



CIRCLES

FOR UNCOMMON IMPACT

journal

bringing uncommon
impact to the lives
of others through
everyday experiences
& engagement

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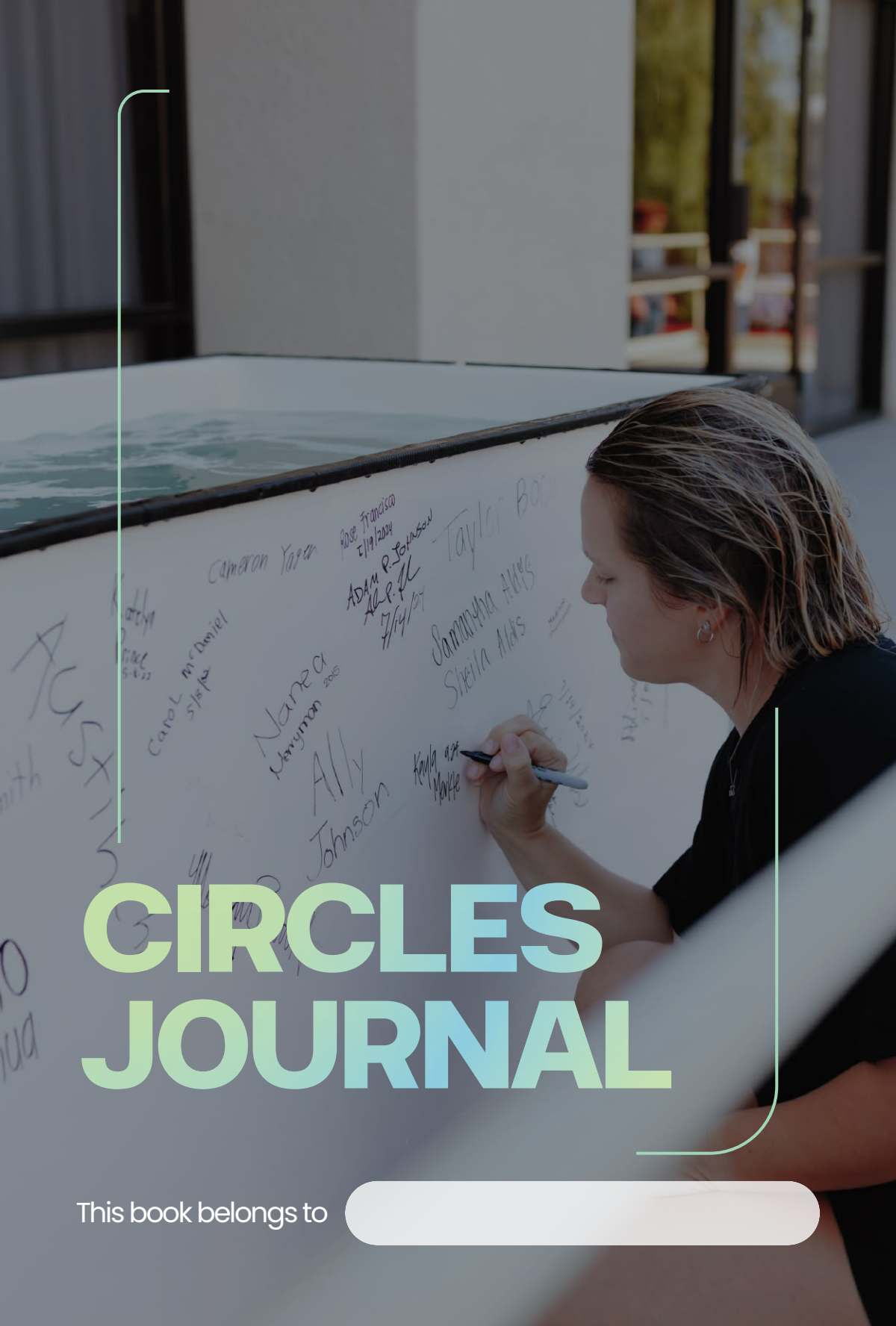
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CIRCLES JOURNAL

This book belongs to

HOW TO USE

This journal is for you. It's to keep, to reference, to write in, to bring to church for sermon notes, and to follow along with the weekly devotionals. Make it your own! This is a tool to help guide our journey in generosity.

VISION SUMMARY

The first section of this journal includes the vision summary for our campus expansion project and the details on what we will need to get there. You'll find early renderings, financial needs, our vision for campus spaces, and more. Turn to page 15 for the vision summary.

SERMON NOTES

In this journal you'll find space for message notes starting on page 33. We are leaning into a life of generosity, and how we as a church are fulfilling our vision to bring life to our community.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Also, in the last half of this journal starting on page 37 you will find weekly devotionals to help you read and reflect throughout the week during the Circles teaching series. Each devotional has a few pieces of scripture, commentary, and questions to reflect on. Follow along!

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

During the Circles series, all Small Groups will be focusing on sermon discussion and devotionals. This will allow us to process the topic of Biblical generosity together. You can turn to page 83 for our small group discussion guides!

KIDS + YOUTH

This season gives our whole church a meaningful opportunity to better align our generosity with how we live the truth of Jesus in everyday life. Our WHOLE church includes the next generation. Both Anthem Kids and Amplify Students will be learning all about generosity and making God first. They'll have their own twist on the Circles series and also have an opportunity to fill out a commitment card made just for them. For more information, go to page 91.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." David doesn't just call himself to worship — he calls *all* of himself to worship. Not just the parts that are easy. Not just Sunday morning. Many of us have learned to give God our words but not our wallet, our weekends but not our Wednesdays, our worship but not our work. Over the next six weeks, we're going to sit slowly with just five verses of Psalm 103 — sometimes only half a verse at a time — and ask a harder question than "what do I believe?" We'll ask: is there any part of me I've kept for myself?

This guide is my invitation for each of us to bring all of ourselves into the truth of Jesus — not just on Sundays, but in every ordinary Monday and Tuesday of your life. Generosity was never meant to be one more compartment. It's what happens when every part of us — our time, our talent, our treasure — finally belongs to the God who gave us everything first. My prayer for you these next six weeks isn't a building. It's a whole life, wholly His. I'm grateful to walk this road with you.

Pastor Marty

Marty Williams

Lead Pastor

MISSION & VISION



our mission

WE EXIST TO HELP EQUIP PEOPLE TO LIVE THE TRUTH OF
JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

our vision

CREATING REAL SPACES FOR REAL PEOPLE TO
EXPERIENCE REAL TRANSFORMATION

OUR CORE VALUES



➔ **CONNECTION**

We walk with God together, We work together, We trust together.
(Hebrews 10:23-25, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)



➔ **EMOTIONAL HEALTH**

We actively pursue Christ's healing, We aren't easily offended, We seek wisdom, not emotionalism.
(1 Peter 5:10, Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 19:11, James 1:19-20)



➔ **COMMITMENT**

We own our behavior and attitudes, We do what we say, We sacrifice for each other.
(1 John 3:16, Acts 2:42, Matthew 5:37)



➔ **KINDNESS**

We communicate openly and honestly, We initiate and respond with gentleness, We care enough to speak truth.
(2 Timothy 2: 23-26, Ephesians 4:15 & 29)



➔ **RELAXED CULTURE**

We laugh with each other, Blue-jeans-shorts-sandals, Interruptions welcomed.
(Colossians 3:15, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 4:9, Romans 15:7)



**WHERE
WE'VE
BEEN**



HISTORY OF ACC

OVER A DECADE OF IMPACTING LIVES

As we look back on more than a decade of God's faithfulness, we're reminded of the lives changed, relationships built, and impact made along the way. Remembering where He has led us gives us confidence as we step into the future together.

2015

Just four years after our founding, the continued growth of our church family led us to launch a third weekend service, reflecting God's faithfulness and the increasing impact of the ministry He was building through Anthem.



2011

After seven years of calling and preparation, Marty Williams stepped out in faith to plant Anthem Community Church. Inside the cafeteria of Wallin Elementary, a vision took root that continues to impact lives and point people to Jesus today.



2016

Five years into ministry, ACC outgrew its original meeting space and moved to the larger Pinecrest Academy campus, creating space for continued growth and community impact.

2017

The Pure Heart Experience is introduced and quickly impacts many as they understand their identity and healing in Christ.



2020

2020 marks the beginning of our online livestream presence, extending the reach of our ministry far beyond our campus. Today, people regularly connect on more than 250 devices with our church community from across the country, reminding us that ministry is not limited by walls, distance, or geography.



2018

After years of meeting in local schools, we stepped into a new season by moving to the two-building campus we call home today. This milestone provided a permanent space to expand worship, discipleship, and community—creating new opportunities to serve families and reach people with the truth of Jesus.

2023

Handshakes became hugs as our first study tour to Israel brought people together and made the stories and places of Scripture come to life.

2024

Twelve people were the first to visit our sister church, Iglesia de Dios Galilea in Guatemala. Since then, 13 others have experienced the joy of building lasting relationships and witnessing God's work through our global church family.



2023

The purchase of the adjacent lot marked an important step in preparing for the future of Anthem Community Church. As we expanded our campus footprint, we did so with anticipation for how God would use this space to serve people and extend our impact for generations to come.

2024

Easter 2024 marked the first time Anthem Community Church saw over 1,000 people gather for Sunday worship. This moment reflected growing momentum, lives being transformed, and a church family continuing to expand in reach and impact.



2027-

We are entering a season of campus expansion as we look to steward what God has entrusted to us and make room for continued growth, ministry, and community impact.



2025

In 2025, Matt Olin was ordained as Associate Pastor, a milestone that affirmed his calling and expanded our capacity to shepherd and serve our growing church community.



