

Introduction

My tendency is to get so busy for Christ that I forget to talk to Christ and I forget to say, "Lord, this is Your work not my work." I want to see God move in this church, and I want to see that more than us becoming some church that people talk about. I want to just see the Lord move in this place, so I hope that you will join me in that. Okay... Well, I guess we can go home now; I don't know. We did go a little bit over in the first service because the Lord had been very explicit in my prayer time that we needed to pray together as a church.

I'm going to share with you our vision, where we're headed next as a church. We probably will go a little bit over but not terribly much. I'm going to abbreviate things down. If you need to leave or head out, we understand that, but I just want to share with you where it is that we're headed together and what I believe that the Lord is laying on my heart. If you have your Bible with you... I hope that you do... I want to invite you to open it up with me to Exodus chapter 18. If you don't have a Bible with you, that's okay. The Scripture will be up on the screen behind me here. Exodus chapter 18 is the next chapter in Exodus where we'd left off. I think that this chapter dovetails very nicely with Exodus 17. If you remember in chapter 17, Joshua went into battle; Moses raised his hands over the army, the soldiers that were in the fight. Aaron and Hur were holding up Moses' arms. We talked last week about holding up ministry; holding up the arms of the Church, lifting up what it is that Christ has called us to do. In the very next chapter, Moses gets kind of the same lesson but in a different way. His father-in-law Jethro comes to visit him, and he's out judging all these different cases before the people. Let's pick up there, Exodus 18:13:

"The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, 'What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?' And Moses said to his father-in-law, 'Because the people come to me to inquire of God; when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decided between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and His laws.' Moses' father-in-law said to him, 'What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of fifties, and of tens. And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you and they will bear the burden with you. If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all the people also will go to their place in peace.

"So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said."

As we talked last week about holding up the arms of the ministries of the Church, I was reminded this week as I was preparing, of the fact that over and over Moses was learning the lesson that it wasn't just about his own ability, but it was also about the ministry of the people. I think that that is not just true in the life of Moses and the Israelites, but it's also true in the life of the Church. The Church of Jesus Christ does the greatest work when the Church works together. It's not when one person garners attention or affection, but it's instead when the entire Church carries the burden together. If I look back across the 41-year history of Houston Northwest, I see incredible things that have taken place when the entire church has held up the

arms of Christ when the entire church has worked together and has divided the job and indeed said, "Many hands make light work." I'm going to talk about just some of the things that God has done, just in the last twelve months here at Houston Northwest.

In the last twelve months at Houston Northwest, 145 new people have joined our church through our Discover class. (Clapping) Yeah, man... it's great! (Clapping) As of today, 112 people have been baptized here at Houston Northwest. Our worship attendance is up about 200 people from a year ago, on average: 1287 now; it was 1086 a year ago. So if you start at babies... by the way, there is a lot of babies down there. It's pretty exciting... or scary, depending on your perspective... but a lot of babies. All the way from the cradle to the grave, our Life Group attendance in the last year has gone from 787 to 1005... a jump of a little over 200 just in Life Groups. We said at the beginning of the year, we wanted to send ten percent of our church on international mission, which would be somewhere around 150. We sent 170 people on international mission; that's up from 120 a year ago. We also have trained and released 46 KidsHope mentors into the schools here in our area, along to be partnered with 47 prayer partners. Additionally, we've reduced our debt by over a million dollars since March 31st. God is doing incredible things through the gracious power of the Holy Spirit here at Houston Northwest. But... I want to put an asterisk next to all of those statistics. I was reluctant even to share them because I didn't want you to take it as "Oh, well Steve is just talking about himself," because that is indeed not what is taking place. It is truly the Lord doing a great work in our church. Truly, that is the case. But, I want to share them because our church is growing, and as we grow, we must be on the same page. Some of you have been here less than a year; some of you have been here less than a month, and you need to know where we are headed because we have an Exodus 18 mentality. This is not Pastor Steve's Church. This is not the pastoral staff's Church. This is not the elders' Church; this is not the deacons' Church. This is Jesus Christ's Church, and every part of the body is doing ministry together. We must do so if we're going to achieve the things that God has placed before us. So, we have an incredible past, not just in the last year but even over the last 41 years when the entire body has worked together. But we have much left to do.

