

He Has Done Great Things!

CELEBRATING JESUS IN ALL OF LIFE



SESSION 4:

Jesus Is Our Life

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What can a Branch do?



John 15

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

² He cuts off every branch in me
that bears no fruit,

while every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.



John 15

...⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself;
it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit
unless you remain in me.



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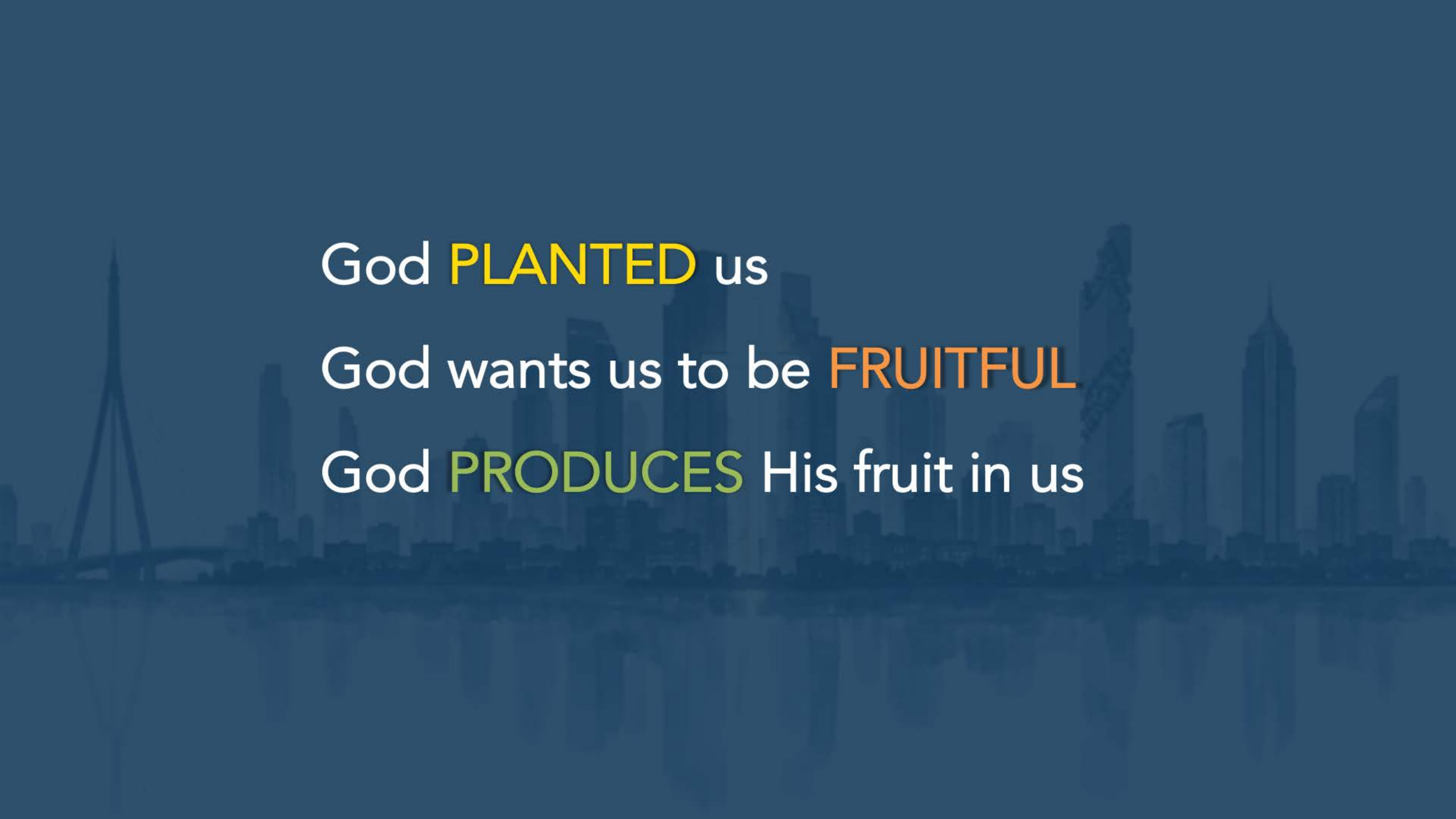
⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;
apart from me
you can do nothing.



John 15

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God **PLANTED** us

God wants us to be **FRUITFUL**

God **PRODUCES** His fruit in us

They will be called
oaks of righteousness,

a *planting* of the Lord
for the display of his *splendor*.

Isaiah 61:3



ECB

— EST. 1966 —

Celebrating Six Decades of God's Grace. Growth. and Impact.