**WHERE WE
ARE GOING**





CIRCLES

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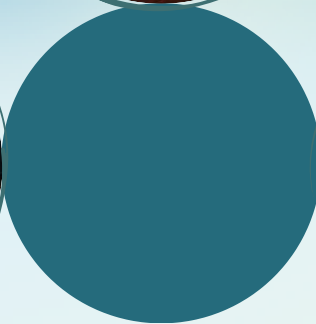
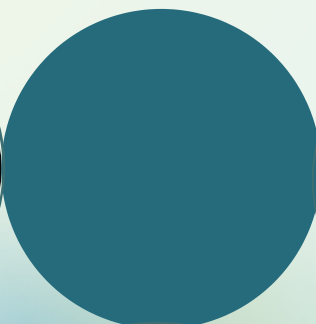
Since 2011, ACC has been a place where people are equipped and empowered to ***Live the Truth of Jesus in Their Everyday Lives*** through faithful teaching, authentic relationships, and purposeful discipleship.

Circles is inspired by the conviction that community happens in circles rather than lines. It reflects the belief that God works through people gathered together, sharing responsibility, generosity, and vision. Rather than passive participation, **Circles** invites everyone to step into a shared story of giving, where lives are **Uncommonly Impacted**, ministry is strengthened, and the church moves forward together—side by side, centered on Christ.

Why Are We Doing This?

Circles is happening so that we can make space for the people that God is bringing to Anthem—especially the next generations. Through this effort, we are creating a place where people come together to engage in real life, in real ways that matter to God. It is a collection of welcoming, engaging, and purposeful spaces that ultimately help more people ***Live the Truth of Jesus... together.***

COMMUNITY HAPPENS IN CIRCLES...



rather than lines

fulfilling the vision

We purchased the land adjacent to our current campus to build a space for people to connect, circle together, and to grow to *Live the Truth of Jesus* every day of the week. A place where you can come and meet a friend, join a small group, take a class, hang out, celebrate, grow, study, or simply have time alone with God.

The images below are in the provisional design phase. Potential changes are probable.



kid's space

Brings children (and parents) a more welcoming and engaging environment with a new entryway and check-in area that makes the experience easier and safer. Every element is made to enhance kids' fun, learning, and spiritual growth; helping children feel excited to come, to be known by their leaders, and to be encouraged as they begin to *Live the Truth of Jesus*.



worship center

Designed to create a more engaging and functional environment for worship, teaching, and events. We'll see an expanded stage area for worship and ministry, a video wall to enhance communication and visual engagement, and space for more people sitting in larger, more comfortable chairs.

experiences

Spaces designed to create meaningful ministry experiences throughout the week, including a small, intimate chapel for prayer and reflection; places to learn and grow, and a place for Student Ministry and special events. Versatile spaces that enable and encourage *Living the Truth* experiences



engagement

Engagement, connection, and relationships will happen in our café and unique "living room" spaces where small groups can meet and grow together in community.



everyday

An open courtyard where kids and adults can experience a sense of sanctuary and community. We will also gain an on-site ministry support area to provide office space, video and audio production capabilities, and flexible meeting rooms. This is a place where everyday life and ministry happen.

WHAT IS A ONE FUND?

You may have been part of church initiatives in the past where you were asked to give a second gift “above and beyond” your usual gifts to complete special projects. At ACC, this has been used to build out our current worship center and kids building. During that season, you gave that gift to the “Initiative Fund,” and you also continued to give to the “General Fund”. This type of giving is potentially confusing to people who either don’t have a baseline for their “usual giving” or who aren’t able to really celebrate the total giving at ACC in one single number. We believe we’re all on ONE MISSION — the mission to connect EVERYONE to the Truth of Jesus.

The initiative will take place over two years. During that time, every gift given to ACC will go to the Circles initiative for mission advancement.

We’ve included the Circles Gift Chart on page 26 so you can see how Circles: For Uncommon Impact can work at ACC. Please take the time to pray over this chart and ask God to help you determine what part He is calling you to play.

primary goal

100% ENGAGEMENT

Our first goal is that 100% of the people who call Anthem Community Church their home would fully engage in the **Circles** initiative.

experiences...engagement...everyday for **UNCOMMON IMPACT**

secondary goal

\$12.2 million over two years

This is a God-sized goal for our church to bring life to our community like never before! **Circles** is a one fund initiative, which means that we are trusting God for the level of giving to cover all of Anthem Community Church's regular operating budget for 2027 and 2028, plus move forward with the purchase and renovation of our current buildings and new construction on our land.

5.1
MIL

2027 + 2028

Operating Budgets

During this initiative, \$5.1 million of our commitment will support our existing ministries, ensuring healthy growth and ongoing discipleship.

7.1
MIL

Campus

Renovations + Construction

All funds given over and above our operational needs will go towards the \$7.1 million needed to move our building projects forward.

ANTHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

CIRCLES
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impact
COMMITMENT CARD

CHART
I would ask you to give
part as a **discipleship tool**
towards greater generosity
to give it all for Him.

MONTHLY	TOTAL
333	\$2,000,000
667	\$1,000,000
1000	\$500,000
1333	\$750,000
1667	\$1,000,000
2000	\$1,440,000
2333	\$1,440,000
2667	\$1,440,000
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3333	\$720,000
3667	\$420,000
4000	\$240,000
4333	\$50,000
4667	\$2,200,000

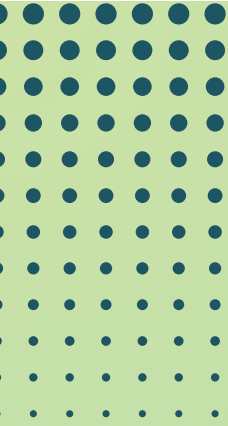
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

On Commitment Sunday, October 4, 2026, everyone in the church will be given the opportunity to turn in an impact card for their Circles financial commitment. This commitment is for your total giving; including what you regularly give plus any “expanded giving” you will give toward the initiative. You will be given a physical card before Commitment Sunday, seen to the left.

CIRCLES GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this season, use this gift chart as **a discipleship tool** that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for God’s Kingdom as we seek to give it all for Him.

# OF GIFTS	2-YEAR GIFT AMOUNT	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TOTAL
1	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$83,333	\$2,000,000
1	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$1,000,000
1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$500,000
3	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$750,000
10	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,000,000
20	\$72,000	\$36,000	\$3,000	\$1,440,000
30	\$48,000	\$24,000	\$2,000	\$1,440,000
40	\$36,000	\$18,000	\$1,500	\$1,440,000
50	\$24,000	\$12,000	\$1,000	\$1,200,000
60	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$500	\$720,000
70	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$250	\$420,000
80	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$125	\$240,000
Other	Under \$3,000	-	-	\$50,000
			Total	\$12,200,000



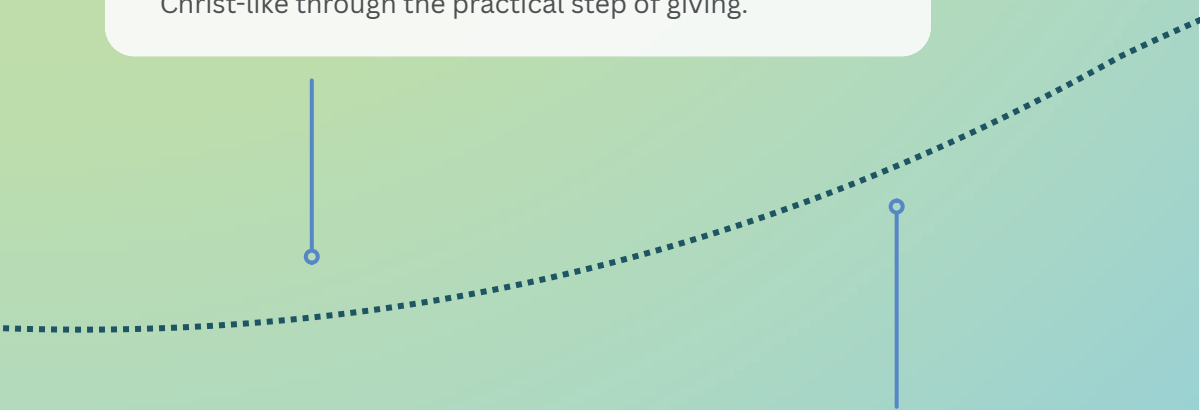
GENEROSITY JOURNEY

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

There are five stages in the giving journey. Where would you say you are currently, and how is God challenging you to grow in this season?

Initial Giver 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

An initial giver is someone who decides to give for the first time in response to the invitation in God's Word to experience the blessedness of giving. Father, help me to grow in my understanding of what I have been given and accept Your invitation to become more Christ-like through the practical step of giving.



Consistent Giver 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A consistent giver is one who decides to regularly exercise the spiritual discipline of giving. Recurring gifts are an ongoing expression of thanks to the Lord for his provision, a means of supplying the needs of the Lord's people, and an act of worship from a thankful heart. Lord, am I excelling in the grace of giving?

Sacrificial Giver

Colossians 1:15-18

A sacrificial giver recognizes that every earthly possession carries a stewardship responsibility - what I have is Yours, Lord. The sacrificial giver gives joyfully out of a growing recognition of, and appreciation for, the life and freedom received through Christ's ultimate surrender. Father, where are You inviting me to partner with You more fully in Your day-to-day work? Am I being faithful with what You've entrusted to me?

Intentional Giver

Luke 14:28-30

An intentional giver reflects on how they prioritize and spend money and decides to commit a specific proportion of their income or wealth to the Lord. Father, do my financial priorities reflect Your priorities? Am I bringing my first and best to You?

Lifetime Giver

1 Timothy 6:6-12

A lifetime giver is ultimately driven by the things of eternity, setting their eyes and hope fully on God and not on the things of this earth. Where, Lord, do You want me to be giving / investing my resources for maximum eternal impact?

WAYS TO GIVE

Whether you are new to giving or have been faithfully giving for years, please read this page for details on how to give at ACC.

ONLINE GIVING

CHURCH APP + WEBSITE

The easiest way to give at ACC is digitally through the ACC App or our church website, ouracc.org/give. There, you can access your account information, set up recurring and one-time gifts, and find tax documents all in one place.

ARE THERE ONLINE PROCESSING FEES?

If you give digitally, there is a processing fee between 2 & 3.5% charged to the church. If you would like to give online but contribute to the fees, check the box to cover processing costs when you give.

