

Hey Redeemer!

I hope the summer finds you all with a slower season, able to enjoy the community around you and warmer weather. Spring can be such a whirlwind for many regardless of your life stage. This Spring seemed even more intense, perhaps because one year ago we were forced to miss many of our regular rhythms.

As the “normalcy” of life resumes, it is my hope that we take time to pause and reflect on places where we see the Lord at work. I’m hearing stories, almost daily, of new people believing in Jesus because of your faithfulness to live out the Gospel in your schools, homes, places of work, and social activities. Many of you are able to reconnect in weekly worship services and Gospel Community gatherings for the first time in over a year. Our college ministry has 20+ students that have expressed interest in going with our church planter, Justin Smith, to bring the hope they have found in Jesus to a new city in need of a Gospel-Centered church. Our Mobilization Team recently wrapped up the Spring session of Disciple Making Teams with 77 active participants. We will launch several Goers to the field over the summer as countries continue to reopen their borders.

During a recent reading of Psalm 24, I was reminded of the Lord’s power and might over all things and in all things.

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

What a mighty God we worship! He reigns over all and in all, and I’m so grateful that He continues to use Redeemer for His Glory! This summer, let’s remember and reflect on His greatness and be reminded that He is Worth It all -- worth our time, worth our worship, and worth our resources.

GRATEFUL TO BE YOUR PASTOR,

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QUARTERLY UPDATE
MARCH, APRIL
& MAY 2021

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COLLEGE

Brandon Gilbert is now our Senior Ministry Director of College and Residency! Having served as an elder, Director of Residency and Interim College Director, Brandon is passionate about equipping the next generation with a high view of the glory of Christ, mobilizing them to share the gospel in their context, and sending them out with a vision for life-long obedience and love for the Lord!

CHURCH PLANTING RESIDENCY

If you ask Justin Smith why he left a steady job in a thriving ministry to move to Lubbock for a two-year church planting residency, his answer is simple: because Jesus is Worth It! Justin and his family joined Redeemer this spring to begin the process of church-planting. They are receiving training, casting vision to college students, and praying about planting in a college centered area in 2022.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Our family ministry exists to partner with parents to proclaim the Gospel to children. We were able to serve and connect with families in meaningful ways this spring! After winter weather significantly damaged our kids' wing, we were able to update and renovate to serve families. We also celebrated Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt for kids in our neighborhood, and our church body was honored to come alongside 14 families to dedicate their children to the Lord.

SENDING

At Redeemer, we have yearly rhythms of training members from our church to share their faith locally and take steps to discern their role in the Great Commission globally. This spring, 77 members from our church participated in 10-week Disciple Making Teams, 22 people completed a 9-month training program to learn how to engage cross-culturally and prepare to move overseas, and 6 individuals were commissioned to be sent overseas in the next few months to the unengaged and unreached.



JAY'S STORY

Last fall, if one of my unbelieving friends would have asked me what the gospel was, I would have had nothing. I might have said something about a guy named Jesus and hope, but I couldn't have shared my faith or quite literally the gospel to someone explicitly asking to hear it. So, I signed up for a one-night "How to Share your Faith" training through Redeemer. Not too long after, I was asked to join a Disciple-Making Team to practice the rhythms of sharing my faith.

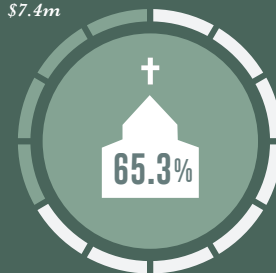
I don't think it would be an understatement to say my life has changed. I have utterly fallen in love with Jesus. Through 10 weeks of consistently reading the word, praying, sharing my faith, and being intentional with community, I've learned that God is glorified when I lay down my life, my will, my plans, and my dreams, and ask the Lord how I can leverage it for his mission. The joy found in that is greater than joy I've felt in any other season.

I'm not sure what my role is yet, but my hands are open now. I didn't know it last fall, but the Lord was actively working on my heart to take small steps towards obeying Him. I'm really grateful for DMT, but more grateful that we serve a God who is actively working and changing hearts in Lubbock.



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\$4.8m
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