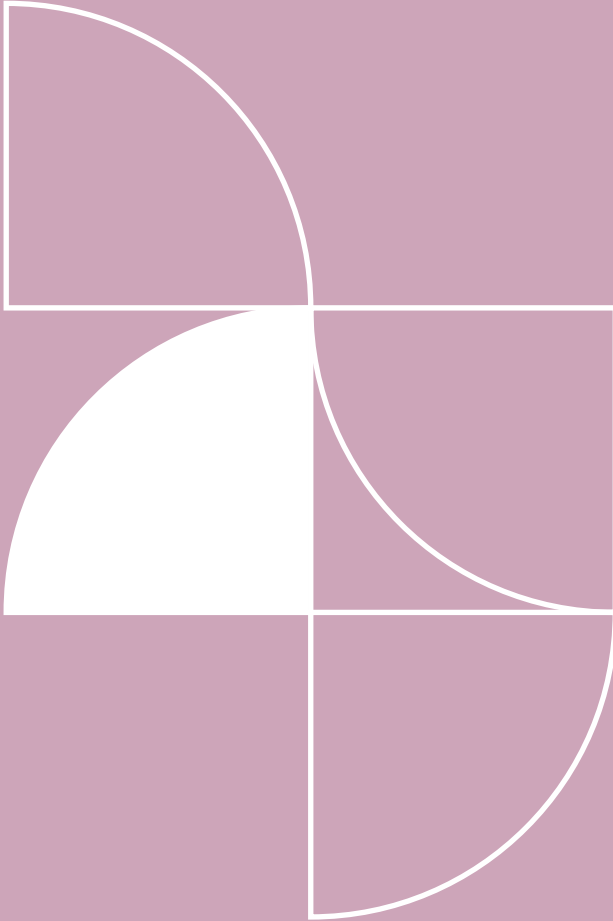


April - June 2024



Bridgetown Quarterly

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Be with
Jesus

Become like
Jesus

Do what
Jesus did

Practicing the way of Jesus,
together, in Portland

About Bridgetown

We believe that to be an apprentice of Jesus of Nazareth is to order your life around three goals: be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. Our dream is that as we live this way, our lives, our communities, and our city will be transformed.

New here?

Are you new? We're so glad you're here! Learn more about how you can get connected to the life of Bridgetown Church.

bridgetown.church/welcome

Alpha

Do you have questions about about life, spirituality, or faith? This nine-week series explores a variety of themes around faith and each session is designed to cultivate conversation where everyone is welcome.

Dates: Begins April 17

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: Bridgetown Church
2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland

bridgetown.church/alpha

Welcome to Bridgetown

Welcome to Bridgetown is a one-hour class offered every fourth Sunday for those who are new to Bridgetown Church and looking to learn more. This class introduces mission, vision, and values of Bridgetown Church, and offers an opportunity to learn more about what next steps look like.

Dates: Every fourth Sunday

Time: 1:15 - 2:15 PM

Location: Bridgetown Church
2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland

Time: 6:45 - 7:45 PM

Location: Bridgetown Church
909 SW 11th Ave, Portland



Upcoming events

bridgetown.church/events

APRIL

- 11 **Justice Prayer & Worship Night**
6:30 PM | Justice Center
- 14 **The Feast**
4 PM | Downtown
- 17 **Alpha Begins**
6:30 PM | Eastside
- 21 **Basics Begins**
2 PM | Eastside
- 24 **Practicing the Way: Prayer Course Begins**
6:30 PM | Eastside
- 28 **Welcome to Bridgetown**
1:15 PM | Eastside
6:45 PM | Downtown

Bridgetown Church Eastside
2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland

Bridgetown Church Downtown
909 SW 11th Ave, Portland

Bridgetown Justice & Mercy Center
1648 SE Ellis St, Portland

MAY

- 7 **Healing Prayer Training**
6:30 PM | Eastside
- 9 **Justice Prayer & Worship Night**
6:30 PM | Justice Center
- 12 **The Feast**
4 PM | Downtown
- 26 **Welcome to Bridgetown**
1:15 PM | Eastside
6:45 PM | Downtown

JUNE

- 6 **Justice Prayer & Worship Night**
6:30 PM | Justice Center
- 9 **The Feast**
4 PM | Downtown
- 23 **Welcome to Bridgetown**
1:15 PM | Eastside
6:45 PM | Downtown

Share life in Community

More than just two hours on a Sunday, church is about sharing life together. Bridgetown Communities are gathering places around a table to be the people of Jesus in our neighborhoods. This is how we practice the way of Jesus together in Portland.

bridgetown.church/community

Basics

If you are ready to join or you'd like to simply learn more about Bridgetown Communities, the next step for you is to go through Basics. In this 2-part course we will discuss a vision for how to share life together and place you into a small group of people who live in your part of the city. Register by April 13 to attend.

bridgetown.church/basics

Dates: April 21 & 28

Time: 2 PM | Eastside

Location: Bridgetown
Church Eastside & Downtown



Introducing Kyle Major

Kyle is originally from Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he has served as a pastor for the past 5 years. While receiving his Masters in Divinity, he was introduced to Bridgetown Church — and his wife, Brenna!