GIFTS IN KIND

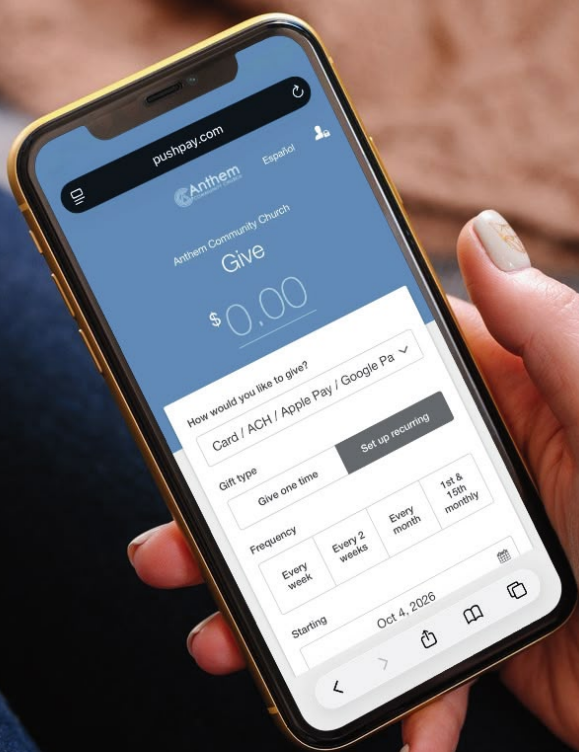
You may find it more appropriate to give from a variety of resources, including stocks, crypto, real property, retirement investments, and estate planning.

Contact our Executive Director, Jon Reed (jon@ouracc.org) for further details.

IN PERSON

If you prefer to give cash or check, you can place your gift in the offering basket or offering box located in the back of the worship center during one of our worship services. Or, if you like, you can drop off any gifts to the church office at:

Anthem Community Church
2904 W Horizon Ridge Pkwy Ste. 201
Henderson, NV 89052



NEXT STEPS

HOW CAN I ENGAGE DURING CIRCLES: FOR UNCOMMON IMPACT?

PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Pray that God will work in the hearts of people at Anthem Community Church and that we will listen with the intent to respond.

COMMIT FULLY

Be part of our goal for 100% engagement by saying YES and encouraging others to do the same.

CELEBRATE LOUDLY

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this season. Enthusiastically share with those around you what God is doing through ACC!

LIVE AND GIVE GENEROUSLY

Live and give in a way that stretches you to take your faith to a whole new level of generosity.

KEY DATES

CIRCLES SERIES KICKOFF

30
AUG

21
SEPT

ADVANCE COMMITMENT

NEXT GEN COMMITMENT

27
SEPT

02
OCT

PRAYER DAY

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

04
OCT

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hand raised in the air, palm facing forward. The hand is dark-skinned and has a ring on the ring finger. The background is a dimly lit church interior with blue light filtering through arched windows. Other people are visible in the background, some with their hands raised. The overall mood is spiritual and uplifting.

SERMON NOTES

+ devotionals

THREE WAYS TO ENGAGE

The following pages provide an opportunity to dive deeper into our Biblical study on fear, faith, identity, and the practice of generosity. Use this journal at church, in a small group, or in your own quiet time as you grow in your walk with Christ.

1. SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS

Bring this journal to church each week to write down key thoughts, inspirational or even challenging questions, and ways to help you apply the Sunday message in your life throughout the week.

2. DAILY PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Use the five daily devotionals each week as a guide for spending intentional time through reflection and application in your daily walk with Christ.

Then, continue the conversation by discussing the "**Circles Discussion**" question with someone in your circle. This could be your small group, a family member, gym partner, mentor, coworker, or friend.

3. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Get the most out of your small group experience by reflecting on the icebreaker and discussion questions that are geared toward helping you and the entire group benefit from meaningful, practical, and faith-based conversation.

SERMON NOTES

Week one

REMEMBER

Generosity doesn't begin with giving — it begins with remembering. Before David commands his soul to bless the Lord, he's already noticed a problem: souls forget. We forget what God has done, and when we forget, gratitude fades, and when gratitude fades, so does everything that grows out of it. Spiritual forgetfulness isn't a small thing; it quietly disconnects us from the very transformation we're longing for.

This week, we start where David starts — not with an action, but with a command to remember. Because a soul that remembers what it's been given is a soul that's finally ready to give something back.



Week 1 - August 30, 2026

Main Points:

- We naturally drift into forgetfulness.
- Remembering reshapes the soul.
- God's goodness is the foundation of transformation.
- Communities that remember become generous communities.

When we remember the goodness of God, generosity becomes a response of gratitude rather than obligation.

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Daily Devotional
Remember

Psalm 103:1-2

*My soul, bless the Lord,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
My soul, bless the Lord,
and do not forget all his benefits.*



01

BIG IDEA

Generosity begins not with giving but with remembering.

Before David lists a single benefit, he commands his own soul to bless and not forget. A forgetful soul is a stingy soul.

WORD WORK

- **“Bless” (barak)** carries the image of kneeling—to bless God is to bow before Him in grateful acknowledgment.
- **“All that is within me” (qereb)** means the inner parts, the gut, the core—not polite, surface gratitude but everything.
- **“Forget not” (shakach)** is the same warning Moses gave Israel in Deuteronomy 8: prosperity breeds amnesia. The danger isn’t that we’ll deny God; it’s that we’ll forget His benefits and grow ungenerous.

CALL TO ACTION

Before we talk about anything we’re building, talk to your own soul. Begin a daily practice of naming benefits—not blessings you want, but benefits you’ve already received. Generosity starts in the memory.

Thomas' Story: Part 1

Three months into retirement, Thomas discovered there was always another drawer to clean out.

On a Tuesday morning he pulled an old cedar chest from beneath the workbench. Inside the keepsakes of an ordinary life—a worn baseball glove, faded anniversary cards, ticket stubs from family vacations, construction-paper masterpieces once proudly displayed on the refrigerator. Near the bottom rested a sealed envelope. Emma's handwriting covered the front: For one of those days you forget.

Inside was a single sentence.
“Remember who carried us.”

Thomas smiled as memories surfaced. The mortgage payment they weren't sure they'd make. The years they prayed for their kids. The business opportunity that disappeared before a better one arrived. The long night outside his dad's hospital room.

None of those moments felt like faithfulness while living them. Most had felt like uncertainty.

He slipped the note into his Bible before closing the chest. David had told his own soul not to forget.

Perhaps remembering isn't simply looking back. Perhaps it's choosing to see that God had been present all along.

Day 1 **DISCIPLINED MEMORY**

Psalms 103:1-2 shows us...

1. The soul must be **summoned** – David talks to himself; gratitude is a discipline, not a mood.
2. The summons is **total** – “all that is within me.”
3. The summons **fights forgetting** – remembering is the soil generosity grows in.

Spend some time reciting Psalm 103:1-2 to yourself.
Try saying it quietly. Try saying it with intention. What comes to your mind when you read these verses?

Day 2 **REMEMBERING HIS DEEDS**

Read Psalm 77:11

I will remember the Lord's works;

yes, I will remember your ancient wonders.

Take a minute to remember and jot down a time God worked in or provided in your life.

Day 3 **FIGHTING FORGETTING**

Remembering requires intention and discipline. What are some ways that you can start fighting forgetting today?

- ☐ Include a received benefit in my daily devotional time
- ☐ Set a mid-day reminder on my phone to practice gratitude
- ☐ Leave a note on my fridge, mirror, or other visible place
- ☐ Other _____

Week 1 - Devotional

Day 4 NAMING GRATITUDE

Remembering benefits we've received from God is only the first part. Write down a benefit you've received from God and then write down why you are thankful to Him.

His benefit _____

My thanks _____

Day 5 THE IMPACT OF GRATITUDE

When reflecting on the times that God provided for you, what are some words that you would use to describe them?

timely

miraculous

over-the-top

divine

abundant

perfect

loving

unexpected

Other: _____

What was your reaction to receiving His provision?

joy

valued

love

appreciation

seen/heard

gratitude

awe

peace

relief

humility

Other: _____

How does remembering God's provision and your own reaction to it impact your attitude/action of generosity?

CIRCLES DISCUSSION

Share about a time you “paid it forward” (received some sort of benefit and then went and shared a similar benefit with someone else, unsolicited).

- What were some of the thoughts and emotions going through your mind and soul?
- If you haven’t had that experience yet, what fears might be holding you back? What excites you about the opportunity?

A large blue circle with a double-line border, containing ten horizontal lines for writing.

SERMON NOTES

Week two

STOP HIDING

The first benefit David names isn't blessing or provision — it's forgiveness. That's not an accident. Forgiveness comes first because everything else we'll walk through in this series depends on a debt that's already been cancelled. When nothing is being held against us, we no longer need the shame, performance, or self-protection we've used to hide.

A forgiven person is a free person, and free people don't have anything left to protect — which is exactly why free people are generous people. This week, we ask what we've been hiding, and why we can finally stop.

Main Points:

- Sin causes people to hide.
- Shame keeps people trapped in isolation.
- God's forgiveness is deeper than our failure.
- Grace creates safe places for honesty and healing.

People who no longer live trapped by shame become more open-handed with their lives, relationships, time, and resources.

Daily Devotional

Stop Hiding

Psalm 103:3a

He forgives all your iniquity



02

BIG IDEA

A forgiven person is a free person, and free people are generous people. The first benefit David names is forgiveness, because everything else flows from a debt that's been cancelled. We can stop hiding when nothing is held against us.

WORD WORK

- **“Forgives” (*salach*)** is a verb used in Scripture only of God—humans pardon, but this particular forgiveness is divine.
- **“Iniquity” (*avon*)** refers to crookedness, the bentness in us—guilt and its consequences together.
- **Note “all” (*kol*)** is not selective, not partial. The grammar of grace is comprehensive.

CALL TO ACTION

Examine where you're still living as though your debt weren't cancelled. Forgiven people don't hoard; they release. Where is God asking you to extend the forgiveness—or the freedom—you've received?

