



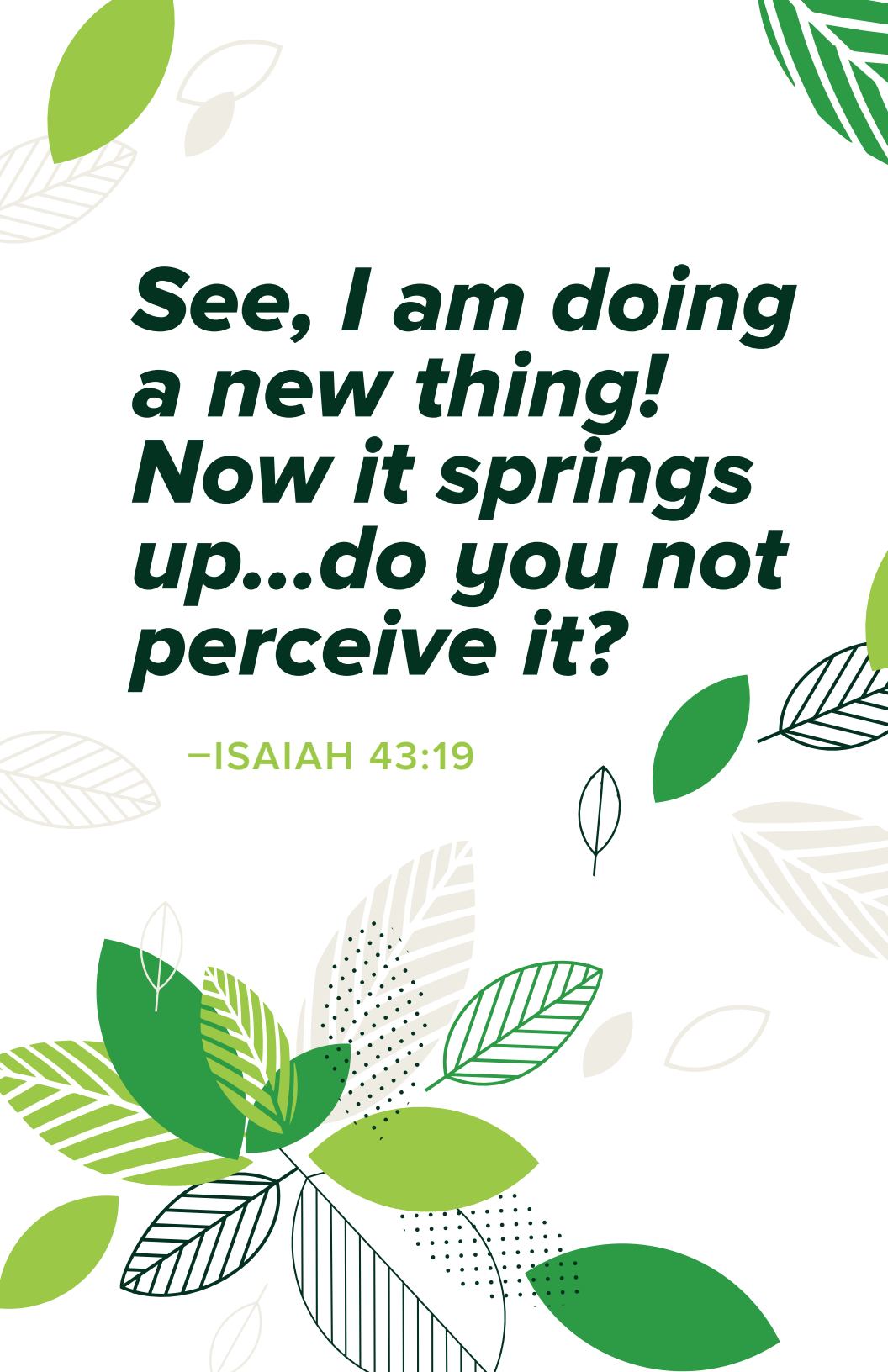
# RE: NEW



***Daily Devotional and Prayer Guide***







***See, I am doing  
a new thing!  
Now it springs  
up...do you not  
perceive it?***

—ISAIAH 43:19



I believe God is up to something big at Meadow Park. He is doing a new thing! Do you not perceive it?

