

## THE GREATEST BLESSING EVER

Matthew 16:13 (ESV) *Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"* <sup>14</sup> *And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."* <sup>15</sup> *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"* <sup>16</sup> *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* <sup>17</sup> *And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."* <sup>18</sup> *And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

God wants to Reveal Himself to us!

### 1). General Revelation

a). Creation.

<sup>ESV</sup> Psalm 8:3 *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,* <sup>4</sup> *what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

b). Common Grace.

c). Conscience.

### 2. Special Revelation

Jesus, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity

Eph 3:10 (NIV) *His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known...*

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Attacking the gates of hell:

Offensive Scheme #1: Make it Personal

Offensive Scheme #2: Live like it's true

**Offensive Scheme #3: Be a Blessing**

Genesis 12:2 (NIV) *"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

We are going to BE A BLESSING:

Plant Community Groups

Reach Surrounding Neighborhoods

Expand our Campus

Virtual Impact

Additional Staff

Intentional Discipleship Training

Leadership Development and Multiplication

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV) *By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going*

- Love Relationship with God: Jesus, I owe you everything. All I have is yours. I'm so grateful.
- Legal Relationship with God: I worked hard. I've been a good Christian. I've followed the rules. God owes me and should reward me.

New Ministry Expansion: \$111,146

Operating Costs for 2 Years: \$1,076,405

Wipe Out Current Debt: \$831,697

Total: \$2,019,248

New Ministry Expansion:

Operating Budget for 2 years:

Wipe out our current debt.

*God, what part do you want me to play in the accomplishment of this vision in my church?*