Thomas' Story: Part II

The fire had burned down to glowing coals by the time the conversation changed. What had started with stories about grandchildren, retirement, and old fishing trips slowly gave way to something quieter. The kind of silence that arrives when no one feels the need to entertain the room anymore.

Slowly, Thomas admitted he still carried regret over a relationship he had broken decades earlier. Another spoke about a son who no longer returned his calls. A third confessed that, after years of leading in the church, he had quietly wondered whether anyone would still respect him if they knew how often he struggled with shame.

No one rushed to fix anything; No one hurried the moment. They simply stayed.

For years, each had believed his greatest failure was something to conceal rather than surface or surrender. Shame had long isolated them before they sat round that fire.

But shame loses its power when it is brought into light. God's forgiveness reaches deeper than our failures; His grace does more than remove guilt – it restores what shame has stolen. Honest hearts become healing hearts, and people who experience that kind of grace begin giving themselves away more freely – with their time, their relationships, their lives.

Day 1

REMEMBERING FREEDOM

Psalm 103:3a shows us...

1. The **debt** we couldn't pay – the weight of *avon*.
2. The **forgiveness** only God can give – *salach*.
3. With that forgiveness, **freedom** follows.

How have you experienced the connection between your own forgiveness and freedom?

Day 2

WISE FORGIVENESS

Read Ephesians 1:7-8

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he richly poured out on us with all wisdom and understanding."

Your forgiveness was not simply an act of pity. It was not an afterthought or leftover kindness. God's forgiveness of all your inequities (sins) was done as a result of His wisdom, understanding, and abundance. Reflect on this.

Day 3

FORGIVEN MUCH = LOVES MUCH

Read Luke 7:47

"Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that's why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little."

Jesus states that there is a direct connection between forgiveness and our ability to love. When we hang on to unforgiveness towards ourselves, we find it more difficult (or even impossible) to extend forgiveness, love, and generosity towards those around us. Where in your life do you need to let go of unforgiveness and receive God's forgiveness?

Day 4

MODERN DAY FIG LEAVES

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they felt ashamed, and they tried to hide from God, covering their shame with fig leaves. What are some “fig leaves” that you use today to “hide” or “offset” your sins? Serving at your church? Donating your time at a local non-profit? Helping someone in need? Giving to a charity?

Day 5

KNOWING VS EXPERIENCING VS LIVING

There is much in our faith that we might know but have yet to feel or experience, and some that we have experienced but struggle to live out. Mark the gauges below on the comparison between what you know, experience, and live when it comes to your forgiveness.

“He forgives **all** your iniquity.”

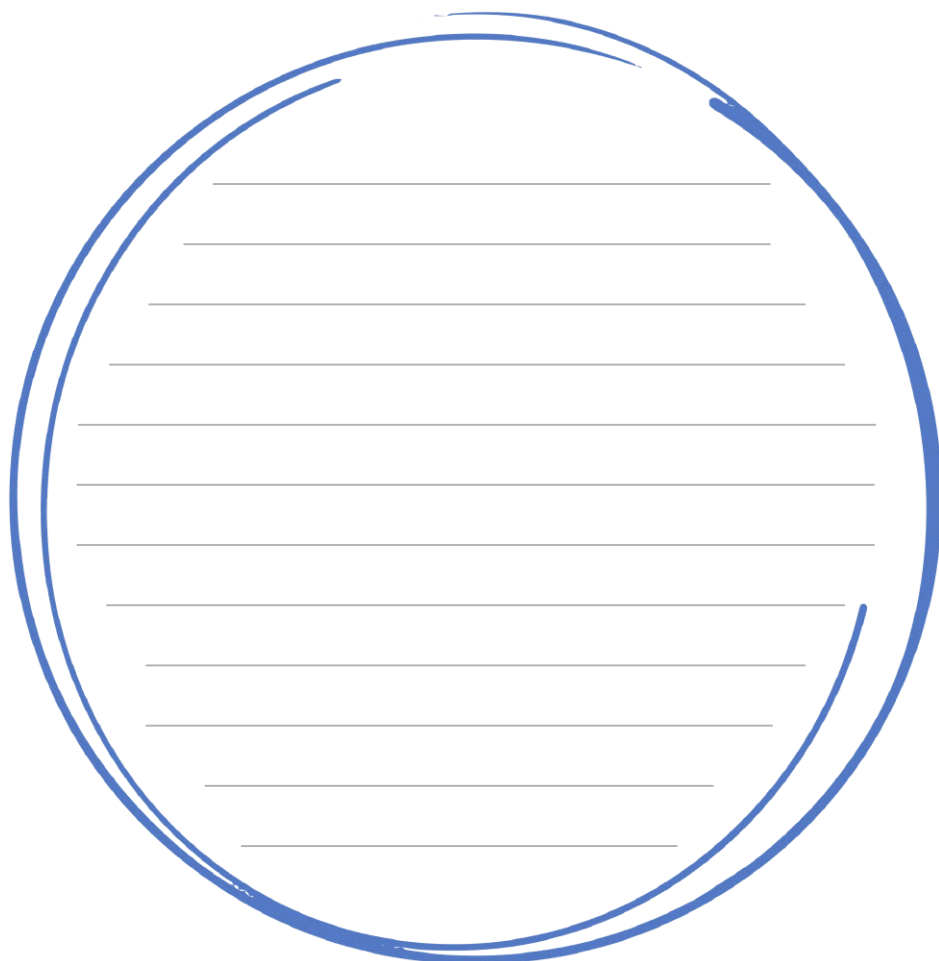
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I live this out	+	—	+	—	+

How can you practice living this truth in your life next week?

CIRCLES DISCUSSION

Share about a time you experienced forgiveness for a debt or perhaps a pain that you caused someone.

- What impact did that have on your attitude and actions towards others' pain or debt?
- What's the hardest part in understanding, experiencing, or living out God's forgiveness for all your inequity?



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SERMON NOTES

Week three

MORE THAN FORGIVEN

David doesn't stop at forgiveness — he moves straight into healing. God doesn't just forgive what we've done; He heals what sin and suffering have done to us. Plenty of us have received forgiveness and still walk around wounded, treating our faith like a courtroom where the verdict came back "not guilty," but nothing on the inside actually changed. We are more than forgiven — we are being made whole.

This week, we consider what it means to belong to a community that acts less like a museum preserving the past and more like a hospital healing the present.



Week 3 - September 13, 2026

Main Points:

- Sin wounds the soul.
- Suffering leaves deep marks on people.
- God's healing often goes deeper than immediate relief.
- Healed people become healing people.

As God heals what fear and pain have damaged in us, we become freer to love, serve, and give ourselves away generously.

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Daily Devotional

More Than Forgiven

Psalm 103:3b

he heals all your diseases



03

BIG IDEA

God heals the whole person, and healed people become healers. Forgiveness is the first benefit—but we are more than forgiven; we are made whole. A generous community is a hospital, not a museum.

WORD WORK

- **“Heals” (*rapha*)** is the root behind God’s covenant name Jehovah-Rapha (Exodus 15:26).
- **“Diseases” (*tachalu’im*)** is broad—sicknesses of the body, but in Hebrew thought also the brokenness of the whole person.
- Paired with forgiveness in the previous line, the psalm refuses to split the spiritual from the physical. God’s healing is holistic.

CALL TO ACTION

Where have you been healed—and who around you is still hurting in that exact place? Your healing was never meant to terminate on you. Offer your scar as someone else’s medicine.

Thomas' Story: Part III

It began with a story Thomas had told dozens of times. Dinner with friends, stories shared. Someone asked how he and Emma had met. Thomas smiled and shared a favorite memory, embellishing a few details for humor. The table erupted in laughter.

Emma smiled too.

On the drive home, she quietly said, "I've never told you this, but that story has always embarrassed me."

"I'm so sorry," he said. "I never knew."

"I know," she replied. "That's why I'm telling you now."

She forgave him before they pulled into the driveway. Yet over the next few days, Thomas felt something different.

Conversations were still kind, but a little more careful.

The easy rhythm they shared seemed just slightly out of step. After some time, and nearly imperceptibly, it returned. Laughter came more easily. Hands reached for one another again. Conversations found their familiar rhythm.

Forgiveness had come in a moment. Healing took more time.

God does the same with us. He forgives completely, yet His grace doesn't stop there. It patiently restores what sin, shame, and suffering have damaged. And as our hearts are healed, we become freer to love, to serve, and to give ourselves away with the same grace we have received.

Day 1

REMEMBERING HEALING

Psalm 103:3b shows us...

1. God names Himself our Healer – **covenant**, not transaction.
2. Healing is **comprehensive** – body, mind, spirit: “all”
3. The healed become a healing **presence** in the world.

Take a minute and remember a healing you’ve experienced or witnessed from God. How did that impact you?

Day 2

HEALING THE HEART

Read Psalm 147:3

*He heals the brokenhearted
and bandages their wounds.*

“All your diseases” covers more than just your body. Reflect on Psalm 147:3 and offer a prayer related to a wounding in your or a loved one’s heart. Where is your heart “breaking”?

Day 3

THE GOD WHO LISTENS

Read Psalm 30:2

*Lord my God,
I cried to you for help, and you healed me.*

Throughout Scripture, we see a God who listens and answers. The answer may not be the one we wanted or in the time we wanted, but it is the right answer at the right time. When you “cry out” to God, how confident are you that He is not only listening, but answering, helping, and healing your woundedness?

Week 3 - Devotional

Day 4

HEALED PEOPLE HEAL PEOPLE

We are of little help to others when we are lying sick in bed. The good news is that God's generous healing of "all your diseases" has now freed you to offer healing to others. Connect your own healing to an opportunity to heal others.

