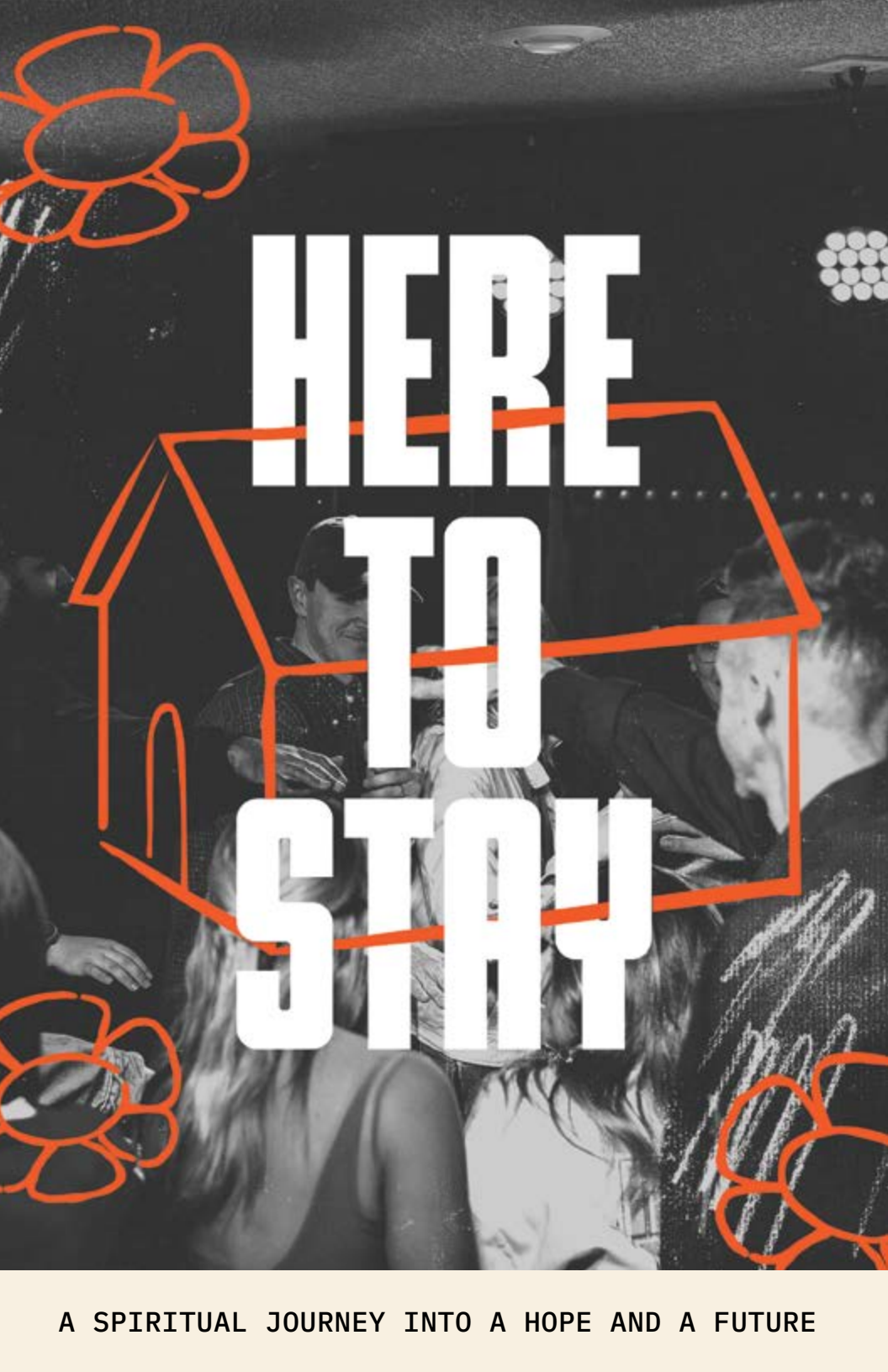




HERE TO STAY

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO A HOPE AND A FUTURE



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for you," declares the Lord,

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JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV



Is a church-wide journey to partner with God as He builds his church, plants us in the city, increases our fruit, and blesses our house. his journey includes a six-week message series and One Group Experience. No matter where you are in your walk with Jesus we know God is going to bless you in this journey as we:

- Pursue one hope.
- Discover one purpose.
- Go after the one Jesus loves.

Together, we'll grow in our relationship with God and build our faith as we build our church, plant with purpose, increase our fruitfulness and bless our city. God has plans of a hope and a future for One City, and for OUR CITY.



HERE TO STAY

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Thank you for going on this spiritual journey with us called Here to Stay. From the beginning of One City Church, we have enjoyed our INCREDIBLE community, a community that was built by God. From our Sundays to our One Groups; experiencing volleyball leagues, costume parties, salvation stories and baptism Sundays: spiritual journeys are something we love doing together.