I don't want to miss what God is up to. I want to perceive it! I want us all to see and be a part of God's work in Columbus through our church.

As we launch our RE:NEW Initiative to refresh our church inside and out for this next season in ministry we know much will be required of us. Pursuing our vision to do whatever it takes to reach the lost in our city with the hope of Jesus and bringing together significant additional personal resources to renew our church building and grounds can't happen if we are not fully surrendered to Jesus and allowing him to move within us.

So over the next 50 Days we are embarking on a journey of renewal together as a church. Throughout history God has used set periods of time to refocus and renew individuals, groups, and even nations. Jesus himself spent 40 Days in the wilderness praying and fasting. This time greatly challenged him, but also deeply united him with his heavenly father, empowering him to launch his world-changing ministry.

During these next 50 Days as a church we are earnestly seeking God through prayer, fasting, worship, and daily time in his word. As we do we will draw closer to him. Our love for Jesus will be renewed. He will draw us closer to each other. And, he will grow our passion for his kingdom.

Thank you for seeking God in prayer and through fasting together with our church family. I know that God will move in a powerful way among us and through us! *Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

Pastor Mark Krenz  
Lead Pastor



# Our 50-Day Prayer and Fasting Commitment

## 1. Daily Scripture and Prayer:

Follow along each day in our 50-Day RE:NEW Journal for a scripture focus, a reflection, and prayer prompt.

## Three prayer focuses:

- 1. RE:NEW My Heart:** Ask God to RENEW your deep love for him.
- 2. RE:NEW My Church:** Ask God to do a mighty work through Meadow Park Church and our RE:NEW Initiative to reach the lost in our city.
- 3. MY RE:NEW Commitment:** Ask God to make clear in your spirit what sacrificial financial commitment to our RE:NEW Initiative he is asking you to make.

During these 50 Days as you seek God for answers and renewal we will come back to these three areas every Saturday to listen for what God is revealing to you.



## 2. Fast something for 50 Days

**WHAT IS FASTING?** Fasting is giving up something we love, crave, or spend time doing, for a period of time in order to prompt us to turn our attention (craving) to God as our source and longing. Typically a fast is entered to seek a specific answer or direction from God and to draw closer to him.

**WHAT CAN I FAST?** A true fast is related to eating like giving up a daily meal, a favorite snack or dessert(s), coffee or caffeine, or even going with only consuming liquids. But you can also choose to give up time on social media, TV or Streaming, a certain news or sports channel, or whatever else would represent a noticeable sacrifice of something you crave or enjoy.

### 1. Fasting Tuesday Lunch

This is a shared fast for our church. Join our pastors in fasting lunch on Tuesdays for seven weeks beginning Oct 4 through Nov 15. Take your lunch period to reflect and pray wherever you are.

**Our worship center will also be open from 12-1pm each Tuesday (Oct 4-Nov 15)** for quiet reflection and prayer. Our pastors will be there each Tuesday. Stay as long or short as you like.

### 2. Daily Fast

Choose something to give up (fast from) for the whole 50 Days as a daily reminder to seek God and pray.

**Between now and November 19 I will fast:**

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**WHAT DO I DO WHEN I FAST?** Allow your hunger to direct your thoughts to God. Whenever you feel hungry, let that cue you to simply pray “God, Renew my heart, my passion for the lost, and my church.”

# RE:NEW Our Vision

## Week 1 // Launch Day // Sunday, October 2

Each week during these next six weeks together we will be focusing on one aspect of our key verse from Isaiah 43:19. So let's commit this verse to memory:

**See**, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. —Isaiah 43:19

Go ahead and read it a couple more times then see if you can recite it by memory.