1966



BEGINNINGS: PREPARING THE GROUND



Bill & Bonnie Carlsen

The first decade of the Evangelical Church of Bangkok was a season of pioneering faith, where God transformed a small, transient gathering into a permanent spiritual home. It was an era of humble beginnings that revealed a Father's heart to establish a witness in the heart of Thailand, proving that even a "planting of the Lord" can begin in the most unlikely of nurseries.



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The story began in August 1966 within the modest confines of an annex at the old Alliance Guest House. Under the initial leadership of William (Bill) Carlsen, the fledgling community grew so rapidly that within a single month, sixty-five people filled the small space to its maximum capacity. This necessitated a move in October 1966 to the Rama Hilton Hotel on Silom, where God provided a rented ballroom for a mere twenty-five US dollars per week. As the congregation's identity took shape, they officially adopted the name "**Evangelical Church of Bangkok**" in **December 1967**, welcoming Bill Nabors as their first full-time pastor.



The annex of the Alliance Guest House, Silom Road.



Receipt for rental payment at Rama Hilton Hotel, Silom Road.

1966 Bill Carlsen

1967 Bill Nabors

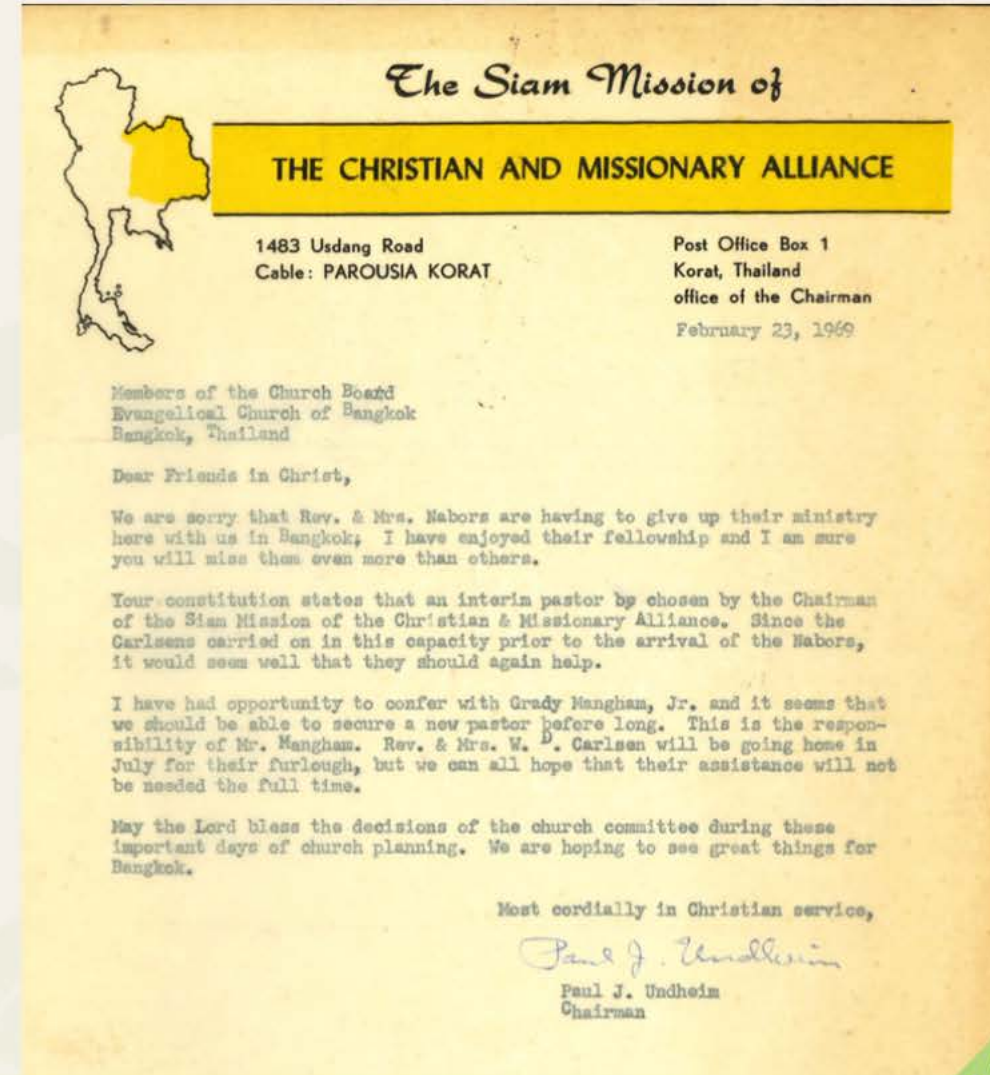
1969 Harold Mangham



Construction of the sanctuary at 42 Sukhumvit 10.



