

“Immediately:” The Gospel of Mark’s Concise Guide to Following Jesus

Why We Started the Madison Campus

Mark 2:13–17

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The Lord’s Day Morning

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Thirteen years ago, on the second Sunday of September in 2013, First Bible Church became “one church in two locations.” The Decatur Campus “tithed” 80 of its members who committed to gather for a year in Madison and they began meeting for worship in the auditorium of James Clemens High School. After thirteen years of prayer, planning, and labor, we find ourselves overwhelmed with countless blessings from God. Next week we will vote on whether to launch the Madison Campus as an autonomous local church. Therefore, today is a good day to remember why we started the Madison Campus in the first place. We started the Madison Campus to establish:

1. An _____ for our sovereign _____
(13–14).
2. A _____ for our amazing _____ (15–
16).
3. A _____ for our great _____ (17).