This verse is filled with so much hope and promise. God is always up to something new. Bringing life from death. Hope from despair. And a new future for all who trust him.

The first word of this verse is SEE. This week we want to focus on opening our eyes to God's work all around us. God places vision in our hearts and is always at work.

The vision for our next season as a church is about being renewed inside and out – personally and as a church family, physically and spiritually, locally and globally.

Being a part of God's new work is exciting and begins with seeing. We can keep our spiritual eyes closed tight and ignore or deny God moving. If so, we miss out. Instead, let's spend some time this week asking God to give us spiritual eyes to see what he is up to and how he wants us to join him.















# Weekly Reflection

## Day 7 // Saturday, October 8

How have this week's scriptures helped open your eyes to SEE what God is doing all around you? How have you been challenged to focus more fully on Jesus?

Get quiet before the Lord and listen for his prompting. Read back over the verses and your reflections this past week. What has God been speaking to your heart as you've been praying, meditating on his word, and fasting?

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**Pray:** Lord, Thank you that you are always at work bringing goodness and renewal. Renew my heart. Open my eyes to see where and how you are working all around me. Bless our church as we seek to renew our vision and passion to reach the lost. Pull us even closer together as a church as we open our hands and trust you to provide fully through each of us for our vision and facility needs. Amen.

# RE:NEW Our Trust

## Week 2 // Day 8 // Sunday, October 9

So how's your memorization of Isaiah 43:19 going?

See, **I am doing** a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. –Isaiah 43:19

This week we focus on the phrase I AM DOING. It's so easy in our daily grind to feel all the weight and pressure of everything we need to do and get done. We often feel behind and overwhelmed. It feels like everything is up to us. If we get ourselves into a mess or fall behind, we better figure out how to turn it around.

God is reminding us that if we want to see renewal, streams in the wasteland, we need to remember who is going to make that happen. God revealed himself to us as the great "I AM." He always was, always is, and always will be. He just is. I AM.

In our daily devotions this week we want to learn to put our trust in God, to remind ourselves God is in full control and always working (doing) on our behalf. He will guide us where we need to go. He knows what's best for us and for our church. So let's dive in and learn to more fully trust God and surrender to his leading in our lives.







## Day 10 // Tuesday, October 11

**EXODUS 33:14-18** The Lord replied, “I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest—everything will be fine for you.” Then Moses said, **“If you don’t personally go with us, don’t make us leave this place.** How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don’t go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.” The Lord replied to Moses, “I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look favorably on you, and I know you by name.” Moses responded, “Then show me your glorious presence.”

### Reflect & Respond

Moses knew how powerful God’s presence was as he led the people of Israel for 40 years. It wasn’t just powerful, but essential. He wouldn’t go forward without God personally there. Where have you been going it alone? Without God with you, what sets you apart? Ask God to go with you every step of your day today. And pray for God’s presence to continue to guide our church and leaders every step forward.

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**Join with your church family in fasting lunch today and praying for renewal. Our worship center is open for prayer today from 12-1pm.**







# Weekly Re:reflection

## Day 14 // Saturday, October 15

How have this week's scriptures reminded you that God is the one who is in control and behind every good endeavor, change, and growth we see in us and in his church? Where is God challenging you to trust him fully?

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**Pray:** Our Heavenly Father, creator of heaven and earth, the one who holds the world together, guides our lives, and knows us intimately, help me to trust you more, to trust you fully. I know your plan and will is best for my life. Thank you that you are continually shaping me and growing me to become more and more like your son, Jesus. Guide me and guide our church to demonstrate our trust in you in radically generous and winsome ways in our community and world. Amen.

# RE:NEW Our Hearts

**Week 3 // Day 15 // Sunday, October 16**

So do you have Isaiah 43:19 down yet?