We are doing this Here to Stay journey because we believe there is something God will do in the hearts of everyone as we participate in this together.

We want to encourage you to fully commit to this church-wide journey over the next six weeks. Bring

this guide to church with you each week, join a One Group, and don't miss a single Sunday of the series. We promise you won't regret it.

With God's power and plan, your dedication, we will see this vision become a reality. Individually each of us will make an impact and together we will leave a legacy to impact generations to come.

Thank you again for committing to this journey.

We're praying that you will encounter God in a new and amazing way.

Jon & Jessie
LEAD PASTORS

This is what the Lord of Heaven's
Armies, the God of Israel, says to
all the captives he has exiled to
Babylon from Jerusalem:

"Build homes, and plan to stay.
Plant gardens, and eat the food they
produce. Marry and have children.
Then find spouses for them so that
you may have many grandchildren.

Multiply! Do not dwindle away!
And work for the peace and prosperity
of the city where I sent you into
exile. Pray to the Lord for it,
for its welfare will determine
your welfare."

JEREMIAH 29:4-7 NLT



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO GOD'S PLANS OF A HOPE AND A FUTURE.

STORIES OF HOPE AND LIFE-CHANGE

Throughout this Guide, you will find stories of changed lives from our own people at One City Church. These stories remind us of the incredible things God is continually doing through our church to reach people for Jesus and help them find belonging in a spiritual family.

We hope these stories inspire and encourage you as we go on this journey together!

SHARE YOUR STORY

Be sure to let us know what God speaks to you during Here To Stay. Share your thoughts and stories with us at onecitychurch.com/here-to-stay

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The HERE TO STAY Guide has everything you need to go on the journey.

WEEKLY MESSAGE NOTES

Each week begins with fill-in-the-blanks from the weekend message and a place to take your own notes. Use this space to jot down anything God speaks to you during the message series.

ONE GROUP GUIDES

Next, you will find the big idea, key verse, and discussion questions you will use in your One Group during the week. Be sure to bring your Guide with you to your One Group.



NOT IN A ONE GROUP YET?

Find one near you by visiting
onecitychurch.churchcenter.com/groups



OUR VISION

The vision of One City Church started in November of 2020 with Pastors Jon and Jessie's dream of seeing the One true God be lifted high, and the one He loves COME HOME. They dreamed of a Spirit-filled church that brought as many people in the Denver area into a life-giving relationship with Jesus as possible.

God called Pastors Jon and Jessie to "build something new" and that One City would "serve a city, and set a pace." They also knew if their dream wasn't a little scary, it wasn't big enough. The vibrant community God built through One City Church is exactly what Denver needed. We have welcomed hundreds of families since our beginning. In November of 2020, we began meeting downtown across the street from The Denver Rescue Mission. They felt called to the poor, and so God placed us in their neighborhood in the very beginning. One city moved into our first leased building in January of 2022, and then moved to Olde Town Littleton in January of 2025. It was here that the Lord gave Jon and Jessie a verse telling them it was time to "stay".

"Build homes, and plan to stay.
Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. Marry and have children.
Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren.
Multiply! Do not dwindle away! And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile.
Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."
Jeremiah 29:5-7 NLT

And so now: we pursue our Miracle Building: telling Littleton, Denver and all of Colorado: Jesus loves you, so do we – and we are HERE TO STAY. You're invited into this journey of serving our city, and seeing God do miracles in our midst. There is a place for you and your family in this journey of faith!

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS...

32

PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN BAPTIZED

28

BABIES HAVE
BEEN BORN



97

PEOPLE HAVE
FOUND HOPE
IN JESUS.

287

CONNECTION
CARDS HAVE
BEEN FILLED OUT



12,480

DONUTS HAVE
BEEN SERVED



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO GOD'S PLANS OF A HOPE AND A FUTURE.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Over the past 5 years of our church's life, we have seen God do miracle after miracle. We give him all the glory for provisions met, and souls saved and lives redeemed.

But now we feel God calling us to "plant" and "stay". And we are pursuing a Miracle Building to see God draw more people to himself, to raise up the next generation in hope and purpose, and worship the One True God with all we have!

Here To Stay is an all-church campaign designed to meet the \$750K needed to buy our Miracle Building, refurbish the auditorium and lobby, and create an incredible space for our next generation.

DOWN PAYMENT FOR OUR MIRACLE BUILDING

We will raise \$500,000 in 6 weeks to secure our pursuit of our Miracle Building.

Down Payment: \$500K

PHASE 1: AUDITORIUM & LOBBY BUILDOUT

Demoing back space of auditorium, redoing our Hello space, building a Café area, recarpeting, fresh lighting, and audio and visual for auditorium.

