



Discipleship Guide

For the City Discipleship Guide

This is the 3-Week Companion to Exodus Discipleship Guide

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Introduction

On Sunday, March 12th, we celebrated one year since our initial **Commitment Sunday**—when we stepped out in faith, made pledges, and prayed for a future home in the heart of Reno.

This past Sunday, we looked back at what God has done—and prayed for what's ahead.

During this season of raising capital and seeking God, we realized something important:

While we've continued to point people to Jesus (as we should), we haven't slowed down enough to **pray, process, and align our hearts** with what God wants to do *through this building*.

Each week, spend **20–30 minutes** walking through this guide before transitioning to the Exodus study (if time allows) to:

- Reflect on what God has done
- Align with His mission
- Prayerfully step into what's next

We'll walk through three movements from Ephesians 3:14–21, based on Pastor Kyle's sermon.

Week 1: Reflect & Praise

We begin by remembering.

Before we look ahead, we slow down and recognize:

God has already been at work—both in our church and in our lives.

Remembering builds faith.

And remembering leads to praise.

Scripture

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...”

Ephesians 3:20

Discuss the Text

- Do you actually believe that God can do *more than you ask or imagine*? Where is that easy—or difficult—for you to believe right now?
- Where might you be unintentionally limiting what you think God can do in your life or in our church?
- How would your prayers or expectations change if you truly believed this verse?

Reflect

Take **5–7 minutes of silence**:

- Write down 1–2 specific moments where God clearly showed up in your life.

Then share:

- Where have you seen God move in ways that were unexpected or beyond what you imagined?
- What is a moment where you can clearly say, “*That was God*”?

Also reflect together:

- Where have you seen God at work in our church during this “For the City” season?
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Praise

Spend time as a group **praising God**:

- For specific ways He has shown up.
- For His faithfulness in your lives.
- For His faithfulness in our church.



Week 2: Ponder & Plead

Focus

This week is about aligning our hearts with the **true mission**.

The building is not the mission.

It is a tool for the mission.

The mission is what Paul highlights:

That people would **experience the love of Christ deeply and personally**

Scripture

“...that you may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge...”

Ephesians 3:18–19

Discuss the Text

- How do you *know* (not just know about) the love of Christ in your life? What is the difference between the two?
- When have you experienced the love of Jesus in a way that was real and personal? When have you seen others around you experience it?
- Where do you struggle to believe or receive His love right now?

Ponder

- Why is it important to remember that the building is not the mission?
 - What happens if we confuse the tool (a building) with the mission (people knowing Jesus)?
 - Paul's primary concern is that Christ would dwell in us and that we would know His love—how does that shape how we think about this season?
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Plead

Spend time praying:

- For people **by name** who don't know Jesus
 - For our church to **grow in experiencing the love of Christ**
 - That this future building would be used to help people **encounter Jesus**
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Week 3: Recognize & Respond

Focus

God is not just working in the future—

He is at work among us right now.

And by His grace, this building will not just be a building—

It will be a **village to bless the city and display the gospel.**

The invitation is to **recognize His work and choose to join Him.**

Scripture

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...”

Ephesians 3:20

Discuss the Text

- What does it mean that God’s power is “at work within us” right now?
- Where have you seen God actively working in your life or in others recently?
- Do you live as if God is working through you? Why or why not?

Recognize & Imagine

Talk through how God might use these spaces:

- **Event Center / Weddings**
 - Example: People hearing the gospel in meaningful moments
- **Coffee Shop**
- **Preschool / Family Spaces**
- **Restaurant / Gathering Spaces**

Then ask:

- What excites you about how God could use these spaces?
 - Where else can you imagine God working through this building?
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Respond Personally

- Our hope at Living Stones is that everyone would contribute. What does it look like for you to **join what God is doing right now?**
- If you haven't committed, what is holding you back?

- What might commitment look like for you in this season?

If you have already committed:

- Would you share about what your journey looked like to land there?
What does continued faithfulness look like for you?
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Financial Investment Conversation

- Why is this a meaningful and worthy mission to invest in?
 - How are you processing generosity in this season?
 - What would it look like to take a next step financially?
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Prayer & Next Steps

Prayer:

- Thank God for what He is doing
- Pray for Reno
- Ask God to lead you in your next step

Next Step Invitation:

If you want to:

- Make a commitment
- Or talk with a pastor

→ Email: **jason@lschurches.com**

→ Set up a conversation and pray through your next step

Leader Notes

- Start with Scripture each week
- Don't rush—create space for reflection and prayer
- Let people share honestly
- Keep bringing it back to:
 - God's power
 - God's mission
 - Our participation