See, I am doing **a new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. –Isaiah 43:19

This week our focus is the phrase A NEW THING. Who doesn't love new and shiny? ...that new car smell, that scratch-free phone, the sparkly jewelry, new shoes. But, God's new thing is so much more than material things. God is about total renewal, a fresh beginning, a new way forward. That gives us so much hope and promise.

No matter how broken, old, or worn out something is, God is the master restorer. For God nothing and no one is too far gone, failed, fractured, lost, or hopeless. When we see a dead end, God simply sees a detour toward something beautiful on the horizon. New spiritual life, freedom, hope, and joy are his signature.

As we dive into God's word each day this week and continue our season of fasting and praying we want to open our hearts to the new thing God wants to do in our lives and in our church. Where do you need God to restore you? Where do you need a radical new beginning? With God the best is always yet to come!















# I Want to Become a Follower of Jesus

## A Prayer for Salvation

Are you ready to accept God's gift of forgiveness and new life? Pray this prayer:

“Jesus, I admit I am a sinner. I need and want Your forgiveness. I accept Your death as the penalty for my sin, and recognize that Your mercy and grace is a gift You offer to me because of Your great love, not based on anything I have done. Cleanse me and make me Your child. By faith I receive You into my heart as the Son of God and as Savior and Lord of my life. From now on, help me live for You, with You in control. In Your precious name, Amen.”

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God! We want to celebrate this awesome moment with you. Tell us more about your experience at [www.meadowpark.org/connect](http://www.meadowpark.org/connect).

## Baptism – November 20

Baptism, the public declaration of your faith, let's everyone know you're All In for Jesus because He was All In for you. And nothing demonstrates that more than Jesus dying for our sins on the cross and giving us new life... Life to the fullest!

When someone gives their life to Christ and gets baptized at Meadow Park we give them a shirt for their baptism that says All In. Baptism is all or nothing – you're either soaking sopping wet from head to toe, or you're bone dry.

Is it time for you to let everyone know you're All In? Let's celebrate your baptism on **Celebration Sunday, November 20**. Let us know right now at [www.meadowpark.org/baptism](http://www.meadowpark.org/baptism).



# What's Next?

## You're in the right place

So you've taken a step of faith to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and you're ready to get baptized. Or maybe you are coming back to Him for the first time in years. Maybe you've committed to strengthening your relationship with Him.

Whatever your reason, there are a few simple steps you can take:

### 1. READ

Your faith will only grow if you feed it. The Bible is the Word of God, your primary source for learning about who He is and how He wants to work in your life.

### 2. PRAY

Prayer is a conversation with God. Jesus died so that through Him, we can speak directly to God without hesitation. Even in your toughest moments, God hears your prayers and promises to answer them.

### 3. CONNECT

You must follow Jesus for yourself, but you don't have to follow Him by yourself. By joining a Life Group or volunteering at church, you can surround yourself with people who are trying to grow their faith the same way you are.

### 4. KEEP SHOWING UP

Your spiritual enemy has no power to take your relationship with Jesus away from you, but he can use your circumstances to distract and discourage you from focusing on Christ. If you make a habit of just turning to Jesus in every area of your life, God will honor your commitment and continue to reveal Himself to you.

### 5. TELL SOMEONE

God is doing something great in your life. Let someone who is a follower of Jesus know so they can celebrate with you and support you. Let a pastor at the church know, too.



# Weekly Reflection

## Day 21 // Saturday, October 22

How have this week's scriptures inspired you to know that God is always doing a NEW THING? Are you ready to be a part of the new thing God is doing in our church and in our city?

Get quiet before the Lord and listen for his prompting. Read back over the verses and your reflections this past week.

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**Pray:** God, Thank you for the promise of new life now and for all eternity. Thank you for new beginnings, do-overs, and restarts. Thank you for your love and grace that gives me the confidence and peace to move forward into the unknown. Help me to trust that the new thing you are doing is exactly what needs to happen. Help me to fully be a part of what you are doing in and through my church. Grow in me the excitement of what is possible when your spirit breathes new life into the lost and hurting people all around us in our community. Amen.