So what is our future? Where are we headed? What is it that God is calling us to do? I want to tell you today what it is that God is calling us to do. He is calling us to help the Kingdom of God come to manifestation here in Houston. Why? ...Because the Kingdom of God is where Jesus is recognized as King. Any life, any institution, any business where Jesus Christ is recognized as King, the Kingdom of God reigns in that place. Think about it. If the Kingdom of God is anywhere where Jesus Christ is recognized as King and if Jesus Himself prayed, "Father, on earth as it is in heaven..." we want earth to look like heaven. If that's what it is, then our mission then becomes about making a people who will recognize the Kingdom of God. What are those people called in Scripture? They are called disciples. Our mission as a Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, who will turn around and then make disciples themselves. Really, you could turn it around and keep adding it on: who will make disciples... who will make disciples... who will make disciples. Our goal as a church, and by the way, this will not change next year... because Jesus Christ Himself gave this mission: "Go and make disciples of all nations." It was the last thing He said before He ascended into heaven. Those were His last words; therefore, they must be important words. Our mission is and will be, from now until forevermore, go and make disciples who will make disciples, who will make disciples, who will make disciples, who will make disciples. Why do we pay off debt as a church? Why do we care? Why not just make the minimum payment? ...Because increased financial flexibility will give us the ability, with more funds, to make more disciples in the community. Why would we put up walls and divide rooms to add classrooms and buy better equipment for our worship center and for our education facilities? We do that, not so that our building looks nicer, but so that we are better equipped to make

disciples. Why is it that we go to Africa and build a greenhouse and dig a well? It's so a community can be brought together so that a church might be started so that we might... make disciples. You're starting to get it. Everything that we do is centered around disciple-making because... hear me on this... disciple-making is the heartbeat of a Kingdom-minded church. Everything that we do must pour toward building disciples and making disciples. We envision the Kingdom of God, out working itself through the creation of disciples, all through the city of Houston. So, we will be working toward a Kingdom-focused city by working toward disciple-making through the ministry of Houston Northwest. So how are we going to do that? We will, with laser focus, become more and more intentional about training and releasing our congregation to share the Gospel, have spiritual conversations, and be the presence of Christ within whatever sphere God has placed them, so that we can empower the body to be the presence of Christ in Houston.

Quick survey: Whenever I was a kid, I went to camp many times, and I kind of felt the Lord calling me into ministry, so here I am. Sorry about that, but here I am... but here's the other thing. I kind of also felt occasionally that the Lord was calling me into missions. Has anybody ever been in a worship service or a camp service and you felt that the Lord was calling you into missions? I'm going to ask you to raise your hand. I'm not going to shame you, okay? Did anybody ever feel that God was calling you into missions? I see all you unspiritual people out there. "Ummm, mmmm.... I never got that." Could you raise your hands again if that's you? I want to see it. Keep your hands up... look around... now don't do this... do this... right here. Look around. See all these hands that are up right now? Look at all these people that felt that God might be calling them to be a missionary. Do you see that? I want to ask you a question. "What if you did not mishear God? What if God did tell you to be a missionary? What if God called you to be a missionary to the city of Houston and then He put you there?" ...Because I think that He did. You see, I think that the Church has a great calling. What if the Church of Jesus Christ... what if Houston Northwest IS the missionary to Houston? What if the job of the pastors at Houston Northwest is to raise up an army of missionaries to equip and to train and to send out missionaries that will transform this city? Some of you are in a different city every week. You are more mobile than the Apostle Paul could have ever dreamed. You fly around the globe, literally, on a regular basis. Why would you not think that perhaps that is not an accident? It is not just so that you can earn Frequent Flyer Miles to go to Cancun. It might be so that God would put you in places that missionaries that work for denominations could never go... so that you could talk to people to whom missionaries could never speak so that you could talk to them about the Jesus that has changed your life.

But it's not just about going around the world. What if God has put you in a school or in a business or in an office or a neighborhood or a street intentionally so that you can be the missionary to the person who eats with you every day... the missionary to the person that you sleep beside at night... a missionary to the person that lives next door to you. What if this is what God is doing in our church? Because, to be honest with you... I think it is.

