



**DWELLING** *place*  
- CHURCH IN SEATTLE -



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# Our Mission:

We will express that Jesus is our treasure by:

- making disciples who love Jesus through friendships
- being the Church by gathering disciples together
- seeking the peace of the city (and the nations) through the Gospel

# Our Vision:

We exist to see Jesus treasured by multiplying disciples through multiplying missional/maturing Gospel Communities throughout our area in Seattle and among unreached peoples.

# OUR STORY

"You need to start something new."

A pastor friend of mine challenged me (Wes) with those words while we talked about our vision for what we would like to see the Spirit do in our ministry. Though our first response was fear (!), the question jumpstarted our desire to live believing that our Father would come though...and that he would create a community of disciples in missionary context like Seattle.

In 2015, a small group of people moved from their homes in Texas with the intention of planting their lives in the city of Seattle and to become a life-giving part of the city. Since then, we have seen the Father bring others who are committed to Jesus and his mission to build his Church- disciples who treasure Jesus, love each other sacrificially, and desire to see our neighbors have a living, faith-filled relationship with Jesus also.

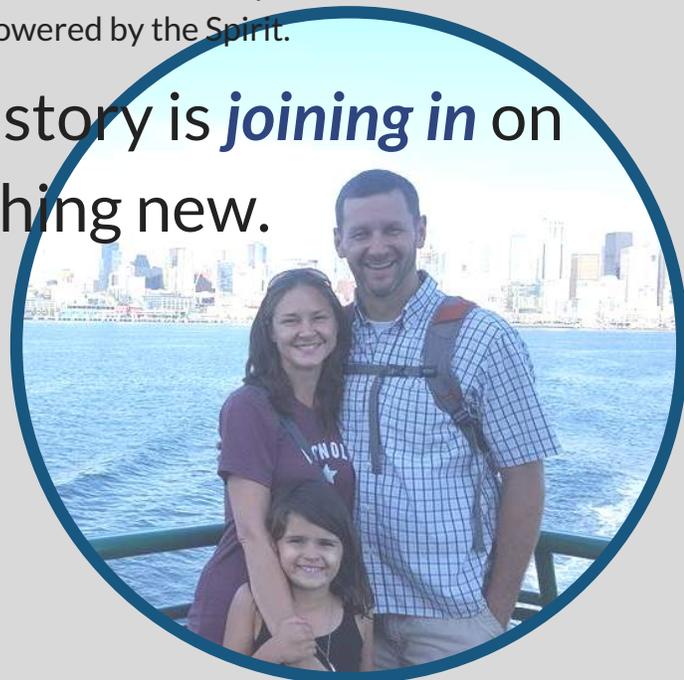
Though we want to be people that seek creative and wise ways to share our living faith with our not-yet-believing neighbors, nothing that we do together is "new." We look to God's word to show us what new things he is doing: new lives, new communities of faith in Jesus and new ways to love our neighbors.

Our desire is to be the Church and live out that identity in a context where over 90% of our friends are skeptical and disinterested in faith in Jesus. What both we and they need is the simplicity of life lived together, rooted in the gospel and empowered by the Spirit.

The heart of our story is *joining in* on something new.

Isaiah 43:19

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (ESV)



# OUR CONTEXT: SEATTLE

**608,660** people in Seattle's city limits

**10%** of people identify as atheist  
(Greatest percentage in the  
U.S. in 2015)

World-influencing companies  
define the cultural and economic landscape  
(Like Amazon, Google, Starbucks, Boeing,  
and Microsoft)

*"... while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and devout persons, and in the marketplace everyday with those who happened to be there."*

Acts 17:16-17

**94%**  
consider themselves non-  
evangelical

# OUR CONTEXT: **MAGNOLIA**

**20,000** (plus) people live in our neighborhood

**0**

Evangelical Churches (outside of us)

**2** local elementary schools  
(with a 3rd opening in 2019)

The median home price is higher than the national average

**249%**

**70**

residents in a city-sanctioned homeless encampment (opened Nov. 2015)

# EXPRESSING

## Making Disciples who Love Jesus through Friendships

- By Pursuing People in the Manner in which we are Pursued by God
- By Teaching for the Purpose of Whole Life Transformation
- By Praying as an Expression of Relationship with the Father
- By Releasing Disciples into their Context to Lovingly Lead out of their Giftedness



# EXPRESSING

## Being the Church By Gathering Disciples Together

# OUR MISSION

- **Scattering into our Neighborhood Together** as the Body of Christ to love our neighbors
- **By Supporting One Another As We Love and Share the Gospel with Those Who We Live and Work Around**
- **By Being the Church In Other Contexts Where the Gospel is Not Easily Accessible**