Kyle and Brenna have been following our church for about 8 years now and have fallen in love with what God is doing here in Portland through Bridgetown Church.

This love is what drove them to move across the country with their two kids, Raelynn (3) and Wesley (2), to join us in our mission as one of our Pastors of Communities.

The Bridgetown Discipleship Pathway

bridgetown.church/pathway

The Discipleship Pathway centers around taking deeper steps in both your relationship with Jesus and with others. It's all about discovering more of who God is and who he has made you to be.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to following Jesus. This pathway is simply a way of finding yourself within this house we call Bridgetown Church and an invitation to move deeper into our family. Move at your pace, in the way that matches your journey, and in the timing that fits your limits.



Gatherings

Sundays

Lectures

Conferences

Worship
Nights

The Feast



Courses

Welcome to
Bridgetown

Alpha

Practicing
the Way

Basics



Community

Bridgetown
Communities



Rule of Life

Covenant
Community

Rule of Life

bridgetown.church/ruleoflife

We've just completed a Series on the core spiritual practices that comprise Bridgetown Church's Rule of Life. And while March marked the end of this series, we're really just at the beginning of our

journey as we continue to move from knowledge to practice.

We are forming as a church family around a collective rule of life, and as we do, we believe that these practices will help shape our shared habits and guide our lives together. We've listed our Rule of Life below for easy reference and encourage you to reference it often as we endeavor to let God form us, together.

A community of communion with God in a culture of distraction and escapism through the practice of

Prayer

A community of courageous fidelity to orthodoxy in a culture of ideological compromise through the practice of

Scripture

A community of peace and quiet in a culture of anxiety and noise through the practice of

Solitude

A community of holiness in a culture of indulgence and immorality through the practice of

Fasting

A community of rest in a culture of hurry and exhaustion through the practice of

Sabbath

A community of love and depth in a culture of individualism and superficiality through the practice of

Community

A community of contentment in a culture of consumerism through the practice of

Generosity

A community of hospitality in a culture of hostility through the practice of

Witness

A community of justice, mercy, and reconciliation in a culture of injustice and division through the practice of

Service



Introducing

Covenant Community

This year, we introduced a communal Rule of Life for Bridgetown Church.

Everyone who calls Bridgetown home is invited to participate and begin incorporating these nine practices into their daily and weekly rhythms and routines.

However, we know there are some who hunger for more and are ready to take steps of commitment to these practices.

This May, we are introducing Covenant Community, a year-long devoted cohort made up of individuals ready to commit themselves wholly to participation in this shared Rule of Life

Throughout the year, this Covenant Community will meet together to learn, share what Jesus is doing within their practice, and to celebrate as they actively watch together for the voice, presence, and action of God in their lives.

If you are already practicing most of the nine practices and have been in a Bridgetown Community for at least a year, you are invited to prayerfully consider and discern if this opportunity is right for you, and to apply.

bridgetown.church/covenant

Prayer at Bridgetown

At Bridgetown, we believe that prayer isn't just a means to an end. Prayer is an end in itself. It is a way of living, in connection with our Father in Heaven. And prayer is the perhaps the one place where we can be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did, all at the same time.

There are several ways to participate in prayer at Bridgetown, individually and with others:

Daily Prayer Rhythm

Worship Nights

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Weekly at 8 AM | Eastside

Healing Prayer Training

May 7 | 6:30 PM | Eastside

Learn more about prayer:
bridgetown.church/prayer

THE DAILY PRAYER RHYTHM

In the Hebrew and early Christian tradition there has historically been a daily prayer rhythm to pause and pray: morning, midday, and evening. We see this in the life of Jesus and with the apostles in the early church. We want to recover this historic practice.

Morning

Praying The Lord's Prayer

Midday

Praying for the lost

Evening

Praying in gratitude

Partner with us by praying this rhythm each day wherever you are.

Daily Prayer Rhythm guides:
bridgetown.church/dpr

UPDATE

Construction in Progress

We're excited to announce that all necessary permits have been approved to begin construction downstairs at our Eastside building.