A healing I've received: _____

How I can help bring healing to others: _____

Day 5

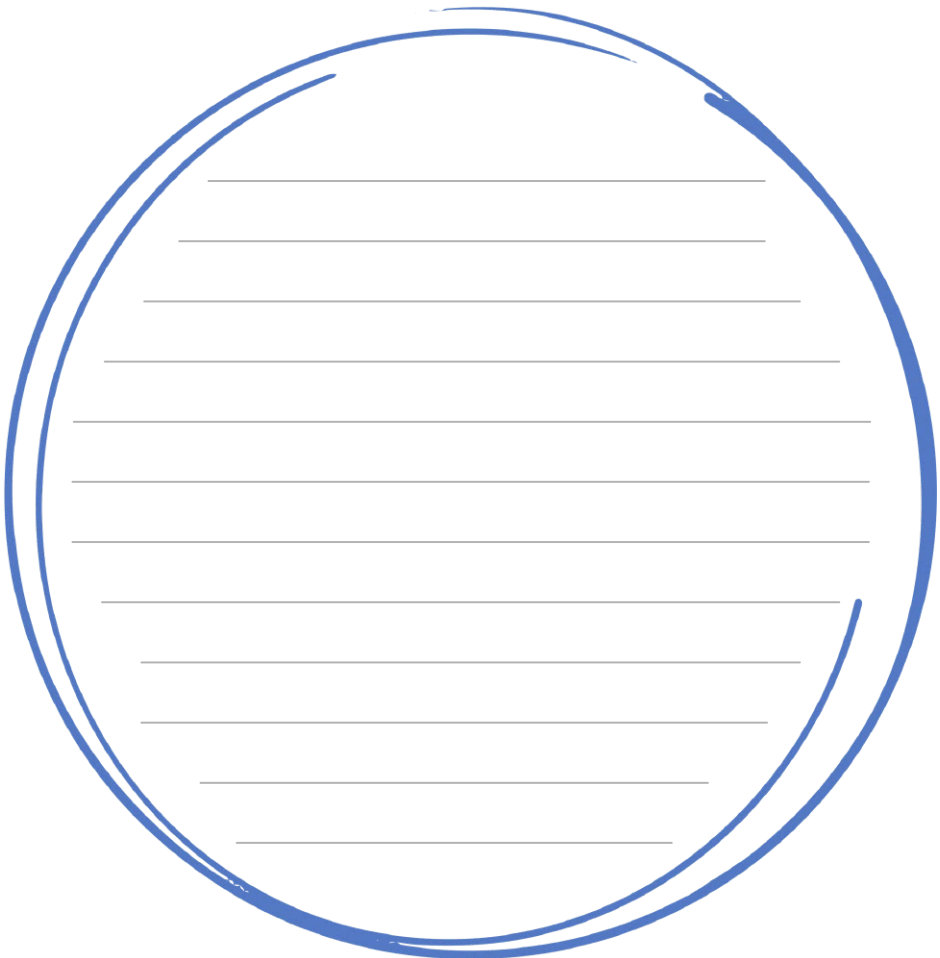
GENEROUS HEALING

Just like last week, we see that God not only forgave *some* of our inequity, but *all* of it. He didn't just heal some diseases; He healed all of them. God's forgiveness and healing go above and beyond what we could ever imagine.

How can you practice living this truth in your life next week?

CIRCLES DISCUSSION

What “disease” in your life do you need Jesus to heal? A physical pain? Bitter resentment? An addiction? Loneliness? Or something else? How would your life change if this were healed completely?

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SERMON NOTES

Week four

MY STORY IS NOT OVER

David says God redeems our life from the pit — and redemption is never free. It costs something to buy someone back. That's what makes a redeemed people different: they live with open hands, not clenched fists, because they know they were purchased, not simply released.

God didn't just pull us out of the pit of failure, suffering, and shame and leave us standing at the edge of it. He gave us a future. This week, we sit with the truth that whatever chapter we're in right now, our story is not over — and that changes how tightly we hold on to everything else.

Main Points:

- Some pits are created by sin.
- Some pits are created by suffering.
- God wastes nothing surrendered to Him.
- Redeemed people become rescuing people.

People who remember their own redemption become compassionate and generous toward others still struggling in broken places.

Daily Devotional

My Story Is Not Over

Psalm 103:4a

He redeems your life from the Pit.



04

BIG IDEA

We were rescued from the pit at a cost, and redeemed people live with open hands because they know they were bought back. Wherever you've been, the pit is not the final word—your story is not over.

WORD WORK

- **“Redeems” (ga'al)** is kinship language—the go'el was the family member who paid to buy back a relative from slavery or debt (think Boaz in Ruth). It's costly, relational rescue.
- **“Pit / destruction” (shachat)** means the grave, the pit, ruin—the lowest place. God doesn't reach down halfway; He reaches into the pit.

CALL TO ACTION

Name your pit honestly. Then ask: who is in a pit you have the means to reach into? Redemption is always costly and always relational—it can't be done at a distance.

Thomas' Story: Part IV

It was nearly a year after retirement when the telephone rang. The voice belonged to a man Thomas had not spoken with in years. "Would you have lunch with me?"

So they met and spent the afternoon wandering through old memories. They spoke of family and work, of people they had known and the roads life had taken since their paths last crossed. When it was time to leave, the man lingered. "There is something I've wanted to tell you."

Thomas waited.

"Years ago, after my divorce, you asked me to take a walk." Thomas searched his memory but found nothing. The years had carried away the details. The man smiled.

"You probably don't remember much about it."

"I don't."

"Neither do I, really. I can't remember what you said. I only remember that you stayed." For a moment neither spoke.

"That afternoon," the man said, "I was planning to go home and quit on everything." He paused. "I didn't."

Thomas felt the weight of the words settle between them.

How often God works through moments we scarcely remember. We look for redemption in grand events, while heaven enters quietly through a conversation, a walk shared, a burden carried together.

And years later we discover that what seemed small to us was never small to God. He had been at work all along, refusing to waste a single act of love.

Day 1

REMEMBERING RESCUE

Psalm 103:4a shows us...

1. The pit we were in – honest about how low *shachat* goes
2. The Kinsman who paid – *ga'al*; rescue costs the rescuer.
3. The life of the redeemed – the opposite of the Pit (destruction) is life to the full.

Your testimony of salvation is easier to share than you think.
Take a minute to reflect on your personal story of rescue.

Day 2

CHANGED BY RESCUE

How does understanding what you have been rescued from impact how you see yourself?

Day 3

NO LONGER ENEMIES

Read Romans 5:10

For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

How does Romans 5:10 impact your relationship with God?

Week 4 - Devotional

Day 4

SPENDING REVEALS VALUE

On Day 1 this week, we saw that rescue costs the rescuer. You can determine a thing's value based on how much a person is willing to pay for it. Jesus paid his very life to redeem you from destruction. THAT reveals 2 things:

- 1) How much He loves you
- 2) How much you're worth to Him

Take a minute and turn that truth into a prayer of gratitude.

Day 5

REDEMPTION BREEDS COMPASSION

When we remember and give thanks for our own redemption, we find ourselves becoming more compassionate and generous towards others still struggling in broken places.

Name an individual or an organization you can pray for and/or compassionately donate your resources to.

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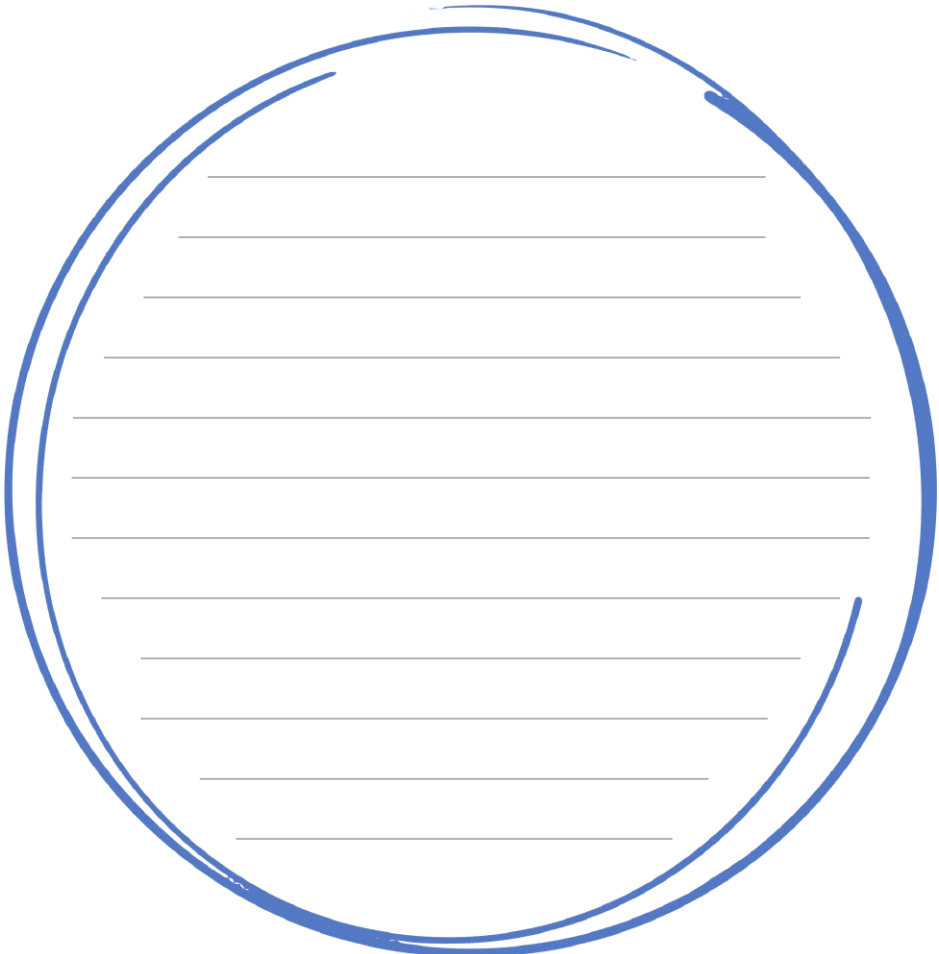
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CIRCLES DISCUSSION

Find some time to share your testimony from Day 1 with someone, and listen to their testimony as well. What similarities are present in both? Is there anything that sharing testimonies inspires you to do in prayer or action?



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SERMON NOTES

Week five **CROWNED**

Rescue is only half the picture. David says God doesn't just pull us out of the pit — He crowns us. A crown isn't just relief from what was wrong; it's the restoration of dignity and identity, the kind of love and compassion that says you are not simply saved; you are honored. Many of us have accepted that we're forgiven without ever really believing we're valued.