# EXPRESSING

Seeking the Peace of the City (and the Nations) Through the Gospel

# OUR MISSION

- **By Serving the Real Needs** of the People of Seattle
- **By Living in Urban Seattle** to Develop an Incarnational Presence
- **By Living “For” Our Neighbors** (Even if they aren’t “for” themselves)

- **By Sending People from Our Neighborhood** in Seattle to the Nations to Proclaim the Gospel
- **By Giving Outwardly and Lavishly** as a Model for a Flourishing Community
- **By Living the Sabbath** as a Reminder that Jesus is More Important than Performance



# PHASES OF GROWTH

Phase One: Preparation to Move to Seattle

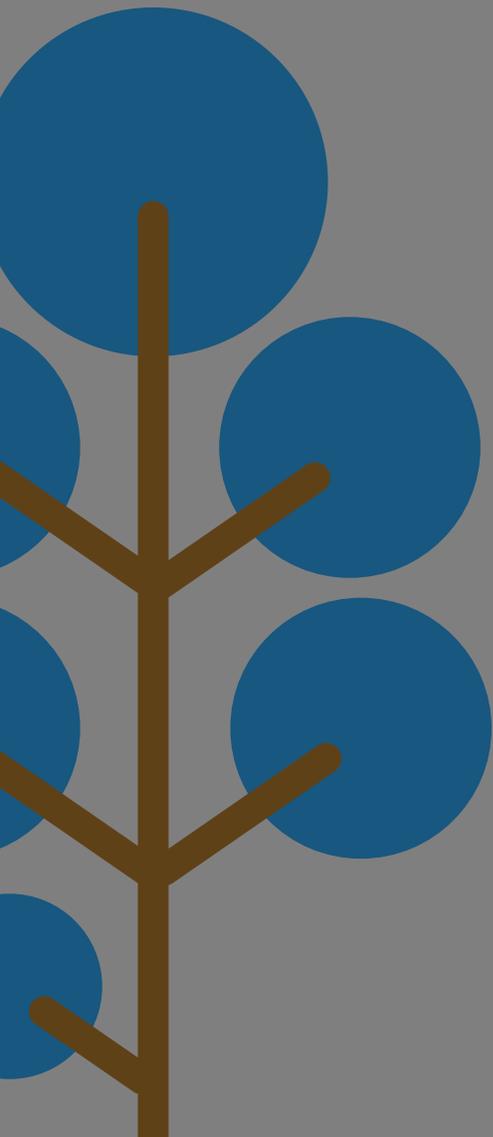
Phase Two: Apprenticeship and Training Core Team

Phase Three: Developing Mass and Maturity in Core Group

- Leadership Development Through "Tribe" Groups
- Developing Friendships for Discipleship Purposes (Individualized and Personal)
- Outreach through Neighborhood Gatherings
- Starting Gospel Communities
- Public Celebration Gatherings
- Begin Supporting Compassion Ministries in City
- Active Involvement in Existing Community Events/Groups

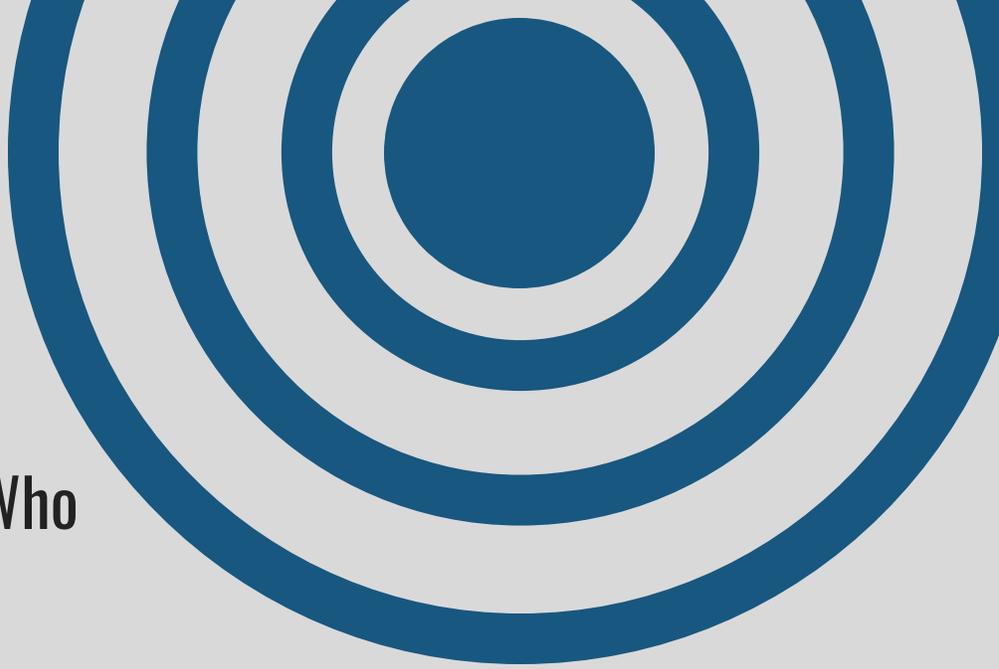
Phase Four: Expansion and Multiplication