# RE:NEW Our Urgency

## Week 4 // Day 22 // Sunday, October 23

By now reciting Isaiah 43:19 is probably no sweat for you. If not, keep trying. You'll get it.

See, I am doing a new thing! **Now it springs up**; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. —Isaiah 43:19

This week's focus is NOW IT SPRINGS UP. When we hear or see the word "Now!" a sense of urgency rises up in us. God is telling us he's ready to do a new thing... now! He doesn't want us to wait a year or 5 years, he's ready now. The question is, are we?

God's heart is to bring renewal and restoration to people everywhere. He doesn't want to wait because he doesn't want anyone to be lost and away from his love and grace.

Maybe you're on a journey in search of God and what it means to follow Jesus. Awesome! He's ready RIGHT NOW to welcome you with open arms. May God's word this week open your heart to respond to Jesus' invitation for new life in him.

Maybe you've been around the church or Christians for a while, you're even doing these daily devotionals, but you keep putting off getting serious about following Jesus. Maybe tomorrow, maybe someday... but time passes and someday never comes.















# Weekly Re:reflection

## Day 28 // Saturday, October 29

God's new thing is springing up NOW. Have this week's verses made you more aware of the urgency to share the Good News of Jesus? Who is God bringing to your mind that he has specifically placed in your life to bring eternal hope to? How is God calling us as a church to be bold in sharing the hope of Jesus?

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**Pray:** Our Heavenly Father, Thank you that you did not stay distant in heaven, but that you came to show us the way to the Father. Thank you for conquering the grave and bringing us new life now and for eternity. Break my heart for the lost and hurting all around me and in our city. Renew the urgency and passion in our church to *do whatever it takes to help people experience life to the fullest in Christ*. We want to see lives changed. Allow me to be a part of a great move of your spirit in our church and in our city. Amen

# RE:NEW Our Commitment

## Week 5 // Day 29 // Sunday, October 30

This week as we continue to pursue God's renewal for us and for our church we are focusing on the question God asks in Isaiah 43:19, "Do you not perceive it?"

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; **do you not perceive it?** I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. —Isaiah 43:19

It's like God saying, "Come on, I'm working all around you bringing new life. Are you missing it?" It's amazing how easy it is to miss out on what God is doing in our lives, in our city, and in our church. Of course, God gives us the choice to join him. We can be a part of the renewal he is bringing or just stand by on the sidelines. God wants our hearts and hands fully engaged with his work.

One of the ways God always invites his people to join him is through our financial investment. It's not that God needs our money; he longs for our hearts. And our hearts and finances are always linked. How we leverage the money God has entrusted to us is always a spiritual matter.

God wants us to put his kingdom priorities first and trust him as our provider. When we do, our heart grows closer to him and to his mission. And when we give generously and sacrificially something amazing happens, God blesses us and provides even more! It's just how the Kingdom of God works.















# Generosity and Sacrifice

## Our prayer is 100% participation.

It's almost time for us to make our 3-Year RE:NEW Financial Commitment (Sundays Nov. 6 and 13). **Our prayer is 100% participation from all who call Meadow Park home.** It's going to take **all of us** willing to sacrifice to reach our goal and bring the renewal God is calling us to make.

While it's exciting to picture our church fresh, new, and welcoming, as you pray and seek God about what he is asking you to give above your regular giving you may feel an inner struggle. You want to do your part and be generous, but wonder if you can afford to be? This inner wrestling reminds us just how much our money is linked to our faith and trust in God. It's hard to deny ourselves, do with less, or to not feel as secure with the cushion in our savings or retirement account.

This is where our faith and trust in God is tested and stretched.

Do we truly believe that God will provide and be even more generous with us if we are generous with him? Do we actually believe that if we return the first 10% of our income to him he will bless us abundantly? Is the saying that you can't out-give God just a nice unpracticed platitude or an experienced reality?

