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COURAGEOUS NEXT STEPS ON THE UNCHARTED JOURNEY

SERIES FIELD GUIDE

The Lord had said to Abram,
Go from your country, your people
and your father's household to the land I will show you.
I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you; I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

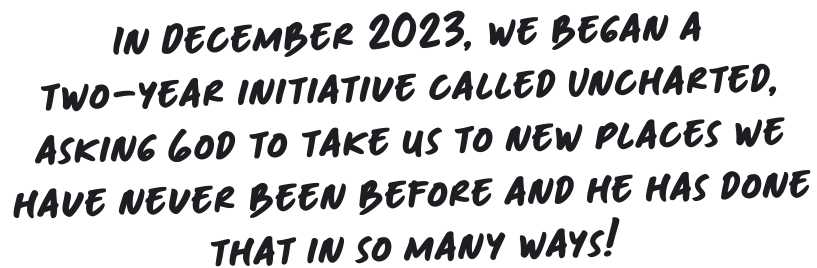
Genesis 12:1-2

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LETTER FROM PASTOR DAVE





**IN DECEMBER 2023, WE BEGAN A
TWO-YEAR INITIATIVE CALLED UNCHARTED,
ASKING GOD TO TAKE US TO NEW PLACES WE
HAVE NEVER BEEN BEFORE AND HE HAS DONE
THAT IN SO MANY WAYS!**

Our primary goal was that 100% of the people who call LifeChurch home would truly go on a spiritual journey asking God to take us to new places we have never been before in our love for Him and faith in Him, and that the overflow of that is we would all go to new places in our generosity. **So far 1,164 people** (388 households) **have made commitments to Uncharted!**

It has been amazing to hear story after story of God taking people to new, Uncharted places that they did not anticipate. I know that has been the case for Clare and our family.

I am so grateful for what God has already done in the last year. I fully believe that God is not done taking us to Uncharted places in our love, our faith, our generosity, and our impact. I have a heart of expectation of what God is going to do in and through the people of LifeChurch this next year.

The best is yet to come!

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave

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WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO

PRIMARY GOAL *100% ENGAGEMENT*

All of us who call LifeChurch home would go on a spiritual journey together, asking God to take each of us to a new place in our love for him, trust in him, and discover all that he has for us in the area of generosity.

SECONDARY GOAL

\$15 MILLION IN TOTAL GENEROSITY

OVER 24 MONTHS

▶ **UNCHARTED MINISTRY**

\$6.25 MILLION

Our day-in and day-out 7-days of week ministry at LifeChurch referred to as the “general fund,” but it is really all about the life change that comes through everything we do: our services, staffing, kids ministry, youth ministry, adult ministry, and so much more.

▶ **UNCHARTED MISSION**

\$2.5 MILLION

The impact we make outside the walls of our South Reno Campus, giving to those in need in our community, launching our Carson City Campus, our Sparks Campus, building a large church and Compassion International project in Bolivia, 5 churches and community centers in India, a sustainable agriculture training program in Costa Rica, and supporting our ongoing mission partners locally and globally.

▶ **UNCHARTED MOVEMENT**

\$6.25 MILLION

Transforming our Reno campus by paving the back parking lot, building the Life Christian Academy school building, which will also have space available for weekend and evening additional ministry opportunities, and reworking our storage situation.



WHAT HAS GOD DONE

30% WEEKEND ATTENDANCE GROWTH

spring 2023 — spring 2024



Life Christian Academy has been expanded to grades K-3



152 BAPTISMS
the most ever!



500 ATTENDEES
Surge Camp



150 STUDENTS
Middle School
& High School Camp



Purchased, renovated,
and opened LifeChurch Carson



Sparks Campus Launch Team
was formed



Churches and community centers in India have been served, and currently impact **2,850 PEOPLE** in their small, remote villages

Funded a church and Compassion International center in Bolivia



OVER 1,200 CHILDREN receive protein each month from the eggs served as part of the meals at the feeding centers in Costa Rica



STARTED CONSTRUCTION for the site work, parking, and storage on our Reno Campus



2000+ PEOPLE
weekly engaging our weekend services



3,790 ATTENDED
Easter Services



4,332 ATTENDED
Christmas Eve Services



800+ ATTENDED
Carson Campus Grand Opening
and Christmas Eve Services!