Phase 1: \$150K

PHASE 2: WONDER KIDS AND YOUTH SPACE

Gutting 6,000 square feet to build our spaces for our Babies, Littles, Bigs and YOUTH. We will be a church that raises a generation filled with hope and purpose!

Phase 2: \$100K

TOTAL NEEDED: \$750,000 IN 1 YEAR



MIRACLE BUILDING DOWN PAYMENT

Our building is a miracle building. Sitting on a hill for all of Littleton to see, our Miracle Building is a 250-300 person auditorium, a great front lobby, incredible kids space, and wonderful parking. We will raise \$500,000 in 6 weeks to go towards down payment and deferred maintenance on the building.

In this building we will see people find life and purpose in Jesus. We will see families ignited in faith, and children come to Christ. We can see Women's conferences, and Men's Conferences, Built to Last Conferences that build marriages, baptisms, and Worship Nights happening in our Miracle Building. We can see young adults coming to faith, families being restored, and those needing a family finding a HOME.

PHASE 1: AUDITORIUM AND LOBBY SPACE

We want to be a front porch for people looking for hope, and a home for people looking for family. Our goal with the lobby is to make it a place where people can hug and HANG. We will create:

- A brand new Café area
- A welcome wall
- A Hello/New Guest Area
- A Merch Station
- Install fresh lighting and flooring and paint

The auditorium space will be a place where we worship our God TOGETHER. We will demo the back area and baptismal, build a brand new stage area, install lighting, remove pews and purchase new church chairs, re-carpet, install audio gear and visual gear.



PHASE 2: WONDER KIDS AND YOUTH SPACES

The Next Generation has always been a key part of our vision. Our Wonder Kids program is not child-care; instead, we are discipling and raising up the church of tomorrow by teaching kids the hope, purpose and WONDER of Jesus. Additionally, as our children grow, we desire to have youth programs that meet them where they are at, disciple them, and raise them into the leaders of tomorrow.

To do this, we need to build relevant, FUN and incredible kids and youth rooms. The entire downstairs level of our building will be devoted to our Wonder Kids and Youth. We will demo the entire space, then build:

- A welcoming check in station.
- A large Babies Room
- A Littles Crawling Room
- A Littles Walking Room
- A Bigs Room 6yrs-8yrs
- A Bigs Room 9yrs-12yrs
- A Large Youth Room
- A Classic Arcade Room
- A Meeting Space for NEXT CLASSES and One Groups

KEY DATES AND EVENTS

13 SEPT	HERE TO STAY BEGINS
20 SEPT	HERE TO STAY: WEEK 2 PRAYER & FASTING • Sunrise to Sunset as a Church
25-26 SEPT	SHE PRAYS WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
27 SEPT	HERE TO STAY: WEEK 3 CHURCH WIDE GARAGE SALE AND SMALL BUSINESS SUNDAY
04 OCT	HERE TO STAY: WEEK 4 CHILD DEDICATION
11 OCT	HERE TO STAY: WEEK 5 POOR IN SPIRIT AND CIRCUMSTANCE SUNDAY PLEDGE SUNDAY
18 OCT	HERE TO STAY: WEEK 6 MIRACLE OFFERING SUNDAY
23 OCT	VISION BUILDERS • 7PM at Creative Littleton

GET READY

- ☐ Mark Your Calendars
- ☐ Attend Every Week
- ☐ Join a One Group

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

The HERE TO STAY campaign is a one-year journey designed to purchase our miracle building, and build the future of One City with HOPE AND PURPOSE. Buying this building is the START of a huge vision we have to impact Littleton for Jesus, raise up a new generation in Christ, and create a movement of purpose and praise in our city. We're going to take care of the people God's bringing to us and provide an beautiful home for them to get to know and experience God for years to come.

Reaching people and changing lives always comes with obstacles and resistance. Territory, as we see in scripture is always contested, and taking this bit of territory in Littleton is an affront to the enemy and a GLORY to our God! It's time to take our next step together to invest in our FUTURE, PLANT in our city, and BUILD with purpose.

As I reflect on this process, I'm so grateful for many of you who have already sacrificed so that dozens could come to know Christ in these

short 5 years as a church. Think about it, where would you be today if One City Church wasn't here? Would you say that God has used our church to impact your life and your family? Now think about the hundreds and maybe thousands of people that will soon experience what you have; will say yes to Christ and all the plans he has for them.

As you probably know already, God's kingdom doesn't advance by accident. It takes normal people like you and me stepping out, trusting God, and building in faith. It's going to take all of us sacrificing and moving together to steward this new home. And so... This is a spiritual journey of faith and stewardship. As we continue to build Jesus' church, He will grow us in the process.

Our Vision is to raise \$1M in a year, with \$500,000 being raised in 6 weeks. We will purchase our miracle building, and continue impacting Littleton with hope, family and purpose.