Our RE:NEW Commitment above and beyond our tithe should stretch us financially and spiritually. God's Spirit will guide you, but don't be surprised if what he's asking of you makes you say, **"Okay God, if I'm going to be able to do *this* much, you need to show up in a big way!"**

When we make that level of commitment our faith grows. The joy and excitement that follows as God comes through is contagious. It will be exciting to see how our collective generosity will ignite our faith and allow God to move our mission forward to help ever more people experience life to the fullest in Christ!

May God give you joy as you pray about and make your 3-Year RE:NEW Commitment. To make your commitment online go to [www.meadowpark.org/renew](http://www.meadowpark.org/renew).

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.  
- Jesus (Luke 6:38)

**Additional Scriptures About Giving and Generosity:**

Matthew 25:21, 28-29; Matthew 6:19-21; Genesis 28:20-22; Exodus 35:4-10; Proverbs 3:9-10

**The Generosity Ladder**

Whether you’re taking your first step in faith to give, or growing in your giving commitment, **the Generosity Ladder** helps each of us see clearly what next step we can take to grow in generosity. Maybe you’re challenged to start giving, or to begin giving intentionally, God wants to encourage us to continue to trust him with our finances.

	<b>5. Give Abundantly</b>	Reprioritize your lifestyle, investments, assets, or business to give in significant ways beyond the tithe.
	<b>4. Give a Tithe</b>	Freely trust God with the first 10% of your income, a tithe, to MPC.
	<b>3. Give Intentionally</b>	Faithfully give an increasing percentage (2-9%) of your monthly income to MPC.
	<b>2. Give Consistently</b>	Commit to regularly giving a predetermined amount to MPC.
	<b>1. Start Giving</b>	Find joy in being part of the church by giving to support our mission.

What step of faith are you ready to take today to joyfully support God’s work through Meadow Park going forward?

**Set up or update your automatic recurring giving at [www.meadowpark.org/give](http://www.meadowpark.org/give)**

May God bless you for your faithful giving!

# 24 Hours of Prayer

## November 5-6 from 12pm-12pm

We are setting aside time devoted to prayer. We are covering each hour in prayer during this 24-hour period as we seek God to RENEW our hearts, our church, and our commitment to the future God is calling us to.

During this time as we seek God's leading and direction, our three prayer focuses are:

- 1. RE:NEW My Heart:** Ask God to RENEW your deep love for him.
- 2. RE:NEW My Church:** Ask God to do a mighty work through Meadow Park Church and our RE:NEW Initiative to reach the lost in our city.
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## Scriptures for Further Reflection:

John 15:1-17; Psalm 51; Psalm 23; Nehemiah 1:1-2:20;  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15; Ephesians 3:1-21

Use the space on the next page to share your reflections from the 24 Hours of Prayer.

Sign up for your hour or more of prayer at [www.meadowpark.org/renew](http://www.meadowpark.org/renew)



# Weekly Re:reflection

## Day 35 // Saturday, November 5

God is calling us to join him in what he is doing all around us, “Do you not perceive it?” He’s always asking us to be generous and trust him to provide to make it happen. This week we’ve reflected on some of God’s eternal principles for generosity and how to invest our resources for his Kingdom.

Get quiet before the Lord and listen for his prompting. Read back over the verses and your reflections this past week.

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**Pray:** Gracious God, When I look around I see the fingerprints of your goodness and blessing all over my life. You have always provided and taken care of me and my family and our church. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of the new thing you are doing among us. Help me to perceive it. And help me to be generous in my commitment to be a part of making it happen. God, I trust you to provide everything I need and more. Give me complete joy as I make this financial commitment to you and to your work through my church. Move among all of your people at Meadow Park as we move forward toward the exciting future you have placed before us. Amen.