\$16.5M
in commitments
and expected gifts

1,164
individual gifts

822
first time individual givers



WHERE WE ARE GOING

▶ **UNCHARTED MINISTRY**

With the 30% attendance growth we have experienced, our day-to-day ministry opportunities and needs have also increased as we seek to impact every generation with the gospel.

▶ **UNCHARTED MISSION**

In addition to all we are doing internationally, we are expanding our local partnerships to help the vulnerable in our community with Friends in Service Helping (FISH) in Carson City and the Eddy House in Reno. We also desire to make additional improvements to our Carson Campus, creating spaces for families to connect. Also, we are trying to seize an opportunity to launch our Sparks Campus in a permanent facility instead of a portable one. Finally, we are going all in with a 7-day-a-week digital evangelism and discipleship strategy, which we believe could be transformative for all of us.

▶ **UNCHARTED MOVEMENT**

One of the most important parts of our planned LCA campus is our 4,000-square-foot cafeteria and multi-purpose room, which, in addition to impacting school days, will become an additional venue on Sunday mornings for ministry and host mid-size events many days of the week, including a mid-week family night—excellent programming for birth through high school all on the same night of the week. We believe this will make this possible despite rising construction costs.



WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

THROUGHOUT THE LAST YEAR, GOD HAS DONE AMAZING THINGS THROUGH UNCHARTED. HE HAS GIVEN US EVERY REASON TO TRUST HIM. WE RESPOND BY HONORING HIM WITH OUR FIRST AND OUR BEST.

NEW COMMITMENT

You recently joined our church family and are wondering, “What is Uncharted and how do I become a part of it?” Uncharted is for anyone who would call LifeChurch their church home, and we welcome you to the family! We hope you will join us on this journey as we live out our faith in the uncharted. We invite you to make a one-year generosity commitment to the Uncharted Initiative.

FINISH STRONG

Others committed one year ago and perhaps, for some of you, this journey has been difficult— or possibly more difficult - than you envisioned. Maybe you went to an entirely new level in your generosity and are still adjusting your life to it. Perhaps you have experienced job loss, job change, or unexpected financial expenses. Persevere to finish strong in this journey you began. We all stand together, encouraging one another. We know the Lord is faithful. He will provide, and we want to finish strong in this Uncharted journey.

INCREASE

Some of you made your Uncharted commitment one year ago and it is possible you had an increase in faith or finances. Keeping your commitment may not have been easy and it has likely required many sacrifices, but, even now, you may be sensing the Lord stretching you to take an additional step of faith in your generosity. Ask Him if He is inviting you to take a next step in increase your commitment. Generosity is not a one-time event; it is a journey. Consider asking yourself these questions: Am I still giving in a way that challenges me? Am I still living out my faith in the uncharted? Pray and ask yourself if He is inviting you into another step of faith with an increased commitment.

COMMITMENT CARD EXAMPLE

We've included an example so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God as we approach the midpoint of the Uncharted Initiative. Please take time to think and pray through this, and we will provide a new hard copy on Commitment Weekend, November 17.

▶ **I AM NEW TO UNCHARTED**

- I/We would like to make a one-year commitment to the Uncharted Initiative in the amount of:

\$

December 2024 - December 2025

*This includes your regular giving over the next year as well as your expanded giving and stored resources.

▶ **I ALREADY COMMITTED TO UNCHARTED**

My/Our current two-year commitment is:

\$

December 2023 - December 2025

At the midpoint of Uncharted, I/we would like to:

- Confirm my/our commitment to finish strong
 Increase my/our two-year commitment to:

↳ \$

December 2023 - December 2025

KEY DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MIDPOINT COMMITMENT

NOVEMBER 17

This is the Sunday everyone who calls LifeChurch home will celebrate what God is doing in their life by submitting their MIDPOINT Commitment Card. This card is for EVERYONE, not just those new to Uncharted.

BIG GIVE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 8

This Sunday is an opportunity to give in a BIG way. Whether your gift represents your first gift toward Uncharted, a larger percentage of your overall commitment, or the continuation of your Uncharted generosity, Big Give Sunday will act as a generosity catalyst for year two of Uncharted.