MONTHLY WEEKLY

To help visualize your pledge’s impact over time, reference the chart below. Individually each of us will make an impact, but when we do it together, we will leave an even greater legacy that will impact generations to come.

This charts shows the impact your gift can have over 1 year.

TOTAL GIFT	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
\$375,000	\$31,250	\$7,212
\$125,000	\$10,417	\$2,404
\$50,000	\$4,167	\$962
\$35,000	\$2,916	\$729
\$10,000	\$833	\$208
\$5,000	\$416	\$105
\$1,000	\$83	\$20



CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE



GIFTS IN-KIND/ APPRECIABLE ASSETS

Stocks, bonds, real estate and other assets provide ample giving opportunities coupled with considerable tax savings. Our Accountant will help you donate appreciable assets, give stocks in certificate form, and make broker-to-broker transfers to optimize charitable contribution benefits and capital gains savings.

AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS

By signing up for online giving, either through your bank or our website, you can ensure your gift is automatically transferred on the day(s) of your choosing. This is an easy way to make your giving hassle-free and consistent.

CASH FLOW GIFTS

You can give significantly by contributing smaller amounts at higher frequencies. Weekly, bi-monthly or monthly giving allows substantial gifts to be reached in smaller steps.

DIVERTED-FUNDS GIFTS

Some easy lifestyle adjustments can help allow you to increase your giving to God's work. Diverting funds from your budget for entertainment, dining out, subscriptions, etc., can help you free up funds to have a significant impact on your giving.

DELAYED NON-ESSENTIAL PURCHASES

Forgoing some big purchases, such as automobiles, vacations, clothing, trips, etc., for a few years can create substantial giving opportunities.

RAISES, BONUSES, EXTRA WORK INCOME

Dedicating forthcoming raises or bonuses is a creative method for increased giving. Taking a second or part-time job, utilizing your marketable hobbies or skills, or working overtime can create extra revenue you can funnel into God's kingdom.



INCOME - PRODUCING ASSETS

Any interest income, payments from rental properties, or monies from other income-producing assets can provide a source for increased giving.

SPECIAL SALES

Consider selling unused items, hosting a garage sale or holding an online auction and giving the proceeds toward HERE TO STAY. Join the church-wide Garage Sale and sell items, and donate the proceeds. The sale of major assets, such as a house, car, land or a business can also provide previously untapped revenue for giving.

TAX REFUNDS & SAVINGS

Added giving to One City Church can create tax savings. By giving these tax refunds and savings back to God's work, you can increase your total giving.



FREEDOM FROM DEBT

As you look ahead to the next couple of years, you may discover some current loans or debt obligations that will be fulfilled. By investing the money you would have been paying on a car or credit card balance once it's paid off, you can free up additional funds to give.

CHARITABLE GIVING RESOURCES

Reviewing your charitable gifts in light of the kingdom of God affords a resource for significant giving. For example, you might usually give to other causes and non-profits. Consider diverting those gifts to HERE TO STAY during your pledge, and resume these contributions afterward.

CORPORATE GIFTS

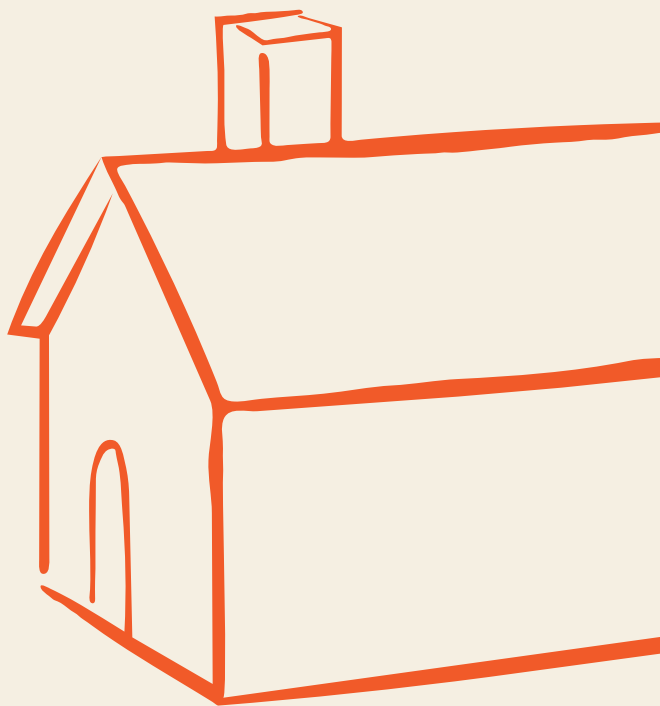
You might be able to make a significant donation by using the products or services of your business as a resource for giving.

JON & JESSIE'S STORY

Jon and Jessie met at Red Rocks Church in it's first year of planting.