We've been talking a lot of about this "Gospel Go Grow" mentality as a church. Let me tell you what we're going to do, practically-speaking, as a church. As we hand this Church over to Jesus Christ and the mission of making disciples, we are going to get precise about doing what the Gospel has called us to do. I talk to people all the time and they say, "Steve, I want to share the Gospel but I don't even know if I know precisely what the Gospel is." We're going to fix that here. Every person here is going to know what the Gospel is. Now you say, you may not go out and tell anybody, but it's not going to be because you don't know. Starting next Sunday, we're going to have a six-week sermon series. It's going to be called, "Help My Unbelief." In the Book of Mark, there's a man who comes to Jesus and he has a sick daughter. He says, "Can you heal?" And Jesus said, "Do you believe that I can heal?" He says, "I believe but help my

unbelief." So, there's that weird thing that many of us have. We believe that God can do great things, but at the same time we wonder, "God, can you do that thing?" So we're going to say, "Lord, Help My Unbelief." This is what we're going to do. We're going to go through six different passages of Scripture with six different characters in the Bible. They are all different, and we're going to show how the Gospel of Jesus Christ applies to each one. Every week we're going to recount the Gospel, and then we're going to see how it applies to the sceptic, to the immoral person, to the unbelieving person, to the irreligious person, to the hyperreligious person, and we're going to look and see how the Gospel applies to them. You're going to hear the Gospel every week for six weeks. Then you're going to say, "Okay. I'm going to see a pattern of application... How to apply that to the person in your life. So if you say, "I have a sceptic in my life," we're going to talk about that. If you say, "I have an immoral person in my life," we're going to talk about that. We're going to give you intense training. It's going to be theology, but also it's going to be practical so that that way when you leave here every week, I can say, "I now know how that applies to me." Maybe you say, "I'm a sceptic myself." Then please come to this series, and you will hear how the Gospel applies to you. If you say, "I have a sceptic in my life," then you can leave, and I want to invite to find just one person that comes to your mind that you can name that you can have a spiritual conversation with across the course of the fall. This is not saying that you've got to get them baptized so that you can notch your belt. Okay? This is so that you can begin to let the Word of God work in their heart.

You've heard of global missions? That's the thing. Most of us, whenever we say, "I was called to be a missionary" ... or "I wonder if I was called to be a missionary," you were thinking about going to China or to Africa or to India. This is not global missions. Do you know what this is? This is hyper-local missions. And when I say hyper-local, I don't even mean the other side of the neighborhood. I'm talking these people are fifteen feet away from you all the time. Those are the people that we are going to focus on because those are the people who God has put you next to. You do not have to go... listen to me... you don't have to go around the world to change the world. You can change the world by engaging the person that you are next to with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, be that a person in your house or the person across the street. It is a beautiful thing to go across the world. I'm going to be going around the world hopefully many more times and continue to advance the Gospel here with Houston Northwest, and that's a beautiful and good thing, and we will continue to do so but never believe that just because you can't go around the world that God cannot use you to change the world because He wants you to change it by changing the people you come into contact with every day. That starts next week; I hope you won't miss it... "Help My Unbelief."

Then as we go into the fall, we've got another thing that we're going to do. So we've got the Gospel piece and then the Grow piece. The Grow piece is called "Advance: Moving The Kingdom Forward." Last year we did a spiritual growth campaign called "What on Earth Am I Here For?" This will be a similar spiritual growth campaign, but the focus of it will be creating a discipling movement that is so rapid that we cannot keep up with it. I want you to think about that. What would happen if Acts 2 took place in our church? Peter stands up and preaches in Acts chapter 2 and 3000 people get saved. What would happen if 3000 people came to Christ and started coming to our church? If we released the whole church out into the community and everybody comes to Christ... the next week we're in trouble. Right? The typical solution in the American Church is... an addition. We think in terms of addition. What does that mean? We build a bigger building, right? A bigger building... add a worship service. Those are fine solutions and they're great and do you know what? Maybe one day we will build a bigger building, or maybe we will add another worship service. I don't know... But do you know what I do know? I know that we have four million dollars' worth of debt, so we can't do some of those things now. So what are we going to do? Does that mean we just have