# RE:NEW Our Hope

## Week 6 // Day 36 // Sunday, November 6

I trust God is opening our eyes and hearts to see what he wants to do in us and through us. This week we are focusing on the hope and promise of the last phrase of our key verse:

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? **I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.** –Isaiah 43:19

We've all walked or will walk through wilderness and wasteland – times in our life where we lose our way, where troubles abound, where nothing seems to grow or bloom, where hope is fading.

God reminds us that in those very seasons (maybe you're in that season right now?) he's got a sharp machete and is ready to slash a clear path to guide you out. And he can send the rains that gather as a stream of fresh water on the dry ground to nourish you and allow you to press on.

In our lives and in our church God continues to renew and bring forth life. It's exciting to be part of the renewal God has been bringing to Meadow Park these past few years. It's springing up everywhere.

He's calling us to shine out this hope to our hurting world. As a church we want to reflect that hope through our building, inside and out, and even more so through our ministry, and most importantly through us, his people.

This week, may your daily time with God fill you with hope and encourage you to take hold of all that God has for you and for our church. May God inspire each of us to fully believe that with God the best is always yet to come!















# Weekly Re:reflection

## Day 42 // Saturday, November 12

God will make a way. Whether deserts, dead-ends, barren-wastelands, detours, or crash and burn situations, God always finds a way to bring new life, to restore and to renew. And as we've read, he goes overboard accomplishing "infinitely, more than we might ask or think" (Eph 3:20).

Get quiet before the Lord and listen for his prompting. Read back over the verses and your reflections this past week. What has God been speaking to your heart as you've been praying, meditating on his word, and fasting these past 50 days?

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**Pray:** Abba Father, You are my hope. Without you I am nothing. Without you I have nothing. But with you, I have everything I need and more. Thank you for turning my dead ends into new beginnings. Thank you for turning despair into hope. I pray God, that you would continue to bring hope and renewal in my heart and in my church. I look to you to make a new way forward for us. Let your streams of renewal overflow in my life and through our church. Please bless us as we come together and give ourselves and our resources to see renewal in our city. In Jesus name, Amen.

# RE:NEW Our Legacy

## Week 7 // Commitment Sunday Sunday, November 13

Today is our final Sunday to make our 3-Year RE:NEW Initiative Commitment. Thank you for seeking God and for pledging to give sacrificially to see Him do a new thing among us and through us in this city! Next Sunday is our Celebration Sunday when we will hear stories of RE:NEWAL, celebrate changed lives, share the total pledged by our congregation, and receive the “First Fruits” offering.

As we enter this final week of our RE:NEW journey, we want to focus on the importance of leaving a legacy. At Meadow Park we are the beneficiaries of the legacy that’s been left from those who have gone before us in our church’s 50 plus years. We stand in the legacy of those who dreamed and stepped out to start a new church, who gave sacrificially to buy 11 acres of land on Bethel Rd, who built the first church, then a new sanctuary, then a children’s center, and later the gym and classrooms. More recently, those who paid off the church’s final debt passed a debt-free legacy on to us. Beyond the millions of dollars in financial sacrifices the people of Meadow Park made, they loved and served and shared the hope of Jesus here in Columbus and around the world!

Now it’s our turn. This is our time. What legacy are we leaving for our children and their children, the generations coming behind us, those yet to be reached by the gospel in our city and around the world?

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# Celebration Sunday

## Sunday, November 20

Tomorrow is a day of Celebration for Meadow Park. We will share the total of all the commitments pledged to our 3-Year RE:NEW Initiative. We will celebrate the lives God is RE:NEWING through stories and baptisms. And **we will bring our First Fruits Offering for the RE:NEW Initiative.**

Our First Fruits Offering is our first and best gift to honor God and jump start our RE:NEW projects. This gift is given above our regular tithes, which we give for the ongoing ministry of the church.

Proverbs 3:9-10 says **“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”**

The practice of giving the first part of the annual harvest to God was a reminder that everything we have comes from God. He is the Lord of the Harvest. We ask his blessing on the rest of our crop.