- Multiply "Tribe" Groups
- Developing Friendships for Discipleship Purposes
- Identifying and Commissioning Elders and Deacons
- Multiplying Gospel Communities
- Public Celebration Gatherings
- Begin Supporting Compassion Ministries in City
- Developing New Elders/GC Leaders from our Area
- Sending Missionaries Out by Partnering with Other Churches
- Commission Some Gospel Communities as Churches



# GOALS

2018-2020



## For Making Disciples Who Love Jesus through Friendships:

### **To Develop Friendships with Non-Believers**

To continue to seek new friendships by engaging people we share common hobbies with, those we work around, and those we volunteer in the neighborhood with all for the purpose of sharing the gospel with them.

### **Multiply Leadership Development: “Tribes”**

By Fall 2019, to intentionally develop leaders in multiple small group environments by:

- entrusting ourselves to each other in vulnerability
- engaging our mind with disciplined, character-focused reading
- memorizing scripture together
- consistently praying with one another
- encouraging each other in individual evangelism and discipleship
- expecting the leaders to reproduce a similar group

### **Internship/Apprenticeship Program**

By Summer 2019, to begin to develop a program for those outside of our congregation that would prepare them to serve with a church plant or become church planters, themselves

## For Being the Church through Gather Disciples Together

### **Developing and Multiplying Gospel Communities**

To plan for and develop 10 (ten) Gospel Communities that meet regularly in the Magnolia/Queen Anne area by 2020.

To develop a Gospel Community leaders through personal, hands on discipleship through existing Gospel Communities

# GOALS

## 2018-2020 continued

### **Development of Large Group Gathering: Celebration Service**

To gather Gospel Communities to worship together in large group expression of the church in September 2016

To deliberately give away key leadership roles in large group gatherings to maturing, proven members in weekly roles in ways that encourage people in their discipleship (ongoing).

### **Developing Leadership Teams**

Beginning Fall 2015, to develop leadership teams for overseeing and acting on the vision for the Gospel Communities, the Celebration Service, and Mission Teams

## **For Seeking the Peace of the City (and the Nations) through the Gospel**

### **Giving**

To increase our overall missions giving to 20% of our local gross income by 2019

### **Church Planting**

In partnership with like minded churches, to support a new congregation in the neighboring Queen Anne neighborhood by late 2020

### **Community Service**

To further develop strategic partnerships with already existing and like minded compassion ministry groups in order to practically serve our neighbors in order to gain trust and legitimacy. We will deepen partnerships with Real Escape from the Sex Trade, Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, and groups like Treehouse who work with children in Foster Care.

### **Mission Teams**

To begin welcoming mission teams to our area Summer of 2016.

### **International Engagement**

To begin cross-cultural international mission trips by Fall 2018

### **Practical Social Engagement**

By Spring of 2016, to develop a leadership presence with the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce to be able to have a voice into the decisions being made in our community and to discern the real needs of the community