to wait until we're out of debt to do ministry? No way! What does it mean? It means that we've got to stop thinking in terms of addition, and we've got to start thinking in terms of multiplication. So what does that look like? It means that we've got to make disciples that make disciples. I've got a diagram here. I don't know about you, but sometimes I'm a visual thinker. I want you to take a look at this map. This map represents some of our off-campus Life Groups. You see the red dots there. What if every twelve months a Life Group that met in a home multiplied and sent out and started another Life Group? In twelve months it would go from this to this. Okay? Do you see those in blue? What if then all of those groups started another group twelve months later? Then it would look like that. What if all those groups started another group twelve months later? Whoa! What if we did it one more time? Do you see the power of multiplication and exponential thinking? Once we begin to think in terms of multiplication, it's not just about "Let's grow my Life Group as large as it can be or grow my Church as large as it can be." It is, "How many new groups could we begin?" because we know that new groups grow quicker than older groups. The more that we start new groups, then those groups start to grow and they start to reach new people, and then they immediately begin to think, "How could we begin to multiply out as well?" What we want to do is train our people to think in terms of multiplication all across the fall. So if we get six weeks of how the Gospel applies to every person that you know and then also after that then we train you to be able to go out and to make disciples wherever God has put you. So we're going to preach through the Book of 1 Thessalonians. A lot of discipleship principles are in this Book. We're going to have a curriculum that's written by myself and Darren and Jeremy and many others that are part of our discipleship team that have been adding into this. That curriculum will have six 15-minute videos that we will teach to you, and we'll talk about ways to get into the lives of people who need to be discipled. Hopefully... I'm going to put a little disclaimer out here because I've never done this before... but I'm going to try to write 42 daily devotionals and then record myself on a webcam and send them out to anybody who signs up for them via email. Wouldn't you love to see me first thing in the morning in your inbox? (Laughter) Some of you are like, "I'll just listen to the audio... I'll just darken my screen at that point." (Laughter) That's what we want to do. We'll take those same principles from the curriculum, and we'll just give quick 1-, 2-, or 3-minute practical ways that you can put those into practice. Next, we're going to give every single person in the church a copy of this book "Make Mature Multiply" which is about making disciples. Now, we've already ordered these; we've already purchased them. This is an incredible book. It's not a devotional book like last year we did. This is a book that has chapter after chapter, 4- or 5-page chapters, on how to disciple your kids at home, how to do discipleship at work... how you can do these different sorts of things. We're talking about practical steps right here, and we're going to train you by giving you that book and referring to it over and over.

Next, I've written a little essay called, "The Application Of Grace." We're going to talk about how to strive for holiness and how to be transformed personally. We're going to print this up. This is about how to fight temptation and sin in your life. We're going to print up a couple thousand of these and give them to people and then when you say, "I'm discipling this person and they have this big struggle in their life and they don't know how to fight against it, so you go through this "Application of Grace" with them. It's about ten pages... something like that... and they can just work through that together and you work through it with them.

Then, also, we're going to go on hyper-local mission together as a church as part of "Advance." We're going to pick the people that we know; we're going to do block parties again on October 31st. We're going to do different things to get into our community so that you can then see and say what it is that God has called you to do as part of this, because if God has called us to go on mission and to make disciples, then we must be intentional about it.

We're also going to continue to do community engagement. Now whenever we talk about multiplication, sometimes people say, "So making disciples means that we're going to focus on the church; we're not going to focus on the city." Wrong. We're always going to focus on the city because it's in the city and in the community that we meet those that are furthest from Christ. It's when we're in the community, in our workplace or in our neighborhood or in the schools that as we do those things then we get to engage with people that are farthest from Christ, and we get to continue to say, "Let me invite you to be part of this discussion about who Jesus Christ is." So we're going to be mentoring students at Brill. We're actually going to have a few at another school this year who have moved up. I would love it if we could add another neighborhood school that's on this side of 249 and part of a different school district. I would love to see that happen this year.