This week, we explore what it means to live not as rescued people limping away from disaster, but as crowned people carrying a restored identity into everyday life.



Week 5 - September 27, 2026

Main Points:

- God's love is covenantal, not conditional.
- God deals compassionately with His people.
- False identities eventually crush the soul.
- Beloved people become compassionate people.

Secure people do not need to cling tightly to status, possessions, or recognition. Loved people become generous people.

Daily Devotional
Crowned

Psalm 103:4b

*he crowns you with faithful love and
compassion*



05

BIG IDEA

God doesn't just rescue us from the pit—He crowns us. We move from prisoner to royalty, and royalty in God's kingdom is defined by generosity, not accumulation.

WORD WORK

- **“Crowns” (*atar*)** means to surround, encircle, like a crown encircles a head—a fitting image for Circles.
- **“Lovingkindness” (*chesed*)** is the great covenant word: loyal, steadfast, unbreakable love.
- **“Tender mercies” (*rachamim*)** comes from the root for **womb (*rechem*)**—a mother's gut-level compassion. God surrounds us with covenant love and womb-deep mercy.

CALL TO ACTION

Live this week as one who is crowned—and remember a crown of *chesed* is meant to be shared, not displayed. Who needs to be surrounded by the kind of love that surrounds you?

Thomas' Story: Part V

Thomas had been looking forward to the round all week. A few men from church had invited him to play, and somewhere between accepting the invitation and stepping onto the first tee, he had quietly decided he wanted them to think he was a good golfer.

The first drive sailed low and left, disappearing into the desert before anyone had a chance to pretend otherwise. Thomas laughed, made a joke at his own expense, and teed up another ball. The second shot wasn't much better. The misses kept coming. Thin irons. Missed putts. Drives that seemed drawn to every bunker and patch of desert scrub. Around him, the morning was beautiful. The sky was impossibly blue, sprinklers hissed in the distance, and laughter drifted across the fairway. Yet every poor swing felt strangely personal.

It wasn't about golf. Golf was simply exposing something deeper. Thomas wanted these men to admire him. Competent. Athletic. Accomplished. Worth noticing. A bad round had somehow become a verdict on his value.

How easily we crown ourselves with identities the world can give – or take – away. Achievement, success, recognition, approval. They promise more than they can ever deliver. God offers something entirely different. Every other crown eventually slips. The one God places on us never does.

Day 1

REMEMBERING LOVINGKINDNESS

Psalm 103:4b reveals...

1. From pit to crown – the staggering reversal.
2. The crown is *chesed* and *rachamim* – not power, but love.
3. Crowned people reign by giving – kingdom loyalty looks like service grounded in love and compassion.

What is one way that God has crowned (surrounded or encircled) you with lovingkindness and tender mercies?

Day 2

FROM PRISONER TO ROYALTY

Kingdom identity is given, not achieved. If you're honest, do you more often carry yourself like a former prisoner or like someone who has been given a crown? Why?

Day 3

LIVING FROM YOUR CROWN

Worldly royalty accumulates; kingdom royalty gives. What is one deliberately generous act that costs you something real – money, time, or comfort – as a small, tangible declaration this week that you believe you're crowned?

Week 5 - Devotional

Day 4 **SECURITY**

Insecure royalty hoards to prove its worth. Secure royalty gives because its worth was never in question.

Where in your life is accumulation quietly functioning as proof of your worth instead of generosity flowing from your identity?

Day 5 **GENEROSITY FIRST**

Read Proverbs 11:25

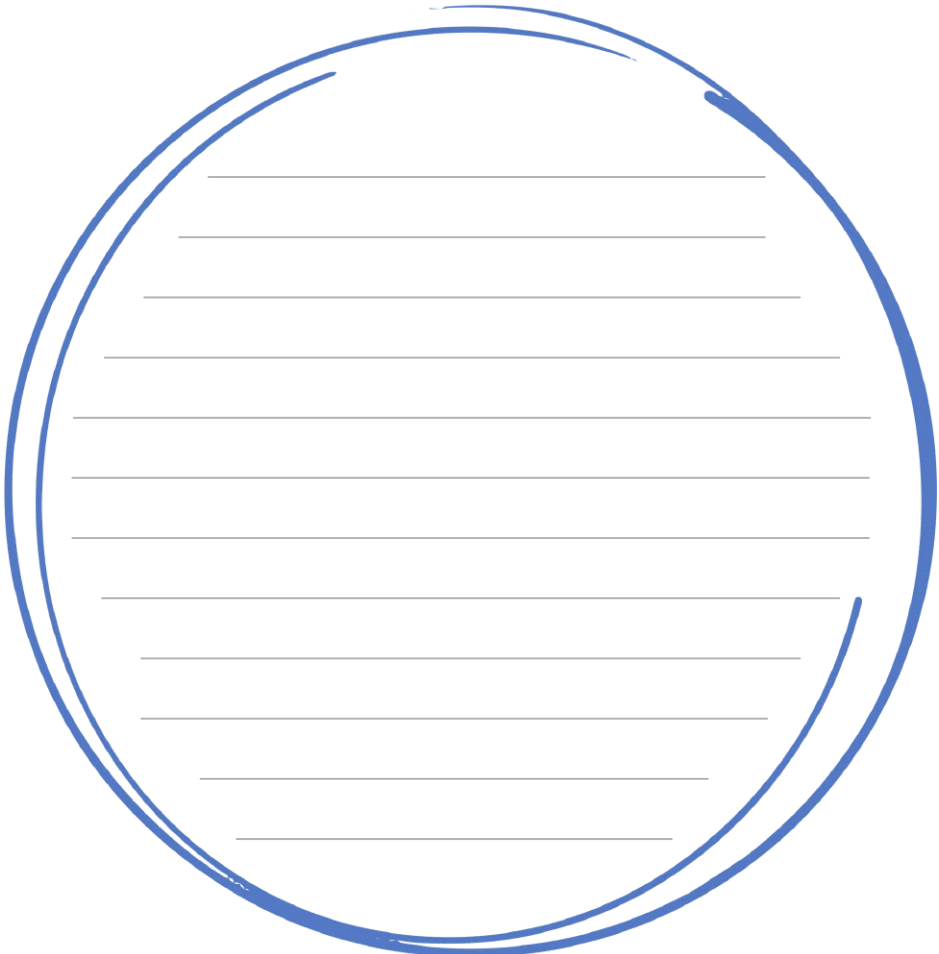
*A generous person will be enriched,
and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.*

Notice the order here: first generosity, then enriching; first giving, then receiving. Giving does not mean losing. Giving comes before gaining.

What aspect of your life do you struggle most with giving away: your time, your talent (abilities), your treasure (finances)? What would change if you saw generosity not as “giving up”, but “trading up”?

CIRCLES DISCUSSION

Share about a time when you gave away your time, talent, or treasure, without any expectations. What happened to the person you were generous to? What happened to you?



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SERMON NOTES

Week six

ENOUGH, AND MORE

Every human soul is looking for satisfaction, but David reminds us that only God can satisfy what He created — nothing else will fully fill that space, no matter how long or hard we try to fill it ourselves. This is where our Circles series lands: a truly satisfied soul is the most generous soul on earth.

Scarcity hoards because it's afraid there won't be enough. Satisfaction overflows because it already knows there is. In our final week, we discover that generosity was never meant to be a discipline we force ourselves into — it's simply the natural exhale of a person who has finally realized they have enough.

Week 6 - October 4, 2026

Main Points:

- Every human soul carries deep hunger.
- False satisfactions always disappoint.
- God satisfies differently than the world does.
- Satisfied people become generous people.

When people discover that God is enough, they stop living from scarcity and begin living with open hands.

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Daily Devotional

Enough, and More

Psalm 103:5

*He satisfies you with good things;
your youth is renewed like the
eagle.*



06

BIG IDEA

A truly satisfied soul is the most generous soul on earth. Scarcity hoards; satisfaction overflows. Generosity is the natural exhale of people who know they have enough.

WORD WORK

- **“Satisfies” (*saba*)** means filled to fullness, contentment.
- **“Good things” (*tov*)**—the same word from Genesis 1, God’s own assessment of His creation.
- **“Renewed” (*chadash*)** means made new. The eagle image likely evokes the bird’s molting and renewal of plumage—the satisfied soul is perpetually renewed, not depleted by giving.

CALL TO ACTION

Examine where you’re operating from scarcity instead of satisfaction. The whole initiative has led here: not “give until it hurts” but “you are already satisfied—now let it overflow.” Commit to a posture of generous overflow as a way of life, not a one-time gift.

Thomas' Story: Part VI

Back in the garage, Thomas found a notebook while clearing old files from a cabinet long neglected. Inside were dreams preserved in ink: "Start a business. Teach. Write a book. Open a coffee shop. Work for myself."

He smiled as he turned the pages. Some ambitions lasted only a paragraph. Others stretched on for pages of plans and possibilities. For a moment, he felt the familiar pull of wondering what life might have been had he chosen differently. Then he looked up.

Photographs of children now grown. Grandchildren whose names filled his prayers. Friendships weathered through decades. Lives quietly shaped through conversations he scarcely remembered.

None of those gifts had appeared in the notebook. Perhaps God's calling had never been waiting somewhere else. Perhaps it had been hidden all along in ordinary days.

The soul is a restless wanderer when it seeks its home among temporary things. Give it success, and it asks for accomplishment. Give it accomplishment, and it asks for significance. Give it significance, and still it hungers, because every earthly gift eventually reveals itself to be too small for the ache it was meant to satisfy.

There comes, by grace, a holy moment when a person discovers that Christ is not the means to the thing they truly wanted. Christ IS the thing they truly wanted.

Day 1 **OVERFLOWING SATISFACTION**

Psalms 103:5 shows us...

1. The soul is satisfied, *saba*; God fills, not the world.
2. This satisfaction renews rather than depletes – the eagle's strength.
3. This satisfaction overflows – generosity is what fullness does.