At the time, Jon and Jessie were on worship team, and the church was about 30 people in size. They loved the Genesis of a church, and those beginning years of building the church with their best friends. Over time, God led Jessie to be on staff at Red Rocks, while Jon mentored men and played on the worship team on Sundays. In early 2018, God spoke to Jon and gave him the word "Pastor". That same worship

service, God spoke to Jessie and told her Jon was meant to and built to pastor. That led them in a deep season of prayer, fasting, seeking counsel and more prayer. They believed God was asking them to build something new. At the end of 2018, they stepped away from a ministry they built for 11 years, and a church they had loved for 15 years to build a new movement and church: the beginnings of what would become One City.



They planted One City the fall of 2020 in the hardest weeks of the pandemic. The city was emptying, people were staying home, worship ceased and it seemed pretty dark. But they felt that as a church we “go when it’s dark.” We were meant

filled with incredible, FAITH FILLED congregation, a small but mighty move of God. What resulted was a church that served the poor, believed for more, and was devoted to scripture and each other. The Davis’ have loved growing with the

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church, seeing their children grow in the church, and are believing heavily for everything that is to come. ♦



HERE TO STAY

STUDY GUIDE

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO A HOPE AND A FUTURE

WEEK 1: A HOPE AND A FUTURE

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JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

SUNDAY NOTES

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JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

THE BIG IDEA

God has a plan for your life. At One City we exist to bring the HOPE AND PURPOSE of Jesus to everyone. When we say this we mean that we want everyone to know our eternal hope: Jesus but we also want everyone to know that God has a hope, purpose and FUTURE for them. And he has that for YOU. Even in seasons that feel like exile — far from where we expected to be, further from home than we ever wanted to go — God is not absent, and He is not finished. Jeremiah wrote to a people displaced, uncertain, and grieving what they'd lost. And in the middle of that uncertainty, God's word to them wasn't panic. It was a plan. Whatever season you're in right now, God has not forgotten you, and He is not improvising. He has a plan for your life: it won't harm you. It will give you hope, purpose, and a future!

ONE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What season of life are you in right now — waiting, building, rebuilding, or something else? How would you describe it in one word?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:4-11 together. Imagine being in exile in Babylon, what kind of things do you think they faced?
3. Have you ever been in a season that felt like exile? How did it affect you?
4. Verse 11 says God's plans are to give us “hope and a future,” but that promise came in the middle of a hard 70-year season, not after it. What does it look like to trust God's plan before you can see the outcome? Read these three verses on hope: How does this affect how you see hope?

VERSES ON HOPE

ROMANS 15:13 (NIV)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

HEBREWS 11:1 (NIV)

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

PSALM 42:11 (NIV)

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I still am still yet praise him, my Savior and my God."

5. If you could get one thing out of this 6-week series and this One Group, what would it be?
6. How can this group be praying for you as we start this journey together?

APPLICATION

This week, take time each day to simply acknowledge that God has a plan for your life — even the part of it you're in right now. Write down one honest hope you have for this season, and bring it to God in prayer. Ask Him to help you trust His timing instead of rushing your own.

THE JANK STORY

In 2015, I started playing guitar for several churches throughout the Denver area. In 2020, a buddy of mine reached out and asked if I wanted to check out a church plant that was getting ready to launch. When I arrived, I recognized the pastors from the times I had attended Red Rocks YA.

Around that same time, I met my wife, Lindsay, who hadn't been to church in quite a while. After attending One City and playing on the worship team a few times, we felt like we weren't completely welcomed or accepted, so we decided to stop coming.

Jon and Jessie quickly caught wind of what had happened and immediately reached out to take us out to dinner. They apologized for where



things had fallen short, assured us they would be coaching the teams to make sure it didn't happen again, and invited us to come back. That

KANISHES

conversation made a lasting impact on both of us, and we agreed to return.

Fast forward about a year, and Lindsay and I were searching for a home church. Because I played for multiple worship teams, we had never really been consistently plugged into one church. After I played a service at One City, Jessie pulled us aside and said, "I want you guys to pray about making One City Church your home. We really want you here."

That was all I needed to finally make One City our home. I had made so many friends while playing at different churches, but never had I been told that I was genuinely wanted there.

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In 2023, we found out Lindsay was pregnant. Everyone at the church was ecstatic for us. Unfortunately, due to complications, our daughter Elsie was born extremely early at just 23 weeks. After a week in the NICU, she went home to Jesus.

The very next morning, Jessie showed up at our front door with groceries. That weekend, she shared with the congregation what had happened and organized a meal train for us. We got to witness our entire church come together



and surround us with love and support during the darkest moment of our lives.

In early 2024, we found out we were pregnant again. Once again, our church was so excited, and everyone was praying so hard for us. But 11 months after losing Elsie, we found ourselves in the exact same situation. Our daughter Melody was born at just 24 weeks and taken to the NICU. Unfortunately, she only lived for about nine hours before going home to be with Jesus.