In addition, as we continue to think about multiplying disciples, we've been talking over and over about multiplying our church. I've been talking about church planting for about 18 months now and the fact that church plants are among the fastest growing mission opportunities any city could afford. So, as our city continues to grow very rapidly and 2000 people a week move to the city of Houston, we've got to be able to find churches that can reach out to people. So what does that mean? That means that we want to be part of a church-starting movement, so not just a disciple-making movement but also a church-starting movement here in our city.

I mentioned very briefly a couple of weeks ago that a group of churches here in the city of Houston has created a coalition called "The Houston Church-Planting Network." And the Houston Church-Planting Network, we've been invited to be part of that, it's just sort of through Holy Spirit appointment. We've been asked to be part of the group of pastors and team that are going to help guide where that's going to go. We already have five church planters that have decided to relocate here to the city of Houston or to leave their current position in the city of Houston and plant a church here, and we think that we'll have two or three more that will work with the Houston Church-Planting Network. What will that look like? That will mean this: Our church will be part of a group of churches that will train church-planters to send them out. The ultimate goal is Houston Northwest planting a church. But in the meantime, we're going to work with churches together to train up planters who will go out. Hopefully, you will get to meet this planter, or two of them or so, that are part of this residency, and I hope to introduce you to them in the next couple of months from here on the platform. As that happens, my hope is that you will hear from one of them... their vision... and if 200 people in our church say, "I want to go with that guy, and I want to go plant a church in that neighborhood..." then guess what? God bless you; please do that because we want to multiply churches. If you say, "What if 200 of us don't go? What if only 10 of us go? What if only 2 of us go?" Well then, God bless those people. We want to give the resources and the training that we can to the people that God is calling to go do the thing that God has called them to do here in our city, because just like other groups, other churches will help us to spread the Gospel quicker and quicker.

In the last service, I said, "Let me tell you another thing that I would love to see for us to do community engagement and engage our city." I said, "I would love to see a ministry launched for business professionals so that business professionals could get together and train one another in how to use Scripture and their faith in the workplace but then also on top of that just talk about what they could do ...Because it's not just about witnessing to your coworkers. It's also if you're an accountant, being the accountant that Jesus Christ has called you to be. And if you are a CEO, it's about being the CEO that Jesus Christ has called you to be, or whatever the profession is that you are in. I just kind of mentioned this in the last service. I hadn't even made it to the bottom of the steps, and a man walked up to me and says, "I'll do it." I was like, "OKAY. Well, that's good." So we've got at least one man that I know that has said

that he will do that, but if you say, "I want to be part of that," please let me know, and I want to get all those people in a room together and begin saying, "How can we train the business professionals of our church to engage their profession with the Gospel?" ...Because again, you get to talk to people, move in circles, and go to cities that I will never visit, most likely. We should not limit the power of God based on where the preacher can be. We should instead multiply the power of God by releasing the body to do its work wherever God sends them.

Finally, at the end of the fall, we're going to do our season of Advent that we do every year at Christmas. It will be a season of service and mission, and that will be primarily the time when we will highlight the "Going" capacity of our church. We will have tons of opportunities for you to go and to serve within our city and within our community. We'll give those to you before Thanksgiving so that you and your family can calendar that out. We'll ask you to be generous and to give to mission, to our international mission offering... our Lottie Moon Offering, as it's sometimes called... and to support church planters and pastors all over the world. We're going to work together to end 2014 on a note that is saying, "We give everything to the cause of Christ and the multiplication of disciples here in the city."

So you might say, "Well, what does that mean about me now? What am I supposed to do now?" Well, some of them are pretty easy and pretty straightforward. If you have a worship guide with you, you can look on the response tab there and some of them are listed there. Go ahead and get this out with me for just a second. You can see some of those that are pretty easy... that are pretty clear. For some of us, it's time for us to join the church. Now, you say, "Why do I need to join the church?" Well you know what? You don't have to. It's okay if you don't. We invite you to join the church because we believe that people who are committed to and in a covenant relationship to the church are more likely to be trained and to engage in community. Our next membership class takes place on the afternoon of Sunday, September 14th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lots of people like yourselves that are considering joining the church will be there. We want to encourage you, to challenge you to be there. Join the church officially, and then join us on mission.