What is currently telling you that you don't have enough – and is that voice actually true, or just loud?

Day 2 **LEARNED CONTENTMENT**

Read Philippians 4:11-12

I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need.

Reflect on this: Paul says he "learned" contentment – meaning satisfaction is a practiced posture, not just a feeling that arrives. Where do you need to learn contentment?

Day 3 **TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE**

Scarcity thinking is often rehearsed in small daily moments – a tight grip on a receipt, reluctance to share, comparison.

Today, catch yourself in one scarcity moment as it happens, pause, and consciously choose an open-handed response instead.

Day 4

MORE THAN ENOUGH

Generosity comes from the fountain of satisfaction and overflowing, not from a mindset of finite resources.

What area of your life would you be most excited about to have overflow to the point where you can't help but give it away?

Day 5

A SATISFIED PRAYER

Pray this:

"Lord, you have satisfied me with good things. Renew in me a settled confidence that I already have enough, so that generosity isn't a strain but an overflow. Let this not end as a series I finished, but as a life I now live — received and lived out, for as long as you give me breath. Amen."

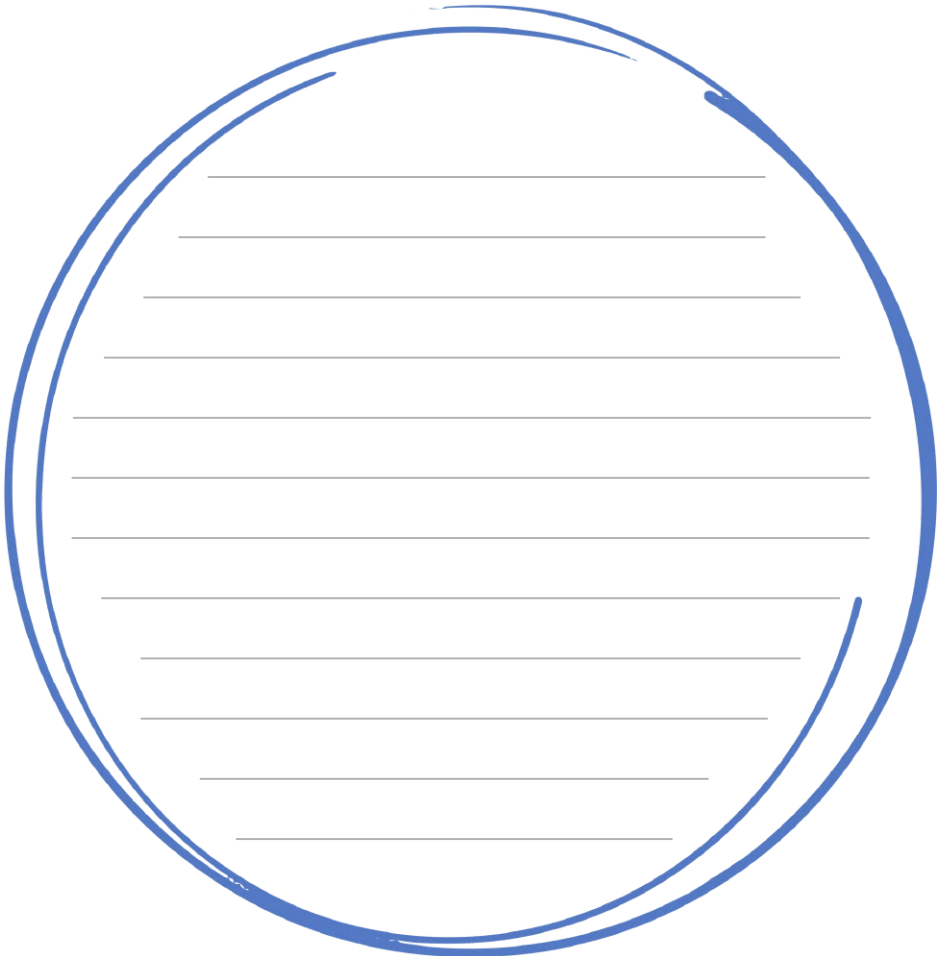
Now pray it again with the different inflections:

*"Lord, **you** have **satisfied** me with good things. Renew in me a settled confidence that **I already have enough**, so that generosity isn't a strain but an **overflow**. Let this not end as a series I finished, but as **a life I now live** — **received and lived** out, for as long as **you give** me breath. Amen."*

What rings differently the second time reading it? How does your soul react? How does this impact your generosity?

CIRCLES DISCUSSION

Looking back over these six weeks, what has moved in you, and what's one concrete way your hands and heart will stay open after today?

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GROUP GUIDES

The following pages can be used in any Small Group gathering. The Icebreaker and Discussion questions are there to help the members in your group connect with one another as you dive deeper into Sunday's message together and apply it in your life.

1. CONNECT (20–25 MINS)

Use this time, along with the Icebreaker question for each week, to check in and allow people time to arrive emotionally, not just physically.

2. GROW (40–50 MINS)

Utilize the discussion questions (along with any notes you may have taken from Sunday's message) to engage deeper as a group, focusing not just on information, but transformation and application.

3. PRAY (10–15 MINS)

Share each other's prayer requests as you move forward into the coming week. The Guided Prayers supplied each week are there to help refocus hearts on applying yesterday's message into tomorrow's journey.

Don't let facilitating or joining a Small Group overwhelm you. Small Groups are about presence, not performance. Simply opening your home, starting a discussion, or sharing a personal thought can make a difference you never imagined. The format is simple. The invitation is real. The impact is life-changing.

Remember

Week 1 - Group Guide



ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

What is something that you need to constantly remind yourself to do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Discuss the consequences associated with spiritual forgetfulness.
- How would counting our blessings and naming them one by one help you remember the goodness of God?
- React to the statement, *"When we remember the goodness of God, generosity becomes a response of gratitude rather than obligation."* Is this true for you?

GUIDED PRAYER:

Generous Father, this world easily captures our attention and causes us to forget Your many benefits. Help shift our focus back to You and You alone as the One who forgives, heals, redeems, crowns, and satisfies us. Today, we intentionally choose to remember and acknowledge Your goodness. May we not simply remember and walk away the same, but may the gratefulness we feel transform our hearts so that we desire to be an active participant in Your work. Amen.

stop Hiding

Week 2 - Group Guide



ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

What is one “pro” and one “con” for superficial relationships? What is one “pro” and one “con” for more meaningful relationships?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why do people prefer to live hidden behind shame, performance, and self-protection rather than trusting in the Lord and allowing others access?
- How might a person’s fear of being known have a paralyzing effect on their life and make them less inclined to be generous?
- React to the statement, *“People who no longer live trapped by shame become more open-handed with their lives, relationships, time, and resources.”*

GUIDED PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, because of your sacrifice on the cross, all our sins are forgiven. Thank you that our debt is paid, not just partially but completely. Free us from the trap of shame and guilt over sins you’ve already removed. May we stop hiding our time, talents, and resources because we feel they’re not good enough, and instead choose to stand firm in the assurance of your grace, not because we’re worthy of it, but because you gave it freely. Amen.

More Than Forgiveness

Week 3 - Group Guide



ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

What has been the most challenging healing that you've gone through?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How might remembering that "suffering leaves deep marks on people" affect the way we relate to others?
- What's required for healed people to become healing people?
- React to the statement, *"As God heals what fear and pain have damaged in us, we become freer to love, serve, and give ourselves away generously."* Have you experienced this yourself?

GUIDED PRAYER:

Healing Father, your powerful capacity for forgiveness and healing is thorough and complete. Help us to remember that we are not only forgiven for our sins but also healed from the darkness that sin brought into our life. Thank you for your loving mercy and restorative healing, which shields us from the devastating effects of our own sin and the impact of others sinning against us. When we recall a painful event, Holy Spirit, remind us that you have already healed us in every aspect of our lives. Amen.

My Story Is Not Over

Week 4 - Group Guide



ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

Do you prefer to watch a movie that's a comedy, drama, action, documentary, or something else? Why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Share about a time you experienced ruin, despair, destruction, or hopelessness. (Ex. Loss of a job, divorce, addiction, death of a loved one, etc.)
- What's required for redeemed people to become rescuers of people?
- React to the statement, *"People who remember their own redemption become compassionate and generous toward others still struggling in broken places."* Has this been true for you?

GUIDED PRAYER:

Redeeming Lord, remind us when we feel weak and afraid and forgotten that You have already saved us from destruction. Thank you for not only saving us from slavery, but restoring us into Your family. Help us to confidently follow You as ones whose relationship has been restored, wherever You go, and in everything You do. Amen



ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

What is the most “steadfast” thing/relationship/aspect in your life right now?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How does knowing that God’s love is covenantal and not conditional make performing, i.e., earning our salvation, unnecessary? How easy (or hard) is that for you to remember on a daily basis?
- What’s required for beloved people to become compassionate people?
- React to the statement, *“Secure people do not need to cling tightly to status, possessions, or recognition. Loved people become generous people.”* Which of those items (status, possessions, or recognition) has been easiest to let go of and be generous with? Which has been the hardest?

GUIDED PRAYER:

Loving Father, we come into your presence today with gladness. In You, we have everything we need. Help us to not only know about, but experience, the breadth, length, depth, and height of your steadfast love. Help us to receive your loving kindness, that we may generously pour the same love out on those around us. Amen.

