happen.
- When location meets the Gospel, we have a platform from which we can serve the community.

As a church, we are moving together to secure a location in which we can continue to gather, grow and go to our community.

Let's Connect

Did you go to church as a child? If so, what was your experience?

Let's Talk About It

God launched the church as a movement. A movement around a single event—the resurrection of Jesus Christ; a simple message—Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God; and a simple mission—go and make disciples. As a church, we are moving together to secure a location in which we can continue to gather, grow and go to our community.

Isaiah 54:2-3; Matthew 16:13-18; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:7-8; Acts 2:1, 42-47

- Which part of the message made an impact, caught your attention or challenged you?
- Read Matthew 16:13-18. What comes to your mind when you hear the word *church*? If God launched His church as a movement, what can you do to be a part of His movement?
- Read Acts 1:7-8. Discuss the difference between living 'safe' and living 'dangerous'. Where is God calling you to step out of 'safe living' and step into the adventure of living on mission with God?
- Read Acts 2:1, 42-47. Clifton and Pastor Gregg had a conversation about what can happen when *Gospel*, *relationship* and *location* intersect with each other. Discuss what can happen when *relationship* intersects with *location*. What could happen when *location* meets the *Gospel*?
- Dream a little with your group... How might a location for Grace Honolulu give us a place to more effectively gather, grow and go to the community?

Take a Step

- What step can you take to live the "dangerous" life of faith God has for you?
- SOAP reading: **Day 1:** Psalm 12, Luke 8; **Day 2:** Psalm 74, Luke 9; **Day 3:** Psalm 93, Luke 10; **Day 4:** Psalm 105, Luke 11; **Day 5:** Psalm 120, Luke 12; **Day 6:** Psalm 137, Luke 13; **Day 7:** Psalm 148, Luke 14

Here's My Prayer

- Lord, thank you for calling us to be a part of your movement, the church. Jesus, you are worthy of being proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Thank you for choosing me to share your message of salvation to the world.
- Heavenly Father, thank you for miraculously bringing us to *The Willows* property. Please increase our faith and courage as we focus on you and move forward together in the process of taking possession of *The Willows*.