The day after we came home from the hospital, Jon and Jessie were at our door again with groceries and all the love and support they could possibly give us.

A few weeks later, Jessie reached out and told us that someone in our

church wanted to send Lindsay and me on a vacation. We had never gotten to take a real honeymoon or a vacation with just the two of us, so that gift was an incredible blessing during an incredibly difficult season.

And now here we are in 2026. We got to proudly walk onto the stage for child dedication with our little miracle.

I have nothing but gratitude for my church and my pastors. They have walked with us through some of the darkest moments of our lives and have been there with open arms every step of the way. They didn't just tell us that we were wanted—they showed us.

**They didn't just
tell us that we
were wanted;
they showed us.**

I'm so thankful that this is the church God planted us in, and that I get to continue growing alongside this church, my pastors, and all of the amazing friends I've made along the way.

I can't wait to see what the future holds for this house!

WEEK 2: STAYING POWER

This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem. "Build homes, and plan to stay."

JEREMIAH 29:5 NLT

SUNDAY NOTES

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THE BIG IDEA

We want to be a church that tells our city, "we're here to stay." Colorado in the last 10 years has become a very transient state. Whether it's cost of living, or just a restlessness, we've seen tens of thousands of people COME and tens of thousands of people GO. Likewise, dozens of churches have been planted in our city in the last decade, and of those, dozens have faded away. At One City, while people come and people go we want to tell our city "we are here to show you Jesus, and we aren't going ANYWHERE."

ONE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Think about a time you held back from fully committing to something — a job, a relationship, a city, a church — because you weren't sure it was permanent. What did that hesitation cost you?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:4-7 together. Why do you think God's first instruction to His people was to "plan to stay" rather than promising a quick way out?
3. In what areas of your life have you been living with a "temporary" mindset instead of fully investing?

VERSES ON HAVING STAYING POWER (REMAINING STEADFAST)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

HEBREWS 10:23 (NIV)

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

JAMES 1:12 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

4. What would it look like for you to have “staying power” in your faith, your relationships, or your church community right now?
5. Who is someone who has shown you staying power — someone who stayed committed to you or to a place even when it was hard? What did that teach you?
6. How can this group be praying for you to have staying power this week?

APPLICATION

Be intentional this week about planting roots rather than staying on the sidelines. Choose one relationship, commitment, or area of One City where you’ve been holding back, and take one concrete step toward fully investing in it. Ask God to give you staying power for the season you’re in.

THE CLARKE'S STORY



My wife, Sarah, and I moved to Denver in the fall of 2021. We knew a few acquaintances who lived in the city. But despite us both thinking we're pretty good at meeting new people, making new friends and finding new community would be a challenge for us. We knew the best place to start would probably be with a church.

The first church we walked into was One City. We were immediately welcomed by Pastor Jessie who recognized we were new. That interaction set the stage for the type of community we would encounter over the coming months.

A community who saw us, wanted us to belong, and shared with us the love that Christ shares with so many of outsiders throughout the Bible.

On one of those first Sundays at One City, the church announced that they were looking for One Group leaders. It didn't take much consideration to decide leading a small community group would be the best way to create the friends and community we were looking for. It would be daunting to lead people who we were meeting for the first time and who we knew little about. But little did we know that



it would be this community that would become some of our best friends. They would bless us and love us more than we could have imagined.

It would be about two years after we moved to Denver that it seemed like miscarriage had plagued our church. Some of our closest friends had miscarried their first child while at the same time, another couple lost two of their newborns back to

back. While it was hard for me to relate to their grievances, since I had never experienced what they were going through, we did our best to care for them during their loss.

The biggest impact would come when these two couples would return the favor. When we miscarried our first child and our next newborn ended up in the neonatal intensive care unit, our church community would love us through their shared experiences. They knew exactly how we felt, what we were going through, and gave us so much comfort in the midst of uncertainty. My family felt truly known because of the empathy offered to us from those who had been through the same.

It is times like these, that the tight community of One City Church shows its greatest strength. The people of this church know one another, care for one another, and love one another. It's what church should be. And it's how Christ treated those who begged to be close to Him. ♦

WEEK 3: BUILD AND PLANT

This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem. "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce."

JEREMIAH 29:5 NLT

SUNDAY NOTES

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THE BIG IDEA

We want to be builders as a church. As I have gotten older, I have realized that there are two types of people in the world: those that CREATE, and those that CRITIQUE. But at OCC, we will be creators. We will build our church's future, sow into our city's tomorrow, and be builders and farmers in Jesus name.

Main Passage: Jeremiah 29:5; Ephesians 2:19-22; John 15:1-8

VERSES ON PRODUCING FRUIT

PSALM 1:3 (NIV)

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers.

JOHN 15:5 (NIV)

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.

COLOSSIANS 1:10 (NIV)

...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.

