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**BY**  
**GOD**  
**IT'S TIME**





# STUDY SERIES

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# Introduction:

TCBC is on the move. You can feel it! Since revealing the “Moved by God” vision we’ve had numerous people ask how they can be a part of shaping this bold new future. People have been suggesting ministries, asking to join ministry task forces, desiring to be used in the area of their gifting and encouraging us to keep moving in this exciting direction. It is exciting to be part of God’s church at TCBC at the moment.

The “Moved by God” vision is very simple. We believe that God has been moving in the hearts and minds of the leadership and challenging us to move from HERE (where we are now) to THERE (a new era of faithful and effective ministry and mission). We’ve said right from the start that here is not bad. Good ministry is happening, people are coming to faith, people are growing in faith and faithfulness and our community benefits from having our church in the neighborhood. Here is not bad, but we cannot shake the feeling that God has more in store for TCBC. The THERE that God is calling us to is a church that is more effective, more faithful and more missional than the church we now see.

The moved vision has 5 essential elements. God is moving us to...

## **New Imagination:**

God wants us to be more imaginative in the way we achieve our vision. When we re-center our lives and church around seeing God transforming lives through Christ-centered community God will engage our imagination and peoples whole lives will be transformed.

## **New Gatherings**

Our gatherings should reflect the unity and diversity that is already a part of our tri-service church. God wants our gatherings to be places where not yet followers of Jesus can get a glimpse, a taste of the Jesus centered, boundary crossing, diverse community.

## **New Generosity**

We believe God is calling us to be a generous church that opens our lives, homes and families up to others; a church that is generous with the abundant resources God has given to us; a church where everyone recognizes that everything they have is a gift from God and asks not how much they should give but rather how much they should keep for themselves.

## New Mission

The church is the only organization in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members. God wants us to be a church that declares and demonstrates the reign and rule of God through Christ for the benefit of our friends, family and neighborhood.

## New Commitment

To be the effective faithful church God is calling us to be we cannot afford to have 20% of people doing most of the work. To be the dynamic, missional, generous church God is breathing into being we need every single person who attends here to up their commitment. Everyone who calls TCBC home is being called to live by the 1,1,1,1 ideal. That is, at the very least, everyone here commits to 1 gathering, 1 ministry, 1 LifeGroup and 1 missional endeavor.

That is our vision. It is bold, it is risky and it is going to take everything we've got. But following Jesus was never meant to be easy. When asked what it takes to be a Christian Jesus said these words

*'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.'* Luke 8:34-35

TCBC, it is time for us to engage in some serious cross carrying for the good of our neighbourhood and for the glory of God.

The hope of this study series is that more people will catch the excitement that is already building in this place. We are praying that in and through this series we as a community of faith will begin to put flesh on the there that God has in store for us.

Over the next 8 weeks we are going to unpack each of the 5 'new' elements in order that you might see, imagine and taste what God is breathing into being in this place. So buckle in and sit tight. Prepare to MOVE!





# OVERVIEW

## NEW IMAGINATION

*(releasing our imaginations to achieve our vision of seeing God)  
transforming lives through Christ-centered community*

### Study 1

Holistic life transformation (Colossians 3:1-14)

### Study 2

Christ-Centered (Titus 3:3-8)

### Study 3

Christ-Centered Community (John 17:6-26)

## NEW GATHERINGS

*we are a unified, diverse and committed church*

### Study 4

Everyone with a job to do (Romans 12:1-8)

## NEW MISSION

*we will declaring and demonstrating Jesus kingdom*

### Study 5

Cultivating missional habits seminar (Wed]

### Study 6

The missional church in exile (Jeremiah 29)

## NEW GENEROSITY

*we will not keep our God given resources for ourselves*

### Study 7

God's gift to you and your gift to others (Luke 12:13-21)

## NEW COMMITMENT

*we will play our part in God future*

### Study 8

And all the people said 'I'M IN' (Matthew 8:18-27)



## Holistic life transformation

Colossians 3:1-14

*'No new thing has ever been birthed without first being imagined' Rick Warren*

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For those of you who don't know here is our church's vision statement -

*Transforming lives through Christ-centered community.*

It really has two main sections the first part of the statement outlines what we as a church want to see God do. Namely we want to see God **transform** people's **lives**. The second part of the vision statement suggests how we will achieve that goal. Namely people's lives will be transformed when they encounter a community that is Christ-centered. Over the next 3 studies we are going to unpack the three main phrases in this vision statement. Transformation/Christ-Centered/Community.