Enough, And More

Week 6 - Group Guide



ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

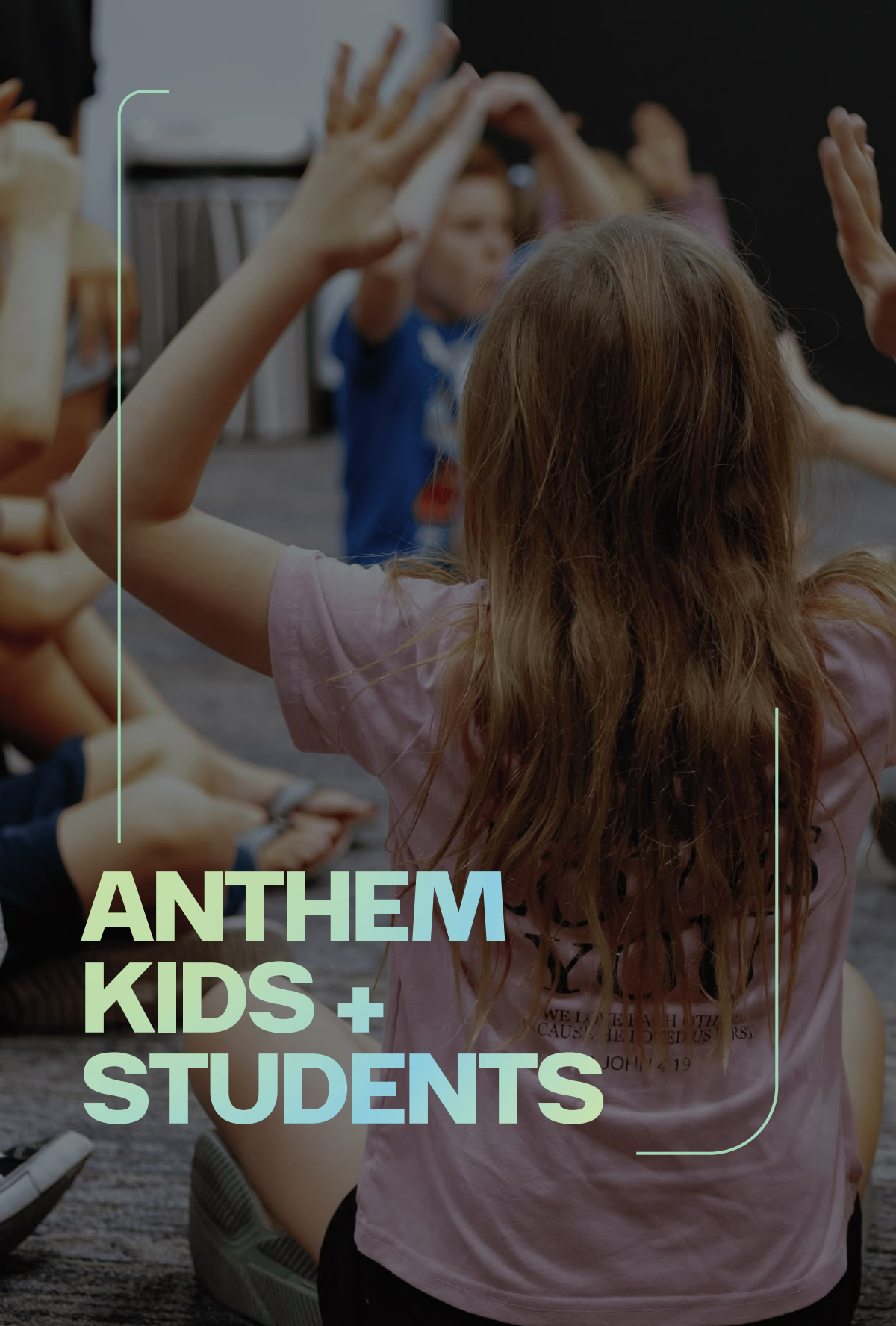
What dessert do you have to push away from the table to stop eating?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Share your thoughts about how God satisfies differently than the world does.
- What's required for satisfied people to become generous people?
- React to the statement, *"When people discover that God is enough, they stop living from scarcity and begin living with open hands."* Have you experienced this yourself? How, or why not?

GUIDED PRAYER:

God of all comfort, we praise you from the depths of our souls. You are a God who not only gives but gives to overflowing. You have forgiven us, healed us, and given us Your eternal life. You have shown us love that is beyond our comprehension. You have made us in Your image. No wonder our hearts are made full by Your presence. We are forever grateful. Move each of us daily to live in deep thankfulness and generosity. Amen.

A photograph of a group of children, seen from behind, with their hands raised in the air. The child in the foreground has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a light pink t-shirt. The t-shirt has text on the back, including "WE LATELY A HOT", "CAUSE HE LOVED US", and "JOHN 14:19". The background is slightly blurred, showing other children and an outdoor setting. The overall tone is warm and positive.

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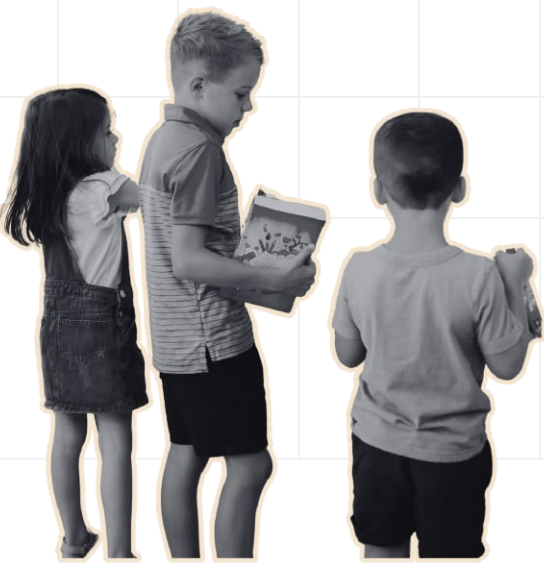


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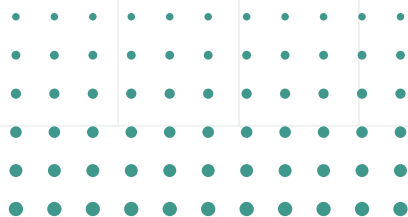
Our families will grow in faith and love on our Circles journey. Our Family Ministry Team has created age-appropriate lessons and engaging resources for each Sunday gathering, including a weekly Table Talker designed to encourage transformation at home. Kids will receive a themed water bottle and are encouraged to attend each Sunday to collect that week's lesson sticker.

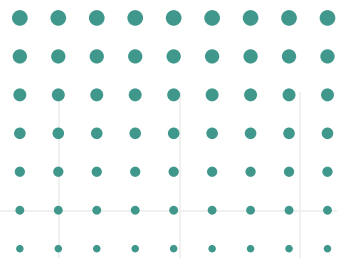


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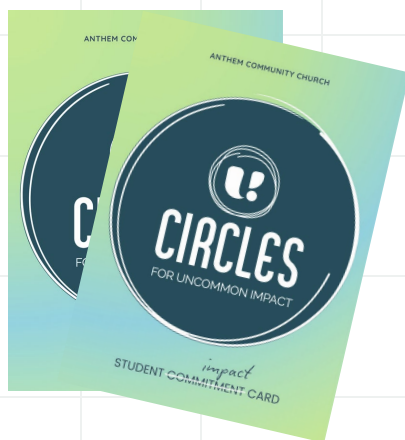
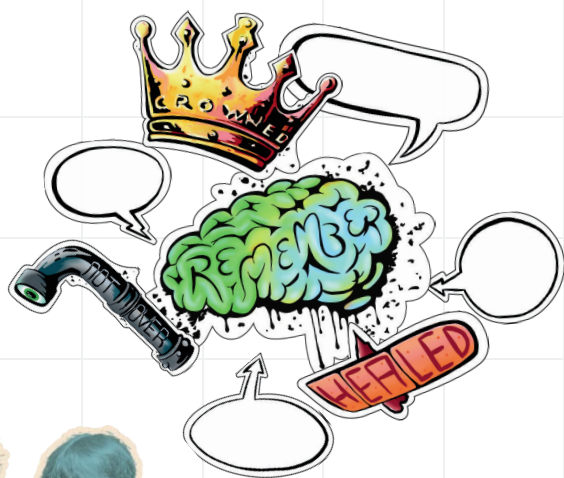
WEEKLY STICKERS





STUDENTS

Circles is a journey for ACC students to learn more about God's generosity to them and who they are in Christ. Our Student Team has created a Sunday night experience with topics and resources that are engaging for students. Be there every Sunday to unlock that week's lesson swag and complete your commitment card.



COMMITMENT CARD

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are we not building another sanctuary?

From the beginning, Anthem's vision has been to grow to average 1,000 people on Sunday mornings and then plant another church. This can be accomplished with modifications to the existing Worship Center and Kids' Building. Our Mission to equip people to live the truth of Jesus is best achieved through the engagements that occur Monday through Saturday. The campus plan creates real spaces for real people to experience real transformation.

What happens if we don't reach our goal?

Anthem's Mission and Vision, along with the timing, belong to God. We are challenged to help fulfill His plan to the best of our abilities and to trust in Him and His leading. We can continue to hold Sunday services along with limited weekday events until the resources are available to complete construction and fulfill the vision.

When will construction start?

The remodel of the Worship Center and Kids' Building is expected to begin on April 1 of next year.

Construction on the lot will begin as soon as adequate resources are in place to move the process forward.

How does this help us live out our mission?

Our mission to Equip People to Live the Truth of Jesus in Everyday Life is fulfilled, not only through connecting with God and others in Sunday morning services, but it is fulfilled in the things we engage in "everyday" of our lives.

Living the truth is found in prayer, in learning, in one-on-one discipleship, in small groups. More than the rows we sit in, it's found in the circles that we create with others...at the cafe, in the living rooms, in the prayer chapel, in the play area, around the fires.

FINAL REMARKS

Let's all join together today in praying for the Circles initiative. Through the Holy Spirit, we will be refreshed, renewed, and ready to invest together to more fully fulfill Anthem Community Church's mission of Equipping People to Live the Truth of Jesus in Everyday Life. - *Pastor Marty*

1. ATTEND ALL 6-WEEKS OF CIRCLES: FOR UNCOMMON IMPACT

2. PRAY FOR GOD'S FAVOR AND BLESSING TO GO BEFORE US.

3. BECOME INFORMED BY ENGAGING WITH THE INITIATIVE MATERIALS, BY ATTENDING EVENTS, AND BY ASKING QUESTIONS.

4. SEEK THE LORD BY PRAYING ABOUT A 2-YEAR COMMITMENT ABOVE YOUR CURRENT GIVING BEFORE COMMITMENT SUNDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2026.

5. BE AN AMBASSADOR OF ACCURATE INFORMATION.



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