

## Take up your cross and follow Jesus!

### Campaign Video

#### Welcome/Zoom Call

**Intro: Why is this so important? Why do we need another campus?** As we prepare for next Sunday, as we prepare to commit and to give to the building campaign, I want to share a little parable Jesus told.

#### Read: Matthew 13:44-46

#### 1. Nothing is more valuable than people.

**Explain:** For Jesus, people are the greatest treasure. Jesus gave up everything for you! What makes people so valuable?

- People are created in God's image. **Matthew 22:15-21**
- People reflect God's glory. **2 Corinthians 3:18**
- People make up God's family. **Matthew 12:46-50**
- People are celebrated in Heaven. **Luke 15:7**
- People are an eternal investment. **1 John 2:15-17**

**Illustrate:** At the end of the day, something value is determined by what someone is willing to pay. Am I right? For example, **(show Picture)** this is a painting by Leonardo da Vinci, the *Salvator Mundi*. How many like this painting? It is a classic. What would you pay this? **(Ask everyone to give you real numbers)** Well, in 2017, it sold at auction for 450.3 million. No painting is worth, 450 million! This one is, because that is what someone paid.

**Argue:** **1 Peter 1:18-19**, "You know God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold, silver, or bitcoin, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God."

**Apply:** Nothing is more valuable to Jesus than people. When we give, our love for people increases, His kingdom grows, and everyone benefits.

#### 2. When it comes to people, no price is too high!

**Explain:** Jesus sacrificed everything, the farmer sold everything to have that field, the merchant sold everything to have that pearl. Jesus sacrifices everything.

**Illustrate:** Recently, I had a friend who was complaining about the world. I said to him, I understand why you are frustrated but what I don't understand is why you are not doing something about it. Today, everyone is outraged, but few actually what to do anything about it because that requires a sacrifice. For 2000 years, Christians have made huge sacrifices in order to *Build God's House*.

**Illustrate:** Nothing of value can be acquired without a sacrifice.

- **Marriage, Friendship, Career, Parenting, even Revival.**

**Argue: Philippians 2:6-11**, “Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Giving produces more**

- Giving makes you happy
- Giving sets your heart free
- Giving gives your work and money purpose
- Giving changes the world!

**Testimony Video**

**Phase 1 (26 million), Clear Instructions for next Sunday**

- Pledge
- First Gift- 8 million dollar down payment

**Moment of Prayer**

**Invitation**