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Think of the last time you changed your mind. Share that with the group. Now think of the last time you changed your mind about something important. The last time you changed your values, your opinion on ethical or moral issues. Have you ever changed your mind on something important?

Hopefully what this exercise teaches us is that change, even when it comes to small insignificant things is rare and often very, very hard. Even when we want to change we find it almost impossible to do. I really resonate with the following modern parable...

*A well to do executive came across a homeless man on George Street holding an hand written sign that said simply 'Change'. The well to do executive walked slowly over to the homeless man, bent down and whispered in his ear 'I'm trying!' he said.*

Change in our culture is rare and hard... but throughout the scriptures we see people who are radically changed, transformed even when they encounter Jesus. Actually it seems whenever someone encounters Jesus they are completely



transformed by that encounter. And that transformation isn't just a superficial or spiritual one, that change extends to all parts of their life.

Here in Colossians 3 Paul articulates the radical change that has happened and is happening to those who follow Jesus.

### **Read Colossians 3:1-14**

#### **1. The change that has happened to all followers of Jesus!**

- What images does Paul use here in Colossians to explain the transformation that happens to those who encounter Jesus (v1-4, v9-10)? What is the significance of each?

#### **2. The change that is still happening**

When someone encounters Jesus it's like they've gone from death to life... or like they've taken off old smelly clothes and put on new ones. God begins to transform their desires, attitudes and values. But this transformation doesn't happen overnight. It takes time for these changes to stick! So Paul challenges the Christians in Colossae to work with God to see these changes take root.

- In verses v5-10 Paul constructs a vice list explaining that these things are what characterized the lives of people before they encounter Jesus. Which of the vices listed in v5-10 are most relevant to our community and culture? What impact do they have on families and communities?
- Why are Christians to clothe themselves with kindness, compassion, humility, patience and gentleness (v12)?
- What would it look like if you were more kind, compassionate, humble, gentle and patient with your: Husband/wife/Kids/Extended family/Work colleagues/Friends?
- What impact might these virtues have on these relationships?
- Your ability and willingness to forgive is constantly referred to in the New Testament as a key indicator that you have been transformed by God (v13). Why is forgiveness so important? Who do you need to forgive as the Lord forgave you?

### **GETTING PERSONAL!**

If you are a Christian God has transformed you - is transforming you! We as a church want more people to experience this transformation. That's why we exist... to see God transform lives through Christ-centered community. Over the next couple of weeks, we will talk about what we as a church need to do to help others experience this transformation. How has God transformed you? How has your whole life been transformed by Jesus? Spend some time sharing your story with the people in your group.

This week look for opportunities to share that story with one of your not-yet-Christian mates.



## Christ-Centered

Titus 3:3-8

*Jesus is the centre of all, the object of all, whoever does not know him, knows nothing aright, either of the world or of himself [herself].* Blaise Pascal

Last week we talked about the transformational effect Jesus has on people's lives. The big question is how does that kind of radical transformation happen? It's simple really. Lives, families and communities will be transformed when they are centered on Jesus. CHRIST-CENTERED!

Brendan and I were chatting this week about what a life that is Christ centered looks like and he came across this image that beautifully depicts a Christ centered life.

Imagine you find a painting that is so beautiful, so spectacular, so stunning so breath taking that you decide, not just to rearrange the furniture in that room to draw attention to the painting, but rather you decide to redesign your entire house to highlight the beauty of and draw attention to, that painting. That is what a Christ centered life is like. When you see the beauty of Jesus and the gospel you don't just make a few changes here and there you restructure and reorientation your life around him.

Here in Titus 3 we have a beautiful summary of the gospel of Jesus that we are to centre our lives around.

### Read Titus 3:3-8

- What images does Paul used to describe our lives before Jesus? Do these accurately describe your experience? Why, why not?
- Paul says before Jesus we were enslaved by passions and pleasures. What passions and pleasures turn humans into slaves?
- What motivated God to rescue us from this old way of living?

### It's all about GRACE

In verses 5-7 Paul describes the reason for grace, the method of grace and the result of grace.



- Why did God, our Saviour save us (v5a)? Why is this so revolutionary?
- How was this grace conferred upon us (v5b-6a)? If you still remember your conversion experience take a moment to recall what it was like to experience God's grace as a new believer.
- What has been the result of God's grace coming to us through Jesus Christ our Saviour (v7)?

