

RYAN & ALLISON'S STORY

When Worth It started, I think our motivation was to set goals to demonstrate that Jesus is worth it to us. Before, giving didn't really feel like much of a sacrifice because "that's just what you do". In that season, we also started looking at building a house and doing the full customization, the thing that everybody talks about and dreams about. But with the pandemic came serious cost increases on materials and the price shot through the roof, literally. It was never an option on the table, but the thought certainly crossed our minds that if we had the money we were giving to the church, we could probably make it work. We had to ask ourselves the question: is Jesus worth it?

We decided to pull the plug on the build, which hurt and was humbling. Looking back now, I can think of several times that we told each other, "if this doesn't work out it's not supposed to. God's in control of this and that's a good thing for us." And I think there were some times, we didn't necessarily believe that with our whole hearts, but we continued to preach to ourselves that Jesus is worth it! If we could have planned out what the two years were going to look like, it wouldn't have been this, either as a church or individually. Totally different, but God is still faithful. We've seen the growth and we've seen Him place us, even physically, in a place that we wouldn't have been, had we been able to plan it out ourselves.

Worth It Progress



What we have learned in the WI initiative is not just about a two-year commitment, but rather, about a lifestyle of acknowledging Jesus is worth it. **Thank you for being on this generosity journey with us!**

Hey Redeemer!

It's hard to believe this is the last quarterly update letter I'll be writing for the **Worth It Initiative**, as our two-year journey together culminated at the end of December. Boy was it a journey – a challenging one at times but so exciting! As your pastor, I have been changed and I believe that we have been changed as a Body of Christ to reflect more deeply that Jesus really is Worth It all!

So, what's next? I'd like to encourage you that this is not the end of the Worth It journey. The Book of Acts details Paul's journey to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Like us in the last 2 years, Paul met with much adversity along the way – he was persecuted, jailed, and shipwrecked. In the last two years alone, we have faced a global pandemic, a hostile political climate, and countless other personal adversities. Paul said this in Philippians 3 while he was imprisoned:

^{13b} But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Redeemer, I believe we are called to press on to make Jesus Worth It all in every aspect of our lives. Let's keep seeking after Him. Let's keep giving generously. Let's keep sharing the Gospel. Let's keep welcoming those that desperately need the hope of Jesus. Let's keep sending to the ends of the earth. Let's keep believing that He is the King of Kings.

GRATEFUL TO BE ON THIS JOURNEY WITH YOU,

Dusty

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VISION NIGHTS

Sep 2019

At the start of the Worth It Initiative, Redeemer hosted two Vision Nights. This was a time to reflect and celebrate where we have been, how we have grown since our first service in 2008, and to hear from the elders the vision they believe God is calling Redeemer to carry out in the years ahead.

ADVANCE COMMITMENT NIGHT

Oct 2019

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Dec 2019

On Sunday, December 1st, we celebrated the written commitments that our church family made: 375 household commitments, with 157 of those being first-time givers, and 7.3 million dollars in commitments and expected gifts.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER CONFERENCE

Feb 2020

WORTH IT SERMON SERIES

Oct 2019

Over the course of five weeks, we worshiped together, met in Gospel Communities, and prayed fervently to consider what it meant to count Jesus as Worth It in our daily lives and in our giving. This culminated on Commitment Sunday, where everyone had the opportunity to worship and think concretely about what it would look like for them to personally consider the cost of following Jesus obediently with radical giving.

START OF CHURCH WIDE BIBLE PLAN

Dec 2019

REDEEMER WICHITA FALLS COMMISSIONED

Jan 2020

BEGINNING OF GROW GROUPS

Feb 2020

SEND SUNDAY & GOER COMMISSIONING

May 2020

COLLEGE GATHERING KICKOFF

Aug 2020

BEGAN HOSTING FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Sep 2020

SEND SUMMIT

Oct 2020

IF THIS IS REAL & TRUE SERIES

Oct 2020

At the halfway point of the Worth It Initiative, we began a sermon series titled "If This is Real and True...", which was an opportunity for us to reflect on God's faithfulness to us and consider how God grew our faith in the 1st year of the Worth It Initiative. The result was amazing to witness and humbling to experience, with many committing to join the journey, to finish strong, or even increase their financial generosity.

JUSTIN SMITH CHURCH PLANTING RESIDENCY

Jan 2021

SEND SUNDAY & GOER COMMISSIONING

May 2021

START OF 4TH & 5TH GRADE GATHERINGS

Aug 2021

SEND SUMMIT

Oct 2021

On this Sunday, we gathered to celebrate how the vision to equip our church through intentional discipleship, focus on engaging and mobilizing college students, and send church planters and global workers to the ends of the earth has been realized over the past two years because of your generosity.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Nov 2021

START OF ONLINE ONLY SERVICES

Mar 2020

RETURN TO IN-PERSON SERVICES

Jun 2020

MISSION OF GOD CLASS

Sep 2020

AUTHOR EP RELEASE

Oct 2020

LIGHT & LIFE EP RELEASE

Dec 2020

SPRING CELEBRATION

Mar 2021

As a tangible result of the Worth It Initiative, we were able to pay off the remaining \$1 million debt on our building, a step that positions our church to consider what's next and how we can continue to reach our city and the world.

PAID OFF DEBT

Aug 2021

ENGAGING DOUBT & DECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

Sep 2021

TRUNK OR TREAT

Oct 2021

END OF WORTH IT INITIATIVE

Dec 2021

While this focused time of discipleship in the area of generosity is culminating, we will continue to live a life declaring that Jesus is "Worth It".

WORTH IT TIMELINE