As construction begins, we want to make you aware of some of the changes that you can expect in our downstairs space:

Prayer Room

The Prayer Room will be expanded and updated for better 24-7 access, including the addition of a bathroom in the waiting area.

Lecture Hall

We're adding a lecture hall and classroom space with an attached kitchenette for hospitality.

Kids Spaces

The kids check-in space will be expanding for more efficient flow. We'll be adding several kids classrooms which will also serve as spaces for our justice partners during the week.



A Word on Worship

Creation knows the voice

That spoke into the void

The breath that brought the dust to life

And sang the stars to form

These are the opening lyrics to Brooke Lighterwood's song "Authority" - an anthem we've begun to sing as a church. We introduced it on a beautiful sunny weekend in March - a rarity in Portland. As I prepared to lead, I queued the song into my running playlist and jogged through my neighborhood (also a rarity - but again, sunshine in March).

I listened to melodies about the voice of our creator and beheld the beauty around me. As I ran, I sensed an invitation to worship along with nature; the budding blossoms, the sunshine beaming, and the birds chirping. One way to think about worship is as creation's proper response to our Creator.

God is constantly revealing who He is, so when we recognize and honor Him, we worship. On sunny spring days, even those who don't know their creator reap the benefits of His general revelation through the beauty and goodness of His creation. They glean from God's gifts and sometimes even thank Him without knowing it. But thank God we do know Him and that we can respond to Him! Worship is an invitation to behold the

SERVE WITH WORSHIP

Are you musical? Consider serving with worship:

- 1 Worship for Sunday Gatherings
- 2 Worship Choir (quarterly)
- 3 Auxiliary instruments (cello, violin, flute, percussion, etc.)

bridgetown.church/music

author of creation and to respond.

Our worship team has been praying that the private worship happening outside of our gatherings would fuel the corporate worship that we get to participate in as a body. In this season, I want to extend a simple invitation - worship God with all of creation. It knows His voice and so do you.

Sarah Carroll
Worship Leader

Bread 2024 is now available in the bookstore

As a church, we are making every effort to be with Jesus, to become like him, and to do what he did. We believe daily Scripture reading is an essential practice for followers of Jesus, learning from Jesus and putting his word into practice.

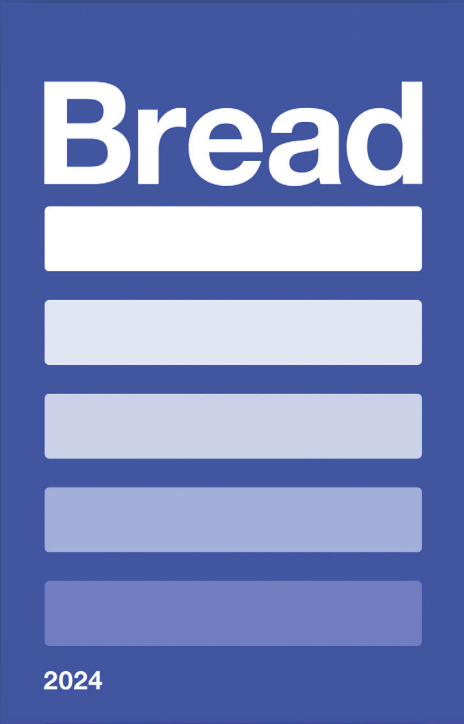
Bread is a daily reading and journaling guide for our church to help us do just that.

PRICE REDUCED: NOW \$10

BREAD FOR KIDS

Helping our kids engage with Scripture requires time and intention. This year, we've created a companion guide to go along with our larger Bread journal that serves as a weekly scripture guide for kids to follow along with.

Each week, kids will be encouraged to read a passage of Scripture and respond with journaling and drawing.



Justice & Mercy at Bridgetown

Discovering God's heart of justice as we practice
the Way of Jesus, together in Portland.

**I am the Lord,
who exercises
kindness, justice, and
righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight**

Jeremiah 9v24

Action

bridgetown.church/action

Jesus calls his followers into lives of radical humility and service to others. Learn more about Jesus' heart for justice and listen for where Jesus may call you to action so we as a church might be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

The Feast

bridgetown.church/the Feast

The kingdom of heaven is described as a wedding feast, where all are invited to eat at the table together as brothers and sisters. We are hosting a meal for our neighbors downtown, to feed guests both spiritually and physically. There are multiple ways to get involved, from inviting guests, to serving dinner, to sharing a meal with guests.

April 14

May 12

June 9

Justice Partners

bridgetown.church/proximity

Learn about the Justice Partners doing great work in our city and how you can join in.

Racial Justice Committee

bridgetown.church/rjc

The RJC is helping us shape our approach to racial equity, justice, and reconciliation in every facet of our church family.