In this middle section of the passage Paul reminds us that relationship with God the Saviour is all about Jesus and it's all about grace. He is reinforcing that Christ is central to who we are in Him. In this way being 'Christ-centred' begins and ends with the kindness, love, mercy and grace of God.

⇒ Given this, how would you describe what it means to be Christ-centred to someone who is yet to discover God's grace?

## GETTING PERSONAL

Paul finishes this section in verse 8 with a plea for God's people (Christians) to continue devoting themselves to doing what is good.

- Given what we have explored about grace and Christ-centredness what might 'devoting ourselves to doing what is good' look like for you or for our Church?
- Take a few moments to consider what it means to be Christ-centred from Christ's teaching in Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes).

*Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.*

### The Beatitudes

He said:

<sup>3</sup> *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>4</sup> *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

<sup>5</sup> *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

<sup>6</sup> *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

<sup>7</sup> *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

<sup>8</sup> *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

<sup>9</sup> *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

<sup>10</sup> *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>11</sup> *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Finish by praying for one another that this beautiful gospel of grace will impact every area of our lives for his glory.



## Christ-Centered Community

John 17:6-26

*"It may frustrate us, disappoint us, test us....but simply put, we must celebrate and commit to being in community! We do life better when we do it together!"*

Tim Giovanelli

If Jesus was here right now and he offered to pray for you what would you ask him to pray for?

Did you know that even before you were born Jesus DID pray for you? If you are a Christian, then 2000 years ago when Jesus was wandering around Palestine he fervently prayed for you. That is a pretty mind blowing idea if you really think about it. The second member of the trinity, the SON, who is in the father and who the father is in, PRAYED FOR YOU!

Do you know what he prayed? He prayed that you and he and your fellow believers would be ONE, UNITED! This tells us a lot about what Jesus thought was of supreme importance. When he got the opportunity to pray for you he prayed for UNITY.

Let's take a look at John 17 and see why he did that.

**READ John 17:20-26**

### **(a) Unity our greatest weakness**

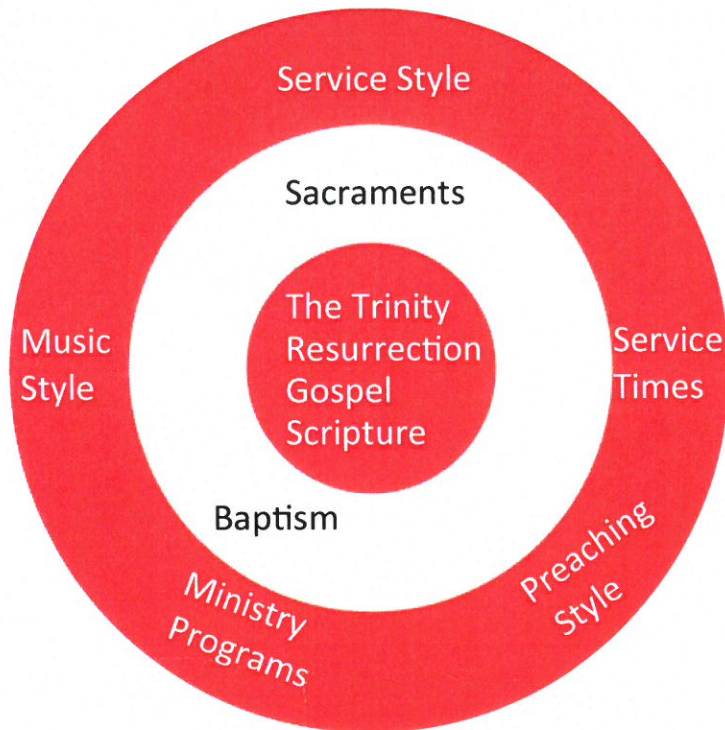
As you read Jesus prayer it becomes pretty evident that the unity he prayed for is rarely seen in church communities.

- Why has unity with in the church been such a struggle?
- What things can you identify in the church historically that have caused tension and division?
- What things can you identify in our church that have the ability to cause tension and division?
- How might we stop our differences from causing division?



## THE CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVE TARGET

I was introduced to the Christian distinctive target by a lecturer at Morling College. In the centre of the target we have Christian essentials. If you don't believe or accept these you're probably not a Christian. The next ring is not essential to salvation but important enough that it would be hard to attend the same church as someone who has radically different ideas. The third ring is church practices and style ideals that we should be happy to forgo for the benefit of others.



