

Companion Guide



GRACE
VINEYARD

RADICAL
GENEROSITY

LEGACY
2025



Legacy

Legacy is a powerful time in the life of our church. A season where we come together to give, pray, and fast toward the mission God has given us as a church!

This year, our theme is Radical Generosity. Over the course of Legacy, we'll be sharing beautiful stories that show you how God is moving powerfully throughout Aotearoa. There will be prayer meetings to join, Lifegroup content to engage with, and plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Plus, we'll wrap it all up with a huge celebration at the Christchurch Town Hall on 07 September! It's going to be an unforgettable season together as a church family!

Four Prayer Points:

A Fresh
Outpouring
of the
Holy Spirit

Healing &
Freedom

Revival for
Our Nation and
Our Missions

Radical
Provision for
Our New
City Campus

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Lifegroup Questions

Week 1: The Power of Team Hope Presbyterian

1. What do you see as the Vision of Hope Presbyterian?
2. How have the people at Hope Presbyterian worked as a team?
3. Why can a big project like building churches only be done as a team?
4. What do you see as the essential spiritual ingredients in building a church?
5. How did all the Hope Presbyterian Campuses work together to do their building projects?
6. How did individuals make a big difference in building the church?
7. In what areas did they require incredible faith?
8. How has Hope Presbyterian changed the community?
9. How did God build the hearts of the people in the process of building the church?
10. Why are church buildings important for a community?
11. How have the people of Hope been courageous in their journey?
12. What challenges do you imagine they have faced in this process?
13. City Councils no longer plan for churches in a new suburb. What challenges does this bring to church planting?
14. Why do you think it is essential to have churches in every suburb?
15. What lessons can we at Grace learn from Hope Presbyterian?
16. What inspires you about this story?

Young Adult Questions

1. How do you think young people have benefitted from having a new church building in Rolleston?
2. What is the benefit to the next generation in building a new church facility?
3. Why is it essential for young people to play their part in building a new church?
4. What are the most effective things young people can do to contribute?
5. Why is it easy for young people to not be concerned about building facilities?
6. Discuss why you think it is important to plant new churches?

Week 2: The Spiritual Battle

Life Church

1. What spiritual battle do you think is involved in building a new church?
2. Why do you think it is important to get the whole church praying and fasting?
3. How would the enemy try to stop churches from building new facilities?
4. How can raising money be an act of spiritual warfare?
5. What can be intimidating for leaders about raising money for a new church?
6. What spiritual battle is involved in giving money to God?
7. Explain what is meant by the term “equal sacrifice - not equal giving?”
8. Why is there spiritual power in giving even a small amount of money?
9. How does a church building help to expand both ministries (inside church) and missions (outside church)?
10. Discuss the following verse by King David, mentioned in the video.
Psalm 37:25 (NLT)
25 Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned
or their children begging for bread.
11. How is giving related to trusting God?
12. Discuss some of the challenges faced by La Vida in building their church?
13. How do you think the decision to build La Vida will change the future?
14. What inspires you about this story?

Young Adult Questions

1. Why do you think it is often harder to convince young people about building a new facility?
2. Do you think young people should be involved in giving to the church?
3. What schemes might the enemy use to challenge young people in building a church?
4. How do you think young people can make the most difference in building a church?
5. Do you believe God wants everyone to learn to give to God or just those with a lot of money?
6. Discuss what you think the Bible says about giving.
7. What battles does a person have to overcome to become generous?
8. At what age do you think it is best to start teaching people about giving to God?
9. Discuss the comment by famous 19th Century preacher Charles Spurgeon “The last part of the person to become converted is their wallet!”
10. What has God taught you personally in the area of giving to God?