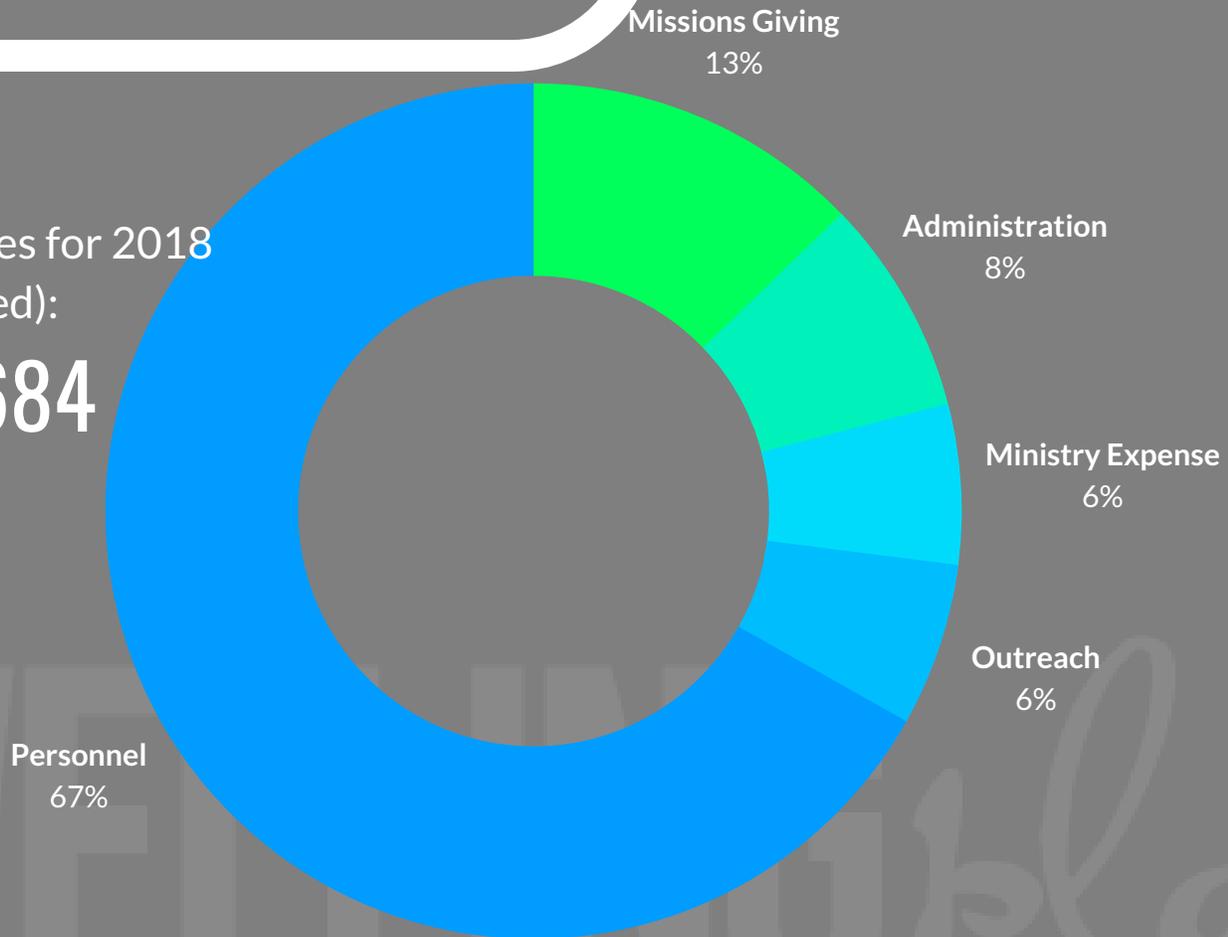
By Summer of 2018, to have a significant presence with local schools and their administration in order to join in practical ways to serve our students, educators, and parents



# BUDGET 2018

Total Expenditures for 2018  
(Estimated):

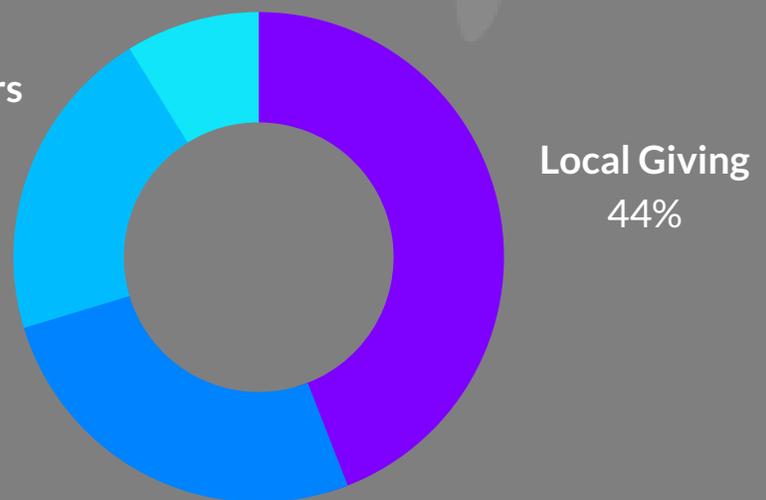
**\$135,684**



Total Amount Received for  
2018 (Estimated):

**\$135,976**

Church Partners  
21%



Non Local Giving  
26%

# PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Commitment to Mutually Supportive Prayer Financial Support

- Planned, monthly giving for the church plant
- One time giving for the church plant

## Advocacy for the Church Plant

by reminding the people of related congregations about the need of the gospel among the people of Seattle.

## Planning with Us to Plant New Congregations Partnering Together In Mission Opportunities

- Planting new churches in and around Metro Seattle
- Planting and supporting new church plants in international contexts
- Engaging the practical needs of the city to create opportunity to share the gospel
- Sending short-term mission teams

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