- How might we develop a culture that is more open handed with the non essentials of our Christian faith?

### (b) Unity our most powerful witness

- What does Jesus say will be the impact of Christian unity?
- Why do you think Christian unity will have this affect?
- How can we as a church better celebrate diversity whilst remaining unified?

## GETTING PERSONAL!

When the church of God is united around Jesus people will see the beauty of life lived in communion with God and his people. Quite literally people's lives will be challenged and transformed. But how do we develop and maintain that unity?

Tim Keller suggests nine practices, based around the 'one another' passages in the

scriptures that build Christian community and unity.

For each off these, discuss what it would look like to build these practices into your life and ministry and how they might build Christian community and unity.

1. Affirm one another's strengths abilities and gifts (Romans 12:3-8 and 10)
2. Affirm one another's equal importance to God and the church (Romans 15:7)
3. Affirm one another through visible affection (Romans 16:16)
4. Share one another's space, goods and time (1 Peter 4:9)
5. Share one another's needs and problems (Galatians 6:2)
6. Share one another's beliefs, thinking and spirituality (Colossians 3:16 and Ephesians 5:19)
7. Serve one another through accountability (James 5:16)
8. Serve one another through forgiveness and reconciliation (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 5:23-24)
9. Serve one another's interests above you own (Gal 5:13)

*(Tim Keller 2010, Gospel in Life: Grace changes everything, Zondervan)*







## Everyone with a job to do!

Romans 12:1-8/1 Corinthians 12:12-31

*'You do not go to church, you are the church' Mike Frost*

How would you describe **the** church to someone who doesn't know much about it?

How would you describe **our** church to someone who doesn't know much about it?

My sincere hope is that you didn't start your answer to those questions with a description of a building! If you did you need a lesson in church! The church is not a building, it is not a service, the church is God's people meeting and gathering together! **YOU DONT GO TO CHURCH, YOU ARE THE CHURCH!**

That's why Paul, on at least 2 occasions describes the church as a body. A body made up of many parts.

### **READ Romans 12:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

- What is Paul trying to convey by using the image of a body?
- Why according to Paul are we not to exalt ourselves above others? (Romans 12v3-4)
- What gifts are we tempted to believe are more important in our church? Why is this destructive to community and mission?
- What do you think Paul means when he says 'each member belongs to the others?' (Romans 12v5)
- In what ways will a genuinely intergenerational, multi ethnic congregation benefit our community and our mission?

### **Read Hebrews 10:19-25**

- Why according to Paul are we to make regular gathering a priority?
- What should we be doing as we gather together as the people of God? (v24) how might we do this here at TCBC?

## GETTING PERSONAL

There are 2 basic reasons we are changing our service times to 9:30, 4:30, 6:30pm and midweek Traditional Service. The first has to do with what we've been talking about. We believe our community will be better if we are more intergenerational and diverse. Combining the 8:30 and 10:30 services will result in a truly diverse body and if everyone chooses to use their gifts in service of the other we will begin to do church the way God intended!

- What are your gifts, skill and passions?
- How can you use these gifts, skills and passions to spur each other on to love and good works?
- What current ministries have you been perfectly shaped by God to be a part of?
- What new ministries might pop up that will make use of your gifts, skills and passions?

The second reason we are changing our service times is to make our services more accessible to our community. We want people of all ages, families, singles, young adults and the young at heart to be able to explore faith in the context of a community.

- In what ways can as a church make our gathering more accessible to those who do not yet know Jesus?
- How can we make our community more inviting to those who do not yet know Jesus?

Spend some time praying for 2 of your not-yet-Christian friends who you could plug into our community. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share your faith and invite them to experience Christ centered community.







CULTIVATING

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MISSIONAL HABITS

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**Wednesday 24 August @ 7.30pm**

# Study 6



## The missional church in exile

Jeremiah 29

*'The church is the only organization in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members'* Tony Campolo

I didn't listen to a lot of Christian music growing up but one of my favorite Christian songs from the 90s was by DC Talk. The song started not with a melody but with a quote.

*'the greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians. Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and then deny him by their lifestyle. This is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.'*

That quote haunted me in my teens, and for good reason. In beautiful prose it exposes one of the most common missional mistakes Christians make. That is we are **too present**. We get caught up in the practices, habits and values of the world around us and in doing so deny the gospel we preach.