The turning point for the church's physical legacy came in June 1969, during the pastorate of Harold Mangham, **when the property at 42 Sukhumvit Soi 10 was purchased.** This strategic acquisition was made possible through a long-term loan from the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA), a debt that the church would faithfully repay over the coming years.



Letter stating the change of pastors.

1969

1970

A SEASON OF SOWING SEEDS



1971 - completion of the new church.



Newspaper Ad

By November 1971, the vision of a dedicated sanctuary on Soi 10 became a reality, providing a worship center where God's people could finally sink their roots deep into the soil of the city.



Completion of the sanctuary on soi 10.

A SEASON OF CULTIVATING



Building an extension to the sanctuary.

In 1988, the church undertook two expansion projects: **adding an extension to the existing sanctuary and adding a fourth floor to the education building.** These changes were necessary vessels for a body that was increasingly diverse, reflecting a small, weekly preview of heaven as worshippers from many nations gathered in unity. Under Pastor Bob Gould, the church began dreaming of an even larger facility, which will eventually be realized in the next decade.



Adding a fourth floor to the education building.

A SEASON OF FLOURISHING

In this new decade the church began to embrace its unique calling as a global hub in the heart of Bangkok. **It was a season where the Lord expanded the church's physical borders and its spiritual heart, preparing His people for a global harvest that would transcend cultural and linguistic boundaries.** Under Pastor Bob Gould, the church began dreaming of an even larger facility, leading to the purchase of four parcels of land directly behind the sanctuary. This was not merely a real estate transaction but an act of faith to secure a "position of blessing" for future generations.



Pastor Bob holding the title deed of the land for the new sanctuary.

2003 Rex DeKooning (interim)

2004 John Teschan

2008 John Eckrote (interim)

In 2002, Pastor Bob led the discussions for the new building plans. In June 2004, under the leadership of Pastor John Teschan, the church purchased four parcels of land directly behind the sanctuary. The following year, the church celebrated the Mahapawn Bangkok Church's move to their own permanent building, a beautiful conclusion to another daughter church journey. **By 2006, the long-held vision for a new, larger sanctuary was officially approved, setting the stage for a dramatic physical transformation of the Soi 10 campus.**



2006 - Property dedication service for new sanctuary building led by Pastor John.
The year also marked ECB's 40th anniversary.



Land next to
the khlong.



Facing soi 8 gate.

A SEASON OF FLOURISHING



2009 - Office staff
with the new church logo.

After two years of construction and eager anticipation, the congregation gathered to worship in the new sanctuary for the first time in **February 2008**. Through it all, the glory belonged to God. From the first seeds planted decades earlier, He had faithfully grown ECB into a flourishing and fruitful tree. Its roots were now firmly established, its branches reaching farther, and new opportunities for outreach and ministry were opening before the church.



Brand new building with the ground floor used for parking.



February 2008: first church service in the sanctuary.

Central to this maturing process of being the nation to the nations, was the ministry of the Biblical Christian Education (BCE@ECB), which offered Sunday morning classes to disciple the Body, ensuring that every member could be equipped and firmly established in their faith. Simultaneously, the Prayer Ministry, supported by the Intercessory prayer team and the "Pray the Word" mobile app, deepened the church's spiritual foundations and extended its reach to 125 countries.



Weekly prayer and fasting, monthly House of Prayer, and online Pray the Word App initiated.



2017 - Easter Sunday Worship Service.



New church logo introduced and church facade changed.



A SEASON OF NURTURING

These first few years also brought significant changes to ECB's pastoral team. During his tenure, Pastor David King had developed a team that included seasoned pastors, lay leaders, and ministry interns. This represented an important shift from earlier decades, when pastors were primarily called to serve ECB through the C&MA mission.



Pastors Steve Odera, Kevin Moua, René Dekker, and Pablo Morales.

Beginning in 2023, a series of transitions reshaped the pastoral team. Pastor Steve and Liz Odera retired, while Pastor Phil and Rea Holcomb were welcomed to ECB. In 2024, Pastor Kevin and Jill Moua moved to Udon Thani to begin a new church plant. Then, in 2025, Pastor René and Gonneke Dekker accepted a leadership role with a parachurch ministry.

These transitions brought both change and opportunity, requiring wisdom and discernment as ECB sought to rebuild and strengthen its pastoral team for the season ahead. **Having already served the congregation through preaching, teaching, and counseling, Pastor Pablo Morales was called to serve as ECB's next Lead Pastor.**



"Passing the baton" from Pastor René to Pastor Pablo.



"A Call to Prayer" Night.



