

*Ready For More*  
GENEROSITY GUIDE





## *Ready For More*

Throughout the story of God, we discover again and again there simply is no end to God's greatness. There is always more of God, and there's always more with God. And God is always inviting you to offer MORE to others.

Our deepest desire for Ready for More is to see every person in our church experience MORE of God by praying bigger prayers than we've ever prayed before. Our primary goal is to see your faith grow like never before as you partner with God in this great faith adventure.

We believe God is inviting our church into this intentional season of stretching our faith together as we expand the vision and ministry potential of our church. God loves transforming His people and He so often does it by inviting us to live lives of greater faith.

So we are inviting you to join us, with God, in this faith-raising adventure by using this three-step, faith-forming process: **ASK**, **BELIEVE**, **COMMIT**. **ASK** God to lead you, **BELIEVE** He can do more than you have ever hoped or imagined, and **COMMIT** to giving in a way that stretches and deepens your faith like never before.

We invite you to take your next step toward transformation and generosity by setting aside one hour to prayerfully use this resource to guide your commitment process. We cannot wait to see how God wrecks your life with His amazing love and grace.

Love,  
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**ASK**

THE BEGINNING OF MY JOURNEY



**BELIEVE**

THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY AND ME



**COMMIT**

MY JOURNEY CONTINUES



## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is an opportunity for you to reflect on your own generosity journey as you consider how God is leading you to be a part of Ready for More. As best you can, carve out one hour to create space and engage with these prompts, and with God, without hurry or distraction.

Our hope is that this guide provides space for you to examine your experiences of giving and to further develop a vision for generosity in your everyday life. As you work through this guide, we invite you to think broadly about how God is leading you to live more generously with all that He has given to you—your time, your skills, your passions and your finances.

As you bring your generosity journey into focus, we pray you will become aware of God’s faithfulness to you in the past and consider what He will do in and through you during this Ready for More faith adventure. At the end, we provide an opportunity for you to respond and commit to the next chapter of your generosity journey through a Ready for More Commitment Card.

We want you to take your next step toward transformation and generosity with prayer and faith as your starting point. As you go to God in prayer, use this three-step, faith-forming process:  
**ASK, BELIEVE, COMMIT.**

<b>The Beginning of My Journey</b>	Ask: Quiet your heart and mind, and ask God: How are you leading me to be ready for more? The first step in your journey towards transformation is to ASK for it.
<b>The Generosity Journey and Me</b>	Believe: Trust God to guide you in your transformation journey. He can do more than you have ever hoped or imagined. BELIEVE He will provide you with what He’s invited you to give.
<b>My Journey Continues</b>	Commit: Decide to bravely step into this faith-raising adventure. COMMIT to giving in a way that stretches and deepens your faith like never before.

# THE BEGINNING OF MY JOURNEY

Before you ASK God where He is leading you next, begin by asking to show you how He has brought you to where you are *now*. Each of us has a different idea of generosity that has formed and evolved throughout our lives. Knowing that our past experiences inform our future decisions, spend a few minutes working through the questions below to better understand what has shaped your approach to giving.

## What has shaped my approach to giving?

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21*

Growing up, where did my family place our *treasure*? (i.e. in savings, material things, service, ambition, people)

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A **scarcity mindset** teaches us to guard and protect because there will never be enough. An **abundance mindset** promotes trust and faith, believing there are enough resources to share. Did my early environment cultivate a scarcity mindset or an abundance mindset? How so?

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## What limits my generosity?

*Freely you have received, freely you give. Matthew 10:8*

What are some of the *current* fears keeping me from being as generous as I would like to be?

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What *future* concerns are limiting my generosity today?

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### What might unleash my generosity?

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

Who in my life models giving and generosity well? How do they do so?

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What drives me to be more generous with God?

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If I was free of fear and full of trust, how would my giving change?

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Take time to pray through these responses with God; asking Him to help you see with abundance and expand your faith.

*Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.  
Matthew 19:26*

# THE GENEROSITY JOURNEY AND ME

Now that you've considered what has shaped your giving up until now, BELIEVE that you are still being transformed because growing in generosity is a lifelong journey. Keep in mind generosity is a response to God's goodness, which means your generosity is not tied to your income. It is tied to your trust in God! Use The Generosity Journey below to identify which stage best describes where you are today and where God is stretching you to grow.

## 1 NEW GIVER

**Motivation: I have some extra time, energy, or money to give right now.**

You are giving in response to God's goodness for the first time. Maybe you made a spontaneous decision when the offering went by, or you showed up to serve at a Love Works event. It's an act of trust. You are beginning to release your hold on what you have and cultivate gratitude for these gifts that were first given to you.

## 2 COMMITTED GIVER

**Motivation: I plan so that I can give regularly.**

You practice consistent giving, and you're learning to rely on God as you continuously support His work in the world. Perhaps, you are becoming a monthly giver or regular volunteer. As you invest more of what you have, you, too, are becoming more invested—moving out of the stands and onto the field.

## 3 PURPOSEFUL GIVER

**Motivation: I scale back in certain areas to prioritize and increase my giving.**

You are beginning to think about your giving in relation to your spending. You begin to give God off the first and best of what you have, rather than out of what's left over. This may mean that you aim to give back to God a certain percentage of what you earn, or you may limit your Netflix binges or clothing budget to be more intentional with your time and money to amplify your impact. You are responding to God's faithfulness by intentionally reordering your finances.

## 4 OPEN-HANDED GIVER

**Motivation: I honor God with all of the gifts He has given me.**

Instead of focusing on what you are able to give, you start to examine what you are keeping and why. Your monthly and annual giving goals are outgrowing your lifestyle, and you are making major changes in response. With great creativity, you discover that everything you have—your space, your car, your weekends, your income—is a gift that God can use for good.

## 5 TRANSFORMED GIVER

**Motivation: My biggest decisions help leverage my life for that which is lasting.**

What belongs to you belongs to God. You develop a long-term framework for your giving focused on a lifetime commitment to radical generosity in response to God's radical goodness. This shapes your big choices: where and how you live, when you work and what time you give away, and how you build and use your platform. Through this unleashed generosity, you are being ushered into a life of far greater purpose, trust, and freedom.

**TAKE THE QUIZ** to help assess your current stage on The Generosity Journey. Circle your responses.

**Which of these describes my current approach to giving?**

1. I recently gave to God or volunteered for the first time.
2. I give monthly or volunteer consistently.
3. I have rearranged my priorities to give or volunteer more.
4. Giving has become such a priority that I think critically about what I am *keeping* and why.
5. My giving commitment governs my major lifestyle and financial decisions.

**How does my giving factor into my planning?**

1. Sporadically, or whenever I am asked to give to a specific cause or event.
2. On a month-to-month basis.
3. I have an annual giving goal.
4. I arrange my life to be responsive to opportunities to partner with God through above-and-beyond sacrificial generosity.
5. I've made a lifetime commitment to radical generosity that shapes my biggest choices about where and how to live, work, save, and serve.

**To what extent does my giving affect my lifestyle?**

1. Not much at all.
2. I give regularly without sacrificing comfort.
3. I am just starting to give or serve in a way that causes me to scale back in other areas.
4. I have delayed expenditures or significantly rearranged my schedule and lifestyle to increase my giving capacity.
5. My giving determines my lifestyle.

**I would describe my giving approach as:**

1. Irregular but curious.
2. Routine and reliable.
3. Expanding and creative.
4. Strategic and responsive.
5. Sacrificial and surrendered.

Add up your responses and compare your total to the chart below.

1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25
NEW GIVER	COMMITTED GIVER	PURPOSEFUL GIVER	OPEN-HANDED GIVER	TRANSFORMED GIVER

**Which stage best describes where you are today? Which stage best describes where God is stretching you to grow?**

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# MY JOURNEY CONTINUES

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## ASK

Quiet your heart and mind, and ask God: How are you leading me to be ready for more? The first step in your journey toward transformation is to ASK for it.

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7*

**How is God leading you to be ready for more with Him?**

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## BELIEVE

Trust God to guide you in your transformation journey. He can do more than you have ever hoped or imagined. BELIEVE He will provide you with what He's invited you to give.