ONE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When we think about building a "HOME": a place that has felt like "home" to you — we think of not necessarily a house, but a place you belonged. What made it feel that way? How do you "create" a home for you? For others? For our city?
2. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. Paul says we are no longer strangers, but members of God's household. What does it mean to you that the church is described as a family, not just an organization?

3. Read John 15:1-8 and Psalm 1:3, John 15:5, and Colossians 1:10 together. What do these verses teach us about where real fruit comes from, and what it requires?
4. Fruit isn't just internal — it's meant to be shared and to nourish others. Who in your life has been fed or encouraged by the fruit God has grown in you?
5. What has made you feel most "at home" in this church, and where do you sense God inviting you to grow more fruitful?
6. What's one way you personally can help build this church into a home for someone else, or produce more fruit with your life this season?

APPLICATION

This week, do two things: reach out to someone who's new, on the fringe, or hasn't been around in a while, and invite them in — to a meal, to life group, to a conversation. And take one step to stay connected to Jesus — through prayer and His Word — asking Him to grow fruit in you. A home isn't built by the building, and fruit isn't produced by effort alone. Both come from people who make room and stay connected to the vine.

THE AHRENS STORY



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(Devon) When I got to Colorado for college, I felt **completely alone**. Between school and football, I had little time for anything else. On top of that, I was a deeply insecure 18-year-old struggling with anxiety, depression, and a constant feeling that I didn't belong. When I came to One City Church for the first time, I remember feeling like the message was handcrafted for exactly what I was going through. One City quickly became home, and for the first time in my life, I genuinely looked forward to church every Sunday. They didn't just preach Christianity—they



lived it out. Jon, Jessie, and the entire community showed me what it means to follow God, and I've been growing as a man of God ever since. I can't imagine where I'd be today if I hadn't walked through the doors of One City all those years ago.

(Sarah) When I moved from Texas to Colorado for college, I was determined to live the “fun” college life. I chased partying, drinking, and the freedom I thought Christianity had kept from me. But after about a year, I found myself more empty, anxious, and isolated than ever before. That season humbled me and brought me back to my Father. I realized I couldn't keep living with one foot in the world and one foot with Jesus. Around that

time, my roommate invited me to a church near our school: One City Church.

I walked into One City for the first time hungover and full of shame, convinced I was too far gone for redemption. Instead, I was met with genuine love, warmth, and joy. Week after week, Pastor Jon and Jessie's messages pointed me back to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit gently convicted me that I was made for so much more than temporary pleasures. As my husband and I became more involved—leading a small group and serving—we experienced firsthand what it looks like to be part of a Christ-centered community. Through One City, I encountered the love and grace of Jesus in a way that completely transformed my life, and I will always be grateful for the role this church has played in my walk with Him.

Years later, we're now living in Japan as missionaries. None of this would have been possible without One City Church. When our organization told us we needed a home church to send us, there was no question who we would turn to. We knew Pastor Jon and Jessie would prayerfully seek the Holy Spirit's guidance rather than rely on human under-

standing. After such an impactful meeting together, we all left filled with peace and excitement for what God had planned in Japan.

Now, over a year later, we're here seeing Japanese people come to know Jesus. At our local church in Tokyo, we're serving in multiple ministries and interning with a heart to reach kids and young

privileges of our lives—there's nothing like watching someone discover their first love in Jesus.

Looking back, we truly have no idea where we'd be without One City Church. For this church alone, moving to Colorado was 1000% worth it. We are overflowing with gratitude for the way God has used OCC to transform our lives. Praise Jesus for

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adults. Because of One City, we were equipped through kids ministry, worship, and leadership opportunities that continue to prepare us for ministry today. Discipling people here has been one of the greatest

Pastor Jon and Jessie—their sincere faith, humility, and love for people continue to inspire us, and we pray we can lead others with that same heart one day.



WEEK 4: FOR OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

"Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away!"

JEREMIAH 29:6 NLT

SUNDAY NOTES

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THE BIG IDEA

We believe our kids and our next generation are not just the church of tomorrow — they're the church today. God's instruction to His people included their children, their grandchildren, and the generations still to come. As a church, that means our Wonder Kids Ministry and Youth Ministry are a key vision and hope for our house. They're one of the most important things we do. Every volunteer who shows up, every leader who invests, every family who brings their kids — it's shaping who our church becomes for decades to come.

ONE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Who invested in your faith when you were a child or a teenager? What impact did that have on your life? Allow everyone to share.
2. Read Psalm 78:4-7. What does this passage say about our responsibility to tell the next generation about God's works?
3. Read Mark 10:13-16. What does Jesus' response to the children — and to the disciples who tried to turn them away — teach us about how we should value the next generation?
4. What do you think it communicates to our kids and students when adults in the church show up to invest in them?
5. Whether or not you have kids of your own, what's one way you could serve or support Wonder Kids or our future Youth Ministry this season?
6. How can this group be praying for the next generation of our church — our kids, our students, and the leaders who serve them?