Week 3: Leaving a Legacy

John Knox Presbyterian Church

1. Talk about the concept of leaving a legacy for the next generation.
2. How do you think the congregation at John Knox were particularly courageous?
3. How did they show faith?
4. What challenges would there be in 60 people raising the \$3.2M to build their new church?
5. In what sense do you think they were wanting to pass on the baton?
6. How did they navigate dissention?
7. How has their decision to build a new church impacted the community?
8. What do you think their future would have been if they didn't build a new church and remained in the small hall they were meeting in?
9. What part do you think prayer had in their process?
10. What are your thoughts on how they incorporated their history into the new building?
11. How do you think everyone helped to raise the money?
12. How have they left a foundation for the next generation?
13. Many in this congregation are elderly. What challenges/advantages does that pose in building a new church?
14. In what ways does this story inspire you?

Young Adult Questions

1. What do you think it means to leave a legacy?
2. At what age should person start thinking about leaving a legacy?
3. Imagine yourself as a 90 year old. What would you have liked to achieve in your life for God?
4. How do you feel about older people wanting to leave a legacy for your generation?
5. What advantage does it present to young people when a previous generation has planned for them?
6. If you as a young person belonged to John Knox, what role do you think God would want you to play in this church?
7. In what ways do you think this congregation has been really courageous?
8. How do you think the new John Knox building will benefit the community?
9. Why do you think it was so important to the people at John Knox to not be the last generation in that church?
10. How does it make you feel to think the new Grace Vineyard building may be setting a foundation for future generations?

Week 4: Radical Generosity

Mahurangi Vineyard Church

1. What might have happened to this church if they stayed in the Community Hall?
2. In what ways did the church show great courage?
3. One couple gave over \$2M and gifted the church building to Mahurangi Vineyard. What do you think of this?
4. What disadvantages might there be to ALL the money coming from one couple?
5. What do you think motivated the couple to buy the church?
6. How do you think a person can train their heart to become radically generous?
7. What do you think would go on in a person's mind before they give away \$2M?
8. In what ways does this couple inspire you?
9. What do you think happens inside a person when they invest into a church building?
10. How would you describe this large gift in terms of an investment?
11. Why do you think we don't hear many stories of people giving away large sums like this to churches?
12. What do you think is the definition of RADICAL GENEROSITY?
13. What would Radical Generosity look like in your context?
14. Does God expect everyone to be generous to the church?
15. What does the Bible say about giving to your local church?
16. How did the purchase of a building totally change Mahurangi Vineyard?
17. How has this building changed people's lives?
18. How will this new building change generations?
19. Tell us about some radical generosity you have encountered?

Young Adult Questions

1. If you won \$20M in Lotto, would you give any to God? If so how much?
2. What do you think of one couple investing \$2M in a church building?
3. Why do you think a couple would want to buy a church building?
4. How will this church building impact the lives of young people?
5. What do you think of people who are passionate to leave nice buildings for your generation to use?
6. How do you think you develop a heart that could give away \$2M to a church?
7. Where does generosity begin?
8. How would you define Radical Generosity?
9. What is the most radically generous story you have heard about?
10. What does the Bible say about generosity?
11. What does the Bible say about generosity to the church?

Week 5: Worship by Sacrifice

Mahurangi Hope Church

1. How would you describe the decision by a church of 220 people to build a massive new church in a small town?
2. How has the church had the interests of the community high in their priorities?
3. What role has the leaving of a legacy played in their decision making?
4. What sacrifices has the church made to build the new church?
5. Talk about the courage needed to build this facility.
6. How would you describe the decision to complete the gymnasium, and community rooms before they complete the auditorium?
7. What role does this church want to play in their community?
8. What do you think would motivate non-Christians to donate large sums of money to the building fund?
9. How do you think the church managed to achieve 95% buy in to the project?
10. What do you think motivated a church of 220 to raise over \$10M?
11. In what ways did the church members contribute to the building of the church?
12. Why do you think the church members were not content to stay in the lovely little church they had?
13. What impact do you imagine this church will have on their community?

Young Adult Questions

1. What inspired you about this story?
2. How might this new building appeal to young people who may not go to church?
3. What would make you proud if you belonged to this church?
4. If you belonged to this church, what part would you have liked to have played in building the new facility?
5. What sacrifices do you think the people made?
6. How does this story show the courage of the people?
7. What type of legacy is this church leaving?

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