Next... Join a Life Group. Why do you need to join a Life Group? Listen to me. Life Groups are about community, but I want you to hear this. Community does not just happen because you eat a meal together or because you study the Bible together. Do you know how community happens? It's because you go on mission together. You're raising your kids together. You're reaching your community together. You're serving God in your context, your area, together. You need community but that community comes when you go on mission with people and Life Groups go on mission together, whether that's a mission of a life stage or the mission of making disciples in a particular area. I want to challenge you to do that.

I said this in the last service, and I was wrong about it a little bit, so we might have run out. But... I think that several of you should have an insert in your worship guide that lists new Life Groups that are starting. If you don't, we have a website (thank goodness). You can go to the website and read about those, but those are groups that are starting up so that you can be part of, and you can join in immediately and jump in and say, "It's time for me to be part of a group." I think there are seven new groups that are either starting this week or in a couple of weeks and you can jump into those. We're also going to be starting new ones as part of "Advance: Moving The Kingdom Forward."

We're also going to be taking a medical mission team to Mexico. We do not go just to do a clinic. It's important that we do a clinic, but we're doing other things. What is it that we're about? Oh yeah; it's making disciples. So we're going to go into a community that has a great need for medical professionals,

but we're also going to make disciples and help empower the local church to make disciples while we're there. If you say, "Wow, I'm a medical professional; I could give a week in January, and I would love to be part of that." Check that box and we'll get you some more information. You're not signing in blood. That's okay. You just check that box, and we'll get back to you. Or maybe you say, "It's time for me to serve." If it's time for you to serve, then you can do that and you can check there.

Also, on the other side of your bulletin insert... that will be starting here in a couple of weeks... our Wednesday night midweek training will be reconvening. We take a little bit of a break right here at the start of school but after Labor Day, we jump in for all of our adults. Let me tell you about some of things that you can see through our midweek training. I'm going to be leading a class on how to study your Bible. There is "Foundations For Leadership," which is basically a theology class to help you get trained in theology. There is a "Divorce Care" class for adults, for teens, and for kids; if you're walking through the pain of divorce, this class is for you. Our ladies have several Bible study offerings. You can go to HNW.org/women to read more about those, but you can also just come on a Wednesday night and choose one. Our men will be starting a Bible study called, "The Game Plan for Life," by Joe Gibbs. It's going to be a great study. Pastor Darren is going to be leading that. Our students have discussion and discipleship groups that meet on Wednesday nights. Our grade-schoolers are starting a new curriculum called "Team Kid" which will be designed to help our grade-schoolers learn the Bible and also become disciples of Jesus Christ. Then our preschoolers have a play-and-praise time where they can begin to learn the foundational truths of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. In other words, a lot of stuff is going to be happening and a lot of opportunities to plug in, but those opportunities to plug in are not just sort of willy-nilly. They are all interrelated and interconnected with the expressed purpose of making disciples out of us, so that we can then turn around and go make disciples as well.

So the question now is this: "Are we in? Do we want to do that? Do we want to be a church that goes and makes disciples?" And if the answer is "Yes" then I want to encourage you to do so. If the answer is "No"... now I tell you what. You're going to miserable here. You should probably go somewhere else because this is all we're going to do. We're going to make disciples that make disciples that make disciples because that is what Jesus has commanded us to do and to be. So I want to encourage you, join in this. This is a big step forward for us, and I believe that God is calling us in this direction so that we could indeed see the Kingdom of God move forward here as a church. Next week, as we kick off with "Help My Unbelief," as we begin the journey of training the church to be the church in the community to make disciples here in the city of Houston. Let's pray.

"Lord Jesus, this is Your Church. It's not ours, so Lord Jesus we surrender it over to You. God, whatever You want us to do, whatever You want us to be... Lord, we will be that. God, if you call us to share the Gospel with a coworker, we'll do that. Lord, if you call us to change our business practices because they're not in line with Your Word, then Lord we'll do that. God, whatever You ask us to do, we will do because we trust You, we believe You, and God we give it all over to You. So Lord, right now, we lay this church at Your feet, and we simply say 'Yes' to You, whatever it is that You want. God, we love You... in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen."

So this is how we're going to respond today: We're going to stand and we're going to sing, and if you would say "Yes" to this mission, then let's just worship together and say, "Yes, Lord, we're in."