I think it's safe to say most of us living in CBUS aren't farmers and we don't have crops to harvest. But the Lord provides for us in so many ways. We are praying for a great harvest of people to come to know Jesus. Our offering on this day is an offering of THANKSGIVING for what God has done for us, and an offering of TRUST believing God will provide for all we need.

Some of us may only be able to give the first weekly portion of our three year commitment, others may be able to give their total commitment right up front. Many will be somewhere in between. Let's stretch ourselves and bring our best gift first. And let's bring it with joy and celebration! Thank you in advance for your generosity. It's going to be a powerful day.



## Ways You Can Be Involved with Celebration Sunday

- 1. Worship and Celebrate** Join together with your church to celebrate what God has done over these 50 Days. We'll share the total of pledges given.
- 2. Share Your RE:NEW Story** How has God been renewing your heart during this Journey?
  - Go to [www.meadowpark.org/renew](http://www.meadowpark.org/renew) to share your story and we'll follow up with you.
- 3. Get Baptized** If you've given your life to Christ during this journey or you're a believer but have never been baptized, this is your day!
  - Go to [www.meadowpark.org/baptism](http://www.meadowpark.org/baptism) to let us know you want to be baptized.
- 4. Bring Your First Fruits Offering** This is the first and best portion of your 3-Year Commitment to make the RE:NEW Initiative a reality.
  - Bring your gift in person or give online at [www.meadowpark.org/give](http://www.meadowpark.org/give) and select RE:NEW Initiative in the dropdown.
  - If you've not yet turned in your RE:NEW 3-Year Commitment Card, bring it with you or go to [www.meadowpark.org/renew](http://www.meadowpark.org/renew) to make your commitment online.

# Weekly Re:reflection

## Day 49 // Saturday, November 19

This week we've seen how we are living in the legacy of the faithful who have made a way for us. What legacy are we leaving for the next generation in our families, church, and community?

Get quiet before the Lord one more time and listen for his prompting. Read back over the verses and your reflections this past week. What has God been speaking to your heart as you've been praying, meditating on his word, and fasting?

**RE:NEW My Heart:** How is God renewing your love for him? What is he revealing about himself to you?

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**RE:NEW My Church:** What is God speaking to you about Meadow Park Church, our RE:NEW Initiative, or our mission to reach the lost in our city?

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**My RE:NEW Commitment:** How is God asking you to trust him more as you pray about your financial commitment to the RE:NEW Initiative?

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**Pray:** Heavenly Father, Thank you for drawing me closer to you during these 50 days. Thank you for the renewal that you are bringing in my heart, in our church, and to people all around us. I pray for my church today that you would bless it. Bring revival, more transformed lives, marriages and families restored. May the next generation come to know you and be strong in you. Bless our pastors, leaders, and all who serve in your church to advance our mission. Give them boldness, strength, and courage. And help us over these next few years to accomplish our RE:NEW Initiative goals and make Meadow Park a fresh and renewing presence in this great city. Thank you for letting me be a part of your bigger plan, not only through our church, but through your church around the world. May your name be made great in our city! In Jesus name, Amen.

# RE:NEW Our Joy

## Week 8 // Celebration Sunday Sunday, November 20

We've spent the past 50 days on a journey of renewal and it's time to celebrate! Let's take in the word of God to us from Isaiah one last time:

**See, I am doing a new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. –Isaiah 43:19

I pray that over these past several weeks God has sparked:

1. A RE:NEWAL in your HEART – That your love for God has grown deeper.
2. A RE:NEWAL in our CHURCH – That our passion to reach the lost is burning hot.
3. A RE:NEWAL in your COMMITMENT – That your generosity and trust in God has grown.

Meadow Park, I'm excited for our continuing journey. God has great things in store for us in the year ahead and in years to come. I thank you for the great sacrifices you are making to help people here in Columbus and around the world experience life to the fullest in Christ!

***God is doing a new thing! Now it springs up....***



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