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. —Psalm 139:23–24*

**How are you trusting and believing God will provide for you?**

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## COMMIT

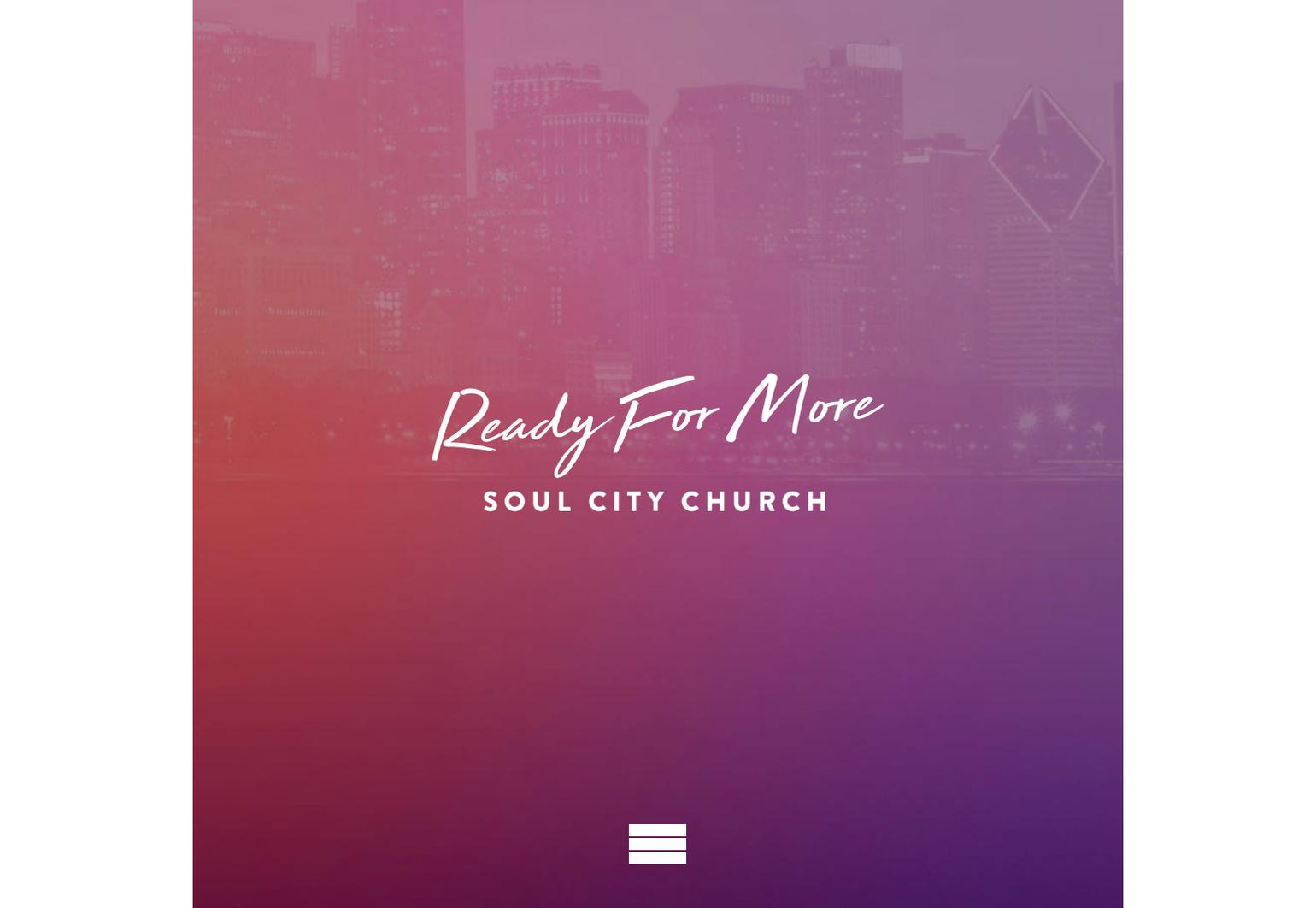
Decide to bravely step into this faith-raising adventure. COMMIT to giving in a way that stretches and deepens your faith like never before.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7*

