

REBUILD: THEY GAVE TO THE WORK

November 15-16, 2014 - Pastor Derwin L. Gray

- **Read aloud:**
 - o The person you look at in the mirror is the person God can use to transform the world.
 - o God will take ordinary people in an extraordinary circumstance to accomplish supernatural things.
- **Open in prayer.**
- **Discuss the following statements:**
 - o *Teamwork makes the dream work...last week we had 144 people signed up to serve!*
 - o *Each of us has a role to play and when we do that role, we grow.*
- **Read and discuss Nehemiah 7:1, 66-73.**
 - o "The people went from despair to repair." – Brian Ray
 - o Giving is an act of worship.
- **Because people matter to God, people matter to us.**
 - o \$3,008,581 Given by transformers
 - o \$313,287 Given away so far. We've committed to give away 15% of BECAUSE.
 - o \$2,553,581 Spent so far on the building.
 - o \$6,953,581 Total cost of new building.
 - o \$4,400,000 Loan amount...it hasn't increased.

WHY DO WE GIVE TO THE BECAUSE CAMPAIGN?

1. You give because you have experienced the Grace of God.

- o Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.
- o Are you thankful on a daily basis for the generous grace of God?
- o Why don't we teach the tithing principle here at TC? (Hint: Law vs. Grace)
- o Is the grace of God transforming you day by day? In what ways?

• Discuss and marinate on this explanation of Recapitulation.

- o *In the incarnation (when Jesus put on flesh) Jesus Christ summed up human history. He lived the perfect life we couldn't live, died the death we should've died for our sins, and blooded out our sins—past, present and future...forever forgotten! He rose from the dead and now He wants to live through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.*
- o Discuss how the act of recapitulation changes the way we live.
- o Encourage your group to read Romans 5:12-21 and marinate on what Jesus has done.

• Discuss the following statements:

- o *When we look at ourselves instead of Christ, we either experience pride or despair.*
- o *The more we're caught up in what Jesus has done the more He transforms who we are.*
- o *If our lives have been transformed by Jesus, and our hearts ache because others don't know Him, we can't help but be generous people.*

2. You give because it's time for you to trust God.

- o Read and discuss Philippians 4:18-20.
- o Giving is an act of worship and a display of discipleship.
- o When we give generously, we loosen the grip of greed in our lives and we tighten the grip of faith in our lives.
- o Are you trusting God to meet your needs?
- o What's the difference between needs and greeds?
- o How does living a generous life transform the way we look at money and at our stuff?
- o Discuss the following statement: We join a greater story for His glory when we live a life of generosity.

3. You give because you want others to experience God's Grace.

- o Repeat the two statements from the beginning of this study:
- o The person you look at in the mirror is the person God can use to transform the world.
- o God will take ordinary people in an extraordinary circumstances to accomplish supernatural things.
- o Discuss the Vinroots' story.
- o What extraordinary situation are you in where God wants to do supernatural things?
- o Do you believe God can do something supernatural through you?

• **Soul-tattoo: Give sacrificially and generously to the BECAUSE Campaign.**

- o Our Value of Generosity states: *We are committed, by the Spirit's enabling power, to financial generosity. We cannot outgive our God; therefore, we will teach and live biblical financial stewardship. One day we hope to give away 30% of our income.*

• **Close in prayer.**

- o Pray that we live the value of generosity.
- o Pray for our celebration next weekend and thank God for what He's going to do in and through us.
- o Pray the matching gift will be met.

CALENDAR

GRAND OPENING @ NEW TC 521 LOCATION
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Roll Out Hope
Baptism
BECAUSE Campaign Giving/More Info

Sunday, November 30: 9 & 11am
November 20 & 24: 6:30-8pm
Pick up a list in the lobby!
December 7
Because.TransformationChurch.tc