But there is another common missional mistake that Christians throughout history have made. Far from being too present many Christians are **too distinct**. That is they don't meaningfully engage in the world around them. They separate themselves from the world and concoct their own little Christian bubble.

Both of these errors are catastrophic missionally. If you are too present, have no point of difference and do not challenge the culture around you, you have certainly denied the gospel. On the other hand if you're too distinct, don't have any non-Christian friends and never engage meaningfully in the life of the culture you live in it doesn't matter how holy you are its not going to benefit any not yet Christians.

- in what ways has the church historically and in the 21<sup>st</sup> century been **too present**?
- In what ways has the church historically and in the 21<sup>st</sup> century been **too distinct**?



- If you were to categorize yourself and your family would you be too present or too distinct? Why?

If we are going to transform lives through Christ centered community we need to resist the urge to be too PRESENT or DISTINCT. TCBC will be most missionally effective not when we find a balance between being present and distinct but when we are BOTH present and distinct.

Here in Jeremiah 29 we get some tips on how to be both **present** and **distinct**.

### READ JEREMIAH 29

- What directions does God give the exiles for relating to the city of Babylon in verses 4-7? How do you think they felt about this?
- What is the relationship between the prosper you (v11) and the prosperity of the city (v7)?
- What is the purpose of the exile (v11-14) why is this included in the text?

Rodney Stark, a sociologist of religion, writes,

*Christianity served as a revitalization movement that arose in response to the misery, chaos, fear and brutality of life in the urban Greco-Roman world...Christianity revitalized life in...cities by providing new norms and new kinds of social relationships able to cope with many urgent urban problems. To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachments...To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity. And to cities faced with epidemics, fires and earthquakes, Christianity offered effective...services.*

You can see how in order to be a revitalization movement Christians need to be both present and distinct.

- Is this the case for Christianity today? Why/why not?
- How can we as a church be a revitalization movement for northern Sydney?

### GETTING PERSONAL!

- What would it look like if we as a church were more present in our community?
- What would it look like if we as a church were more distinct from our

community? What values would we challenge? What unquestioned practices and habits would we challenge? etc

- If our church was taken away from this community would we be missed? Why, why not?
- What practical things are we as a church doing to bless our community? What other things can we be doing to work for the peace and prosperity of our community?
- As Christians we believe that God is already at work here in our city. Our job is to join in what he is already doing. What can you see God doing in our community? How can we join in?

**PRAYER:**

In Jeremiah 29 we are directed to pray for our city. Spend sometime now praying for our community. Thank God for the good in it. Ask him for courage and creativity address the bad. Ask God to show us how we can better serve and bless our community.





**We will be open  
God's gifts to us.**

**handed with**

**Luke 12:13-21**

*'When you truly believe that everything you have is a gift from God... the question you ask is not how much do I give but rather how much to I keep for myself!'*

**Tony Campolo**

How did you find your job?

How did you meet your spouse/partner/best friend?

Who is responsible for your education?

Discuss these questions with your group.

In a very real way when you're a Christian the answer to each one of these questions is Jesus! Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! When you finally acknowledge that everything you have is directly or indirectly a gracious gift from your father in heaven that changes the way you view and use the 'gifts'/resources you have.

**Read Luke 12:13-21**

- ◆ What heart attitude is revealed by the main request (v13)?
- ◆ Why do you think Jesus gives such a strong warning against that attitude?
- ◆ How does this passage say that the rich man became wealthy? Who is responsible for his wealth?
- ◆ Given this why is it absurd for him to keep his wealth for himself?
- ◆ How is God responsible for your wealth? How should this realization change your attitude towards giving?
- ◆ This passage reads like a cautionary tale. What do you think Jesus is cautioning people against?
- ◆ In what ways do we metaphorically build bigger barns (i.e. use our wealth selfishly)??
- ◆ What would it look like today for you to be 'rich towards God'?

**GETTING PERSONAL!**



Hopefully we all agree we should be generous with the resources God has given us. Spend some time meditating on the quote at the beginning of this study. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

- ◆ How much of your acquired wealth should you give to the church/to the poor/to your friends and family? How much should you keep for yourself?

**Hint:** the Old Testament principle of giving a tithe (most commonly 10%) of your wealth to God is challenged in the New Testament. It seems like Jesus treats the tithe as the bare minimum of giving. He plainly and simply urges his followers to be GENEROUS!

