

# Missional Entrepreneurship Immersion

January 29-31, 2025



# Group Session 1: Unless the Lord



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- What tests and challenges do you see your faith community experiencing?

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- What does it mean to you, that the Lord is going to need to “do something” in order for what is on your heart or in your dreams to become a reality?





# The Cloud of Witnesses: Ridgetop Coffee and Tea Panel

Edwin Andrade - Pastor, Riverside Church

Daniel Eagan - Manager of Ridgetop Coffee and Tea

Amanda Holtz - Founding Manager of Ridgetop Coffee and Tea

Helen Dorsey - Director of Finance

Kristine Kruttschnitt - Co-Director Riverside Children's Ministry



# Table Discussion



- What did you hear that:
  - Surprised you
  - Challenged you
  - Resonated with you
- How did this conversation catalyze some thinking about entrepreneurship in your own setting?
- What hopes or fears are stirring in you?
- What would have to happen for an entrepreneurial mindset to take hold in your congregation/denomination?



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# Group Session 2: Missional Compelling Social Enterprises and Businesses



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## Isaiah 58: 9-12



9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
10 if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
11 The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.





12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.



# Table Discussion



- What are the underlying factors opening your congregation up to the need for change?
- As you consider the possibilities for compelling business or social enterprise, how might you wrestle with these questions:
  - What might increase the joy, connection, and flourishing of your community?
  - What isn't already there?
  - What do you love? Are passionate about?
  - What or who is breaking your heart?
  - Who and where are the people of peace?





## The Cloud of Witnesses: Experts in the Field

Jeff Hulett - Founder and President of Personal Finance Reimagined

Chris Holland - Executive Director, The Common Place

Nikki Collins - Coordinator of 1001 New Worshiping Communities and  
Founder of Bare Bulb Coffee

Carla Leon - CEO, Just like Family

Carlin Beekman - Senior Associate, Brokerage Mission Property Group,  
Foundry Commercial





## Interactive Table Conversations

- What is your defense when somebody comes to you and says for profit is not of God and that churches/ministries should be supported only by offering?
- What would it mean to have an extra 100,000 a year for your church or a group of interested investors because they are excited about what you are doing and the potential impact?
- What's the difference between doing stuff for and to people and doing things with people and how does that help to frame ideas for entrepreneurship?
- If you could do a new ministry that's going to engage people currently not connected with your church and money was not a factor, what would you do?
- How could you leverage your facility and what you have for new ministry for the work of God in your community?





## Breakout Session #1 (1:00-2:30pm)

Developing An Entrepreneurial Road Map  
— Jeff Hulett (Multipurpose Room)

What Does it Take to be an Existing Church That Helps Start a Non Profit? —  
Casey Thompson and John Molina-Moore (Children's Room)

Maximizing Your Real Estate for Mission  
— Carlin Beekman and Matt Messier (Grace Church)

Innovating for Impact: Running a Social Enterprise that Changes Lives  
— Chris Holland (Grace Church)





## Breakout Session #2 (3:00-4:30pm)

Ideating Opportunities for Compelling Business or Social Enterprise  
— Mike Bartholemew ([Multipurpose Room](#))

The Intersection of Profit and Social Enterprise  
— Carla Leon ([Children's Room](#))

Innovating for Impact: Running a Social Enterprise that Changes Lives  
— Chris Holland ([Grace Church](#))

The Ups and Downs of Starting a New Faith Community Connected  
to a Compelling Business  
— Nikki Collins ([Grace Church](#))





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# Group Session 3: Reimagining Temple and Church



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## Luke 5:8

When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!"





## John 21:3

Simon Peter told them, “I’m going fishing.” They said, “We’ll go with you.” They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing.





## Acts 9:30

30 When the family of believers learned about this, they escorted him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.





## Acts 11:25

25 Barnabas went to Tarsus in search of Saul.



# Table Discussion



- What can we do to help people see the potential impact of mission that extends beyond merely building usage or our typical Sunday morning mindset?
- What talents, resources, skills do you and your congregation or organization have?
- What is one take away from this conference you hope will stay with you?



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