**What is God asking you to financially commit to Him?**

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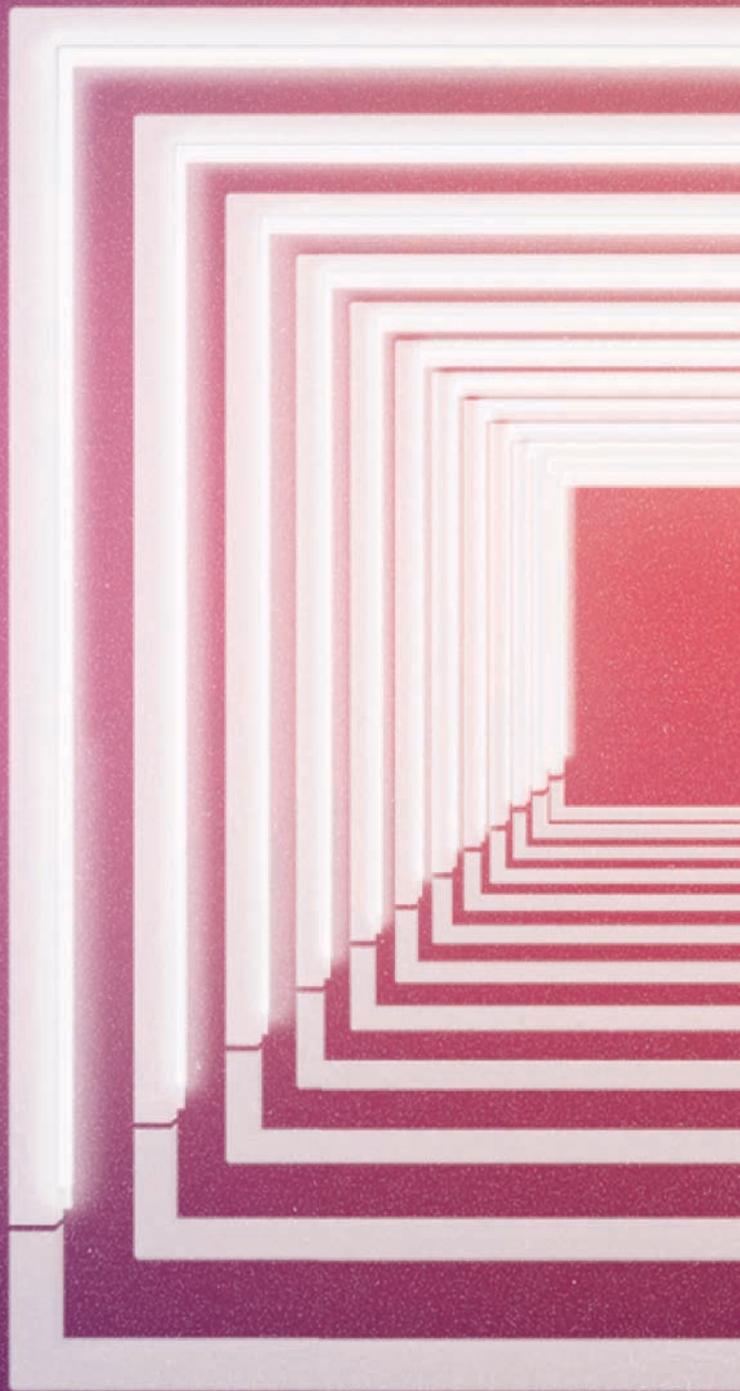
Way to go! You have boldly ASKED God to transform your story, BELIEVED that He will meet you where you are on your generosity journey, and COMMITTED to giving in response to His goodness.

Please fill out this commitment card to reflect your intentions to give to Ready for More and help us partner with you in prayer.

We believe that God will work wonders both in you and through your giving. We trust God will lead our Church to greater trust, greater faith, greater hope, greater purpose and greater love. Thank you for taking this time to reflect and prepare.

Now...you are ready!

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