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY

WHAT KIND OF GIVER ARE YOU?

Grounded in faith, we embark on a journey.

The uncharted journey of a giver doesn't just focus on amounts or percentages but looks at our behaviors and the attitudes of our hearts. Each step in this journey is a representation of growth in generosity and sacrifice. We don't believe these are steps to get to God, but these steps are simple ways to evaluate your own growth. God's Word encourages us to grow in every aspect of our walk with Jesus — including the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:3-15).

A PRIORITY GIVER

begins to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. For example, this type of giver starts to ask the question, “Why am I giving more to [this priority] than I’m giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give to [this priority] each month?”

This giver starts to intentionally choose how they prioritize and spend their resources. This may be the point of intentionally when someone begins to tithe, reflecting their intentionality about a certain amount of percentage they want to give to God.

“Am I intentionally prioritizing my resources with Kingdom mindset?”

A CONSISTENT GIVER

decides to give something consistently to exercise the discipline of giving regularly. Regardless of an online recurring gift or non-online givers, choosing to practice the discipline of generosity grows fruit and maturity in the consistent giver.

“Am I exercising a discipline of regular generosity?”

AN INITIAL GIVER

decides to give for the first time out of response to God’s Word. This is someone who decides to give something and chooses to trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

“Am I responding to God’s Word and choosing to trust him with this gift?”



A SURRENDERED GIVER

recognizes the cost Christ paid on the cross for us and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. They give in a way that changes them. Their giving determines their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving determining their giving. A surrendered giver isn't concerned with what they are giving but more concerned with what they're not giving and why. They look to honor God with 100% of what he's given them, whether that's direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.

"Am I honoring God with 100% of what he's entrusted to me?"



AN ETERNAL GIVER

is someone who sees the eternal impact of their giving - on them and on others - not just the immediate programs and ministries it helps accomplish. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more they are led to "do good, to be generous and ready to share," the more they "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19). This encourages them to keep growing! They make all decisions (big purchases, savings, giving, relationships, areas of service) in light of how it will affect their eternal impact.

"Am I considering the eternal impact of my generosity?"

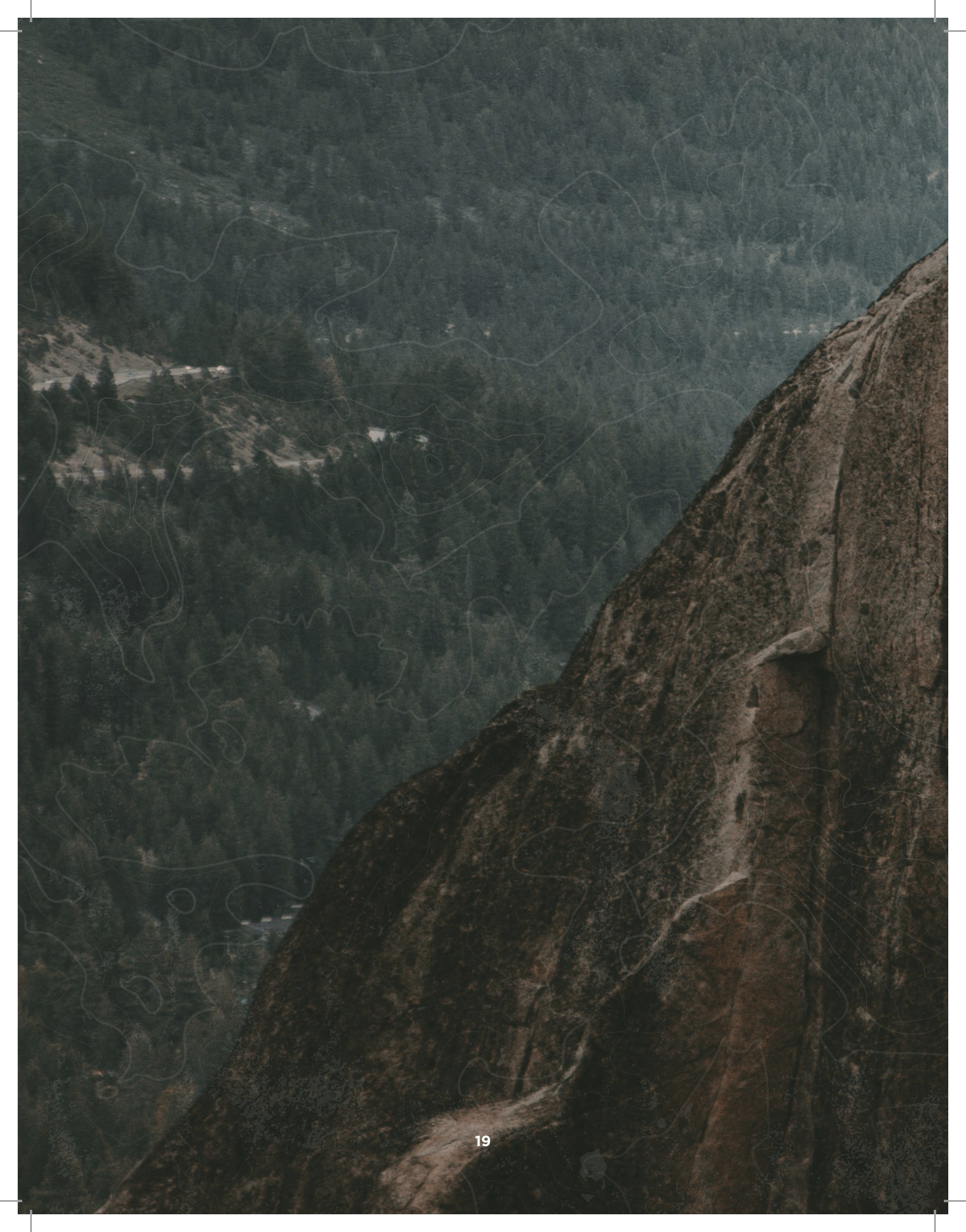
Check out additional resources on our website lifechurchnv.com/uncharted



*BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.*

Matthew 6:33







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LifeGroup Week 1

BOLD VISION

Scripture

Read Nehemiah 1:1-4.

Teaching Video



Scan to play the Week 1 Video and share reflections from the video afterward.

Post-Video Reflection Questions

1. What does your heart break for? What drives you?

2. What is a calling and a vision, and what does it mean for the life of those who place their faith in God?

3. Have you ever felt like you had a vision or dream so big it required you to depend on others or God himself to see it come to pass?

4. What was Nehemiah's unique calling and vision?

5. What is the vision God has given us as the people of LifeChurch NV?

6. How does LifeChurch's vision to have an unprecedented impact beyond ourselves break your heart and impassion you in this season of your life?

7. Pastor Dave shared that your time, energy, and resources flow towards your vision for your life. Based upon the expression of your life vision, does your life vision align with what God desires from you?

8. Where do you find yourself on this Uncharted journey? Are you new to the journey? On the journey and weary? On the journey and keeping up nicely? On the journey and complacent? Share with your group as vulnerably and honestly as you are able.

9. If it doesn't matter for eternity, it doesn't matter. What are the implications of this on your life and your response to the vision God has given you personally and given us as a church family?

Pray

Pray as a group for what God will do in each one of us through the BOLD series as part of our midpoint of the two-year Uncharted journey and what He will do in our church.

LifeGroup Week 2

BOLD PRAYER

Scripture

Read Nehemiah 1:4-11, Psalm 51:10-17, Ezekiel 36:26-27.

Teaching Video



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Post-Video Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever prayed for something that was humanly so unlikely to happen, yet you prayed for it anyway?

2. What about the character of God keeps you praying bold prayers, even when others may doubt?

3. Part of Nehemiah's bold prayer included repentance. Is there anything in your life you feel you need to ask God for forgiveness about as you pray bold prayers? Sometimes repentance isn't even things that seem overtly sinful but can be other things that almost 'creep' in on us, like apathy, complacency, comfort, and convenience. What in your life do you feel you need to repent from as you continue or embark on this Uncharted journey?

4. Nehemiah reached a point in life where he actually felt confident enough to pray boldly. Do you share that confidence, or do you struggle to have the confidence to pray boldly?

5. What is a bold prayer you are praying in your life right now that seems impossible? Why do you believe it is possible, and why do you keep praying about it?