Pastor René baptizing David Perrot, who would become our Executive Director for a season.



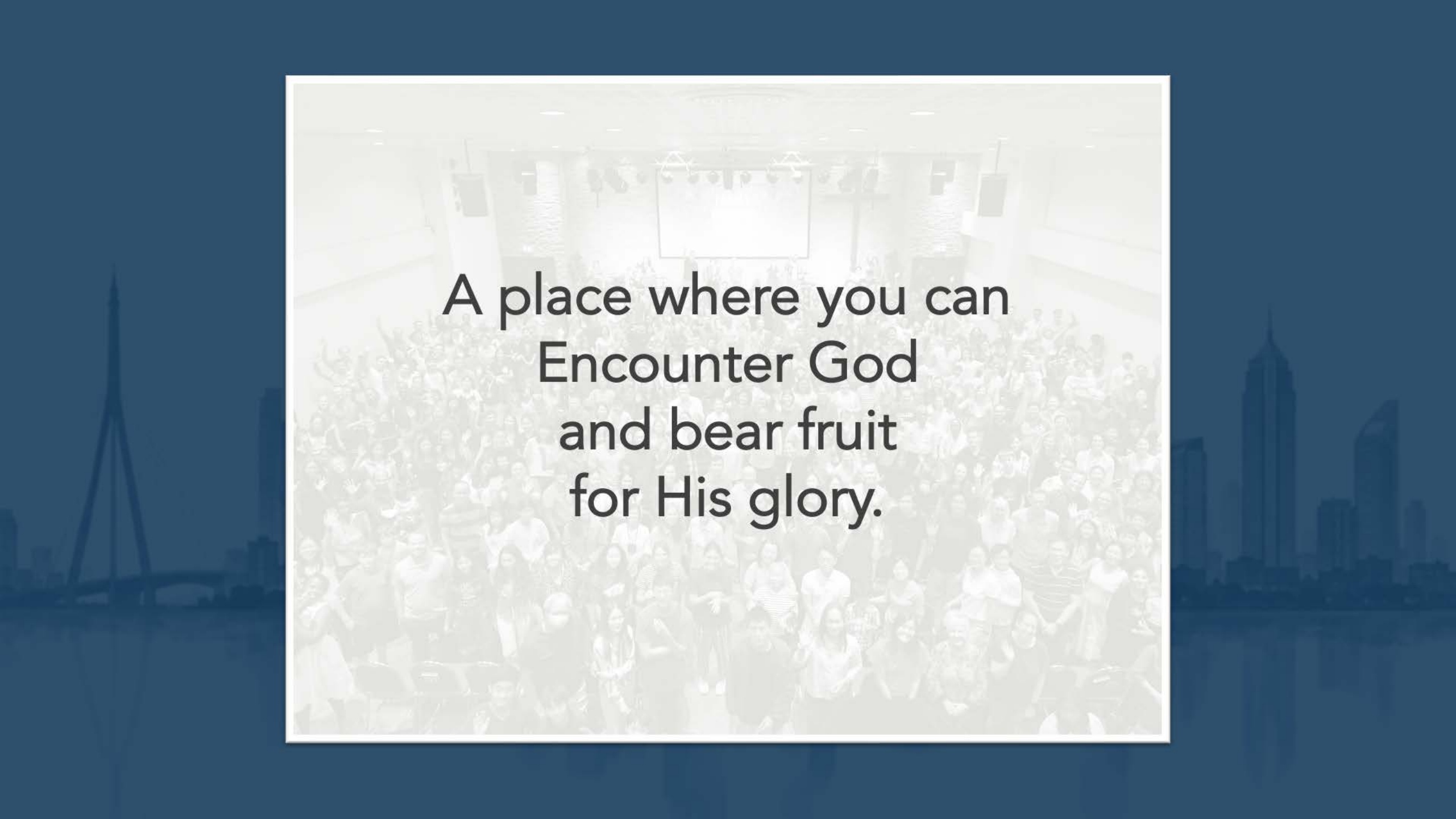
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A blurred photograph of a church interior. In the background, a person is visible, possibly a worshiper or a minister, standing near a pulpit or altar. The church has a large cross on the wall and a high ceiling with lights. The image is framed by a white border and set against a dark blue background with a city skyline silhouette.

A place where you can
Encounter God
and bear fruit
for His glory.



The background of the slide features a large, diverse crowd of people, likely a church congregation, gathered in a modern sanctuary. They are many of them have their hands raised in praise. The scene is brightly lit, with a large white screen visible at the front. This image is overlaid on a dark blue background that includes a faint silhouette of a city skyline with a prominent bridge on the left and a body of water at the bottom.

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