APPLICATION

This week, take a tangible step toward investing in the next generation of our church. That might mean signing up to serve in Wonder Kids, or praying by name for a child or student in your life, or encouraging a leader who serves them. The future of our church is being shaped right now, in a classroom or a student gathering, by someone willing to show up.

WEEK 5: INCREASE, DON'T DECREASE PLEDGE SUNDAY

"Increase in number there; do not decrease."

JEREMIAH 29:6 NLT

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THE BIG IDEA

We believe God is calling us to a 100-fold harvest — a multiplication of lives coming to faith in Jesus. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus said seed planted on good soil produces a crop 30, 60, even 100 times what was sown. That's not a modest increase. That's exponential harvest. We don't just want to maintain what we have — we want to see an explosion of people coming to know Jesus, whole families won to faith, and our church multiplying in a way only God can do.

Main Passage: Jeremiah 29:6; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Acts 2:41-47

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever seen God do something in your life or someone else's that felt truly exponential — way more than what you expected? What happened?
2. Read Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23. What are the different types of soil Jesus describes, and what determines whether the seed produces a harvest?
3. Jesus says good soil can produce 30, 60, or even 100 times what was planted. What do you think it would take for that kind of harvest to happen through us — as individuals and as a church?
4. Read Acts 2:41-47. What posture and practices of the early church do you think led to the Lord adding to their number daily?
5. Who is someone in your life who doesn't yet know Jesus that you're believing God for? What would it look like to actually invite them somewhere this season?
6. How can this group be praying for a harvest of new believers — in your life, your family, and our church?

APPLICATION

This week, ask God to show you the "good soil" relationships in your life — people who are open, even if they haven't said yes yet. Take one step of faith to invite someone to church, to life group, or into a conversation about Jesus. A 100-fold harvest starts with one seed planted by someone willing to sow.

THE HALLS STORY



Over the past year and a half, One City has truly become home for our family. From the moment we started attending, we experienced a genuine sense of community and belonging. It's more than just a place we go on Sundays—it's a church where we've built meaningful relationships, grown in our faith, and found people who have walked alongside us through every season.

One of the things I love most about One City is how intentional it is about creating opportunities for everyone to be involved. I've had the privilege of serving on the worship team, which has been such a meaningful way to use the gifts God has given me while worshipping alongside an incredible team. More recently, my husband and I stepped into leading a Life Group, and it's been



exciting to see God begin to build authentic community through it. Watching people gather, encourage one another, and grow together has reminded us how important it is to do life together.

Our family has also been deeply impacted by the way One City invests in children. Our two kids are not only welcomed—they are known, loved, and excited to come to church each week. As parents, there's so much peace in knowing they're learning about Jesus in a safe, fun, and loving environment. My husband also serves in Kids Ministry, and it's been a blessing for our whole family to be involved and serve in different ways.

One City has become a place where our family has grown in faith, found lasting friendships, and discovered opportunities to serve together. We're so grateful for the community we've found here and for the ways God has used this church to encourage and strengthen our family. We look forward to seeing all that He continues to do through One City, and we're thankful to call it home. ♦

WEEK 6: FOR THE CITY MIRACLE OFFERING

“And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare.”

JEREMIAH 29:7 NIV

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THE BIG IDEA

We are FOR the one, and we are FOR our city. Jesus told a story about a shepherd who left ninety-nine sheep to go after the one that was lost. That's the heart of God — He is FOR the one person, the one family, the one soul far from Him. And at the same time, God calls His people to work for the peace and prosperity of the whole city. Those two things aren't in tension. Loving the one and loving the city are the same mission, lived out at every scale. This Miracle Offering is about our church, in our city and in our time.

Main Passage: Jeremiah 29:7; Luke 15:3-7; Matthew 5:14-16

ONE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever thought about your prosperity being directly connected to the prosperity of the city in which you live? What does this tell you about God's plan for his people?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:7 again. What does it look like practically for our church to work for the peace and prosperity of our city?
3. How do being FOR the one and being FOR the city work together rather than competing for our attention and resources?
4. A Miracle Offering is a step of giving beyond our normal rhythm. What would faith-sized generosity look like for you this season?
5. How can this group be praying for our city, and for the one person you're believing God for, as we take this step together?

APPLICATION

This week, do two things: pray daily by name for the one person you're believing God for, and pray for our city — its families, its schools, its needs. Then prayerfully consider what a faith-sized gift toward the Miracle Offering could look like for you. Give believing that God is FOR the one, and FOR this whole city, and that He's inviting you to be part of both.



For I know the plans
I have for you," declares
the Lord, "plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to
give you hope and a future.

JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY INTO A HOPE AND A FUTURE