6. What bold prayers do you seek to pray for our church and the vision God has called us to in Nevada?

7. What bold prayers can your group be praying for you personally on this Uncharted journey?

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LifeGroup Week 3

BOLD FAITH, BOLD ACTION

Scripture

Read Nehemiah 1:11b, Nehemiah 2:1-20.

Teaching Video



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Post-Video Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever taken a big risk for something, knowing full well that the outcome was uncertain?

2. How are faith and risk connected?

3. Nehemiah was clearly a risk-taker. What was the source of his confidence in taking this risk, and how would you compare that to your own life in taking risks as well?

4. Have you ever taken a risk that came with such a significantly dire consequence if it didn't turn out well that it kept you on your knees?

5. How has taking a risk for God's kingdom in the past impacted your faith today? How did that affect you?

6. What risks do you feel God is calling our church to regarding this Uncharted journey and the people we seek to reach and raise?

7. What risks do you feel God is calling you to personally as it relates to this Uncharted journey and your role in it?

Pray

Pray for each person in your LifeGroup as they consider their next steps in Uncharted. During this midpoint of the Uncharted journey, we are praying that 100% of us at LifeChurch would take a step of faith in one of three ways:

1. For those who have not yet joined the Uncharted journey, be challenged to step out in faith and make a commitment to generosity for our final year of Uncharted. Trust God in this area of giving, and take that step with us as a church as we boldly trust Him with BOLD faith.
2. For those who are on the Uncharted journey and find yourself still deeply engaged and challenged, giving it everything you've got to make it through, be encouraged. Commit to finish strong. There is a reason why you made your original Uncharted commitment, and be encouraged in that as you step out in faith in this final year of Uncharted. Be BOLD. Stay the course together.
3. For others on the Uncharted journey, you stepped out in faith last year, and your journey has not been easy. However, one year later, if you're really honest, you now find yourself in a place of complacency. Maybe you've had an increase in faith, maybe an increase in finances, maybe God's provision has surprised you. And you now find yourself in a position where you don't feel you are living as much by faith as you are by plans. You are ready for yet another step of faith in this journey. You want to please God by living out your faith boldly. Do it. Take another step in your Uncharted faith

LifeGroup Week 4

BOLD GENEROSITY

Scripture

Read Nehemiah 5:1-19.

Teaching Video



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Post-Video Reflection Questions

1. How has the phrase, “put your money where your mouth is,” played itself out in your life?

2. A bold life requires bold generosity. What is intimidating about this to you personally?

3. The story of Nehemiah is not about a wall so much as it is about a spiritual renewal. Do you feel you are in need of spiritual renewal in your life right now? What do you believe it will take in order for spiritual renewal to take place?

4. The boldness of the early believers in Acts literally caused the Holy Spirit to shake the ground and then a generosity story happened. When in your life have you seen such bold, radical generosity that it caused people to see the heart of Jesus in a new way?

5. What acts of bold, radical generosity do you feel God calling you into during this Uncharted season?

6. How can your group be praying for you in this next season ahead, to pray against the attacks and distractions of the enemy as you take bold steps of faith and bold steps of generosity to advance God's mission?

Pray

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LifeGroup Week 5

BOLD COMMITMENT

Scripture

Read Nehemiah 4, 6.

Teaching Video



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Post-Video Reflection Questions

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4. The boldness of the early believers in Acts literally caused the Holy Spirit to shake the ground and then a generosity story happened. When in your life have you seen such bold, radical generosity that it caused people to see the heart of Jesus in a new way?

5. God's people joining God's mission with God's power are guaranteed ultimate victory. How does this encourage you in your Uncharted journey?

6. How can your group be praying for you in this Uncharted midpoint commitment you have made? Are you someone who has made an Uncharted commitment for the very first time? Are you someone who has committed to finish strong the original commitment you have made? Or are you someone who feels God calling you to take a further step into the uncharted and to make an increased commitment in this Uncharted season? Pray for one another in your group as specifically as you are able as we embark on the second leg of this two-year journey together.

Pray

Pray as a group for what God will do in each one of us through the BOLD series as part of our midpoint of the two-year Uncharted journey and what He will do in our church.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

AMEN.

Ephesians 3:20-21





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