- What things stop people from giving more to the church? How might these things be overcome? (fear/laziness/apathy/messed up values/mistrust)
- In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we read 'each one should give what you have decided in your heart to give. Not reluctantly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver.' What can we do to be more cheerful in our giving?

Now here is where we get really, really practical. If you don't give any money to this church, but believe in what we do here, please consider giving regularly to the ministry of this church. If you give already but feel you have the capacity to give more please consider upping your giving to this church.

After taking sometime to think, pray and discuss this with your partner, we urge you to consider regularly giving or increasing your giving to this church and its ministries. If 500 people gave \$5 more a week we'd have \$2500 more a week to spend on bringing people to Jesus, building people up in their faith and making Jesus known in our community.

*Below are the TCBC online giving details:*

1. Cash or Cheque Offering
2. **Online Banking:**  
TCBC Main Cheque Account BSB 704 922 Acct No. 1000-14578
3. Set-up for iGive:  
**STEP 1:** Follow this link: [www.giveway.org.au](http://www.giveway.org.au)  
**STEP 2:** Search for your Church in the Search field, click Enter.  
**STEP 3:** Then scroll down to your Church iGive panel.  
**STEP 4:** With your mouse, hover over the panel and click on "Donate Now".  
**STEP 5:** Choose between Credit or Debit payment.  
**STEP 6:** Complete the payment form and submit.  
A 'Thank You' screen will appear.  
Once your payment has been processed you will receive an emailed confirmation



## We will play our part in God's future

*"The Christian life is not adding Jesus to one's own way of life but renouncing that personal way of life for His and being willing to pay whatever cost that may require."*

John MacArthur

*"Give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work. I want you... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desire you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked – the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you myself; my own will shall become yours."*

C.S. Lewis

So here we are. We have arrived at the last week of our "Moved by God" study series. We hope that you have been inspired, stimulated and pushed out of your comfort zones as you have unpacked and explored the vision that we believe God has given TCBC.

Now, of course, in reality we haven't really "arrived" anywhere at all. No, this is just the beginning. In co-operation with the Holy Spirit, every person in this faith community has a critical role to play in making this vision a reality. And it is now up to each one of us to decide whether or not we are on board. It's commitment time.

Are we willing to come together as one body, unified in Christ to live out the call that he has placed upon our lives? Are we willing to make some hard decisions and costly changes so that Jesus is Lord over every area of our lives? Are we willing to commit to 1 gathering, 1 ministry, 1 life group and 1 missional endeavour, for the sake of His Kingdom? Are we willing to step out in faith, into the unknown, knowing that this is God's church and He is the one that will bring transformation in our lives and the lives of others?

Our prayer is that you can answer a resounding Yes! to all of the above. But we also recognise that everyone has come into this series at various stages on the journey of faith. We all have different ideas and concerns and so our responses will be varied. So, as we finish this series, here is what we want you to do:

1. Have someone read the following passage out loud and spend 5 minutes quietly meditating on it. After this time have the leader pray for the rest of the time together.

*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body*



*and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. Ephesians 4:1-7*

2. Spend the 30 minutes or so sharing personal answers to the following questions.
  - In light of the “Moved by God” study series, how are you feeling about the future of TCBC and your role within this faith community?
  - How has God been stirring in your heart through this series and what is one thing that you might be able to do to act on this?
3. Spend the rest of the time prayer. Praise God for who He is and all that He has done to this point and pray for TCBC, our local community and each member of the group.

It is crucial to recognise that this is God’s work, not ours. We are just joining Him on His mission as His vessels. We need to depend on Him and the power of the Holy Spirit for strength, wisdom, guidance, perseverance, creativity, unity and the His love to see lives transformed and His Kingdom come. Prayer is one of the most important expressions of dependence.

Here are some ideas for different ways in which you might want to go about this:

- Divide into smaller groups and pray for different aspects of the vision.
  - Have each person pray for the person on their left or right. You make like to lay hands on one another as well.
  - Have a time where you pray out loud all at once. This is the practice of many Asian churches and can be a very powerful expression of corporate prayer and Christian community – although perhaps a little strange at first
4. At the end of the prayer time, stand together as one and pray the Lord’s prayer as an expression of unity and dependence on God for all that is before us:

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

Matthew 6:9-13



# FORUM

*Wed 3 August*

**7.30-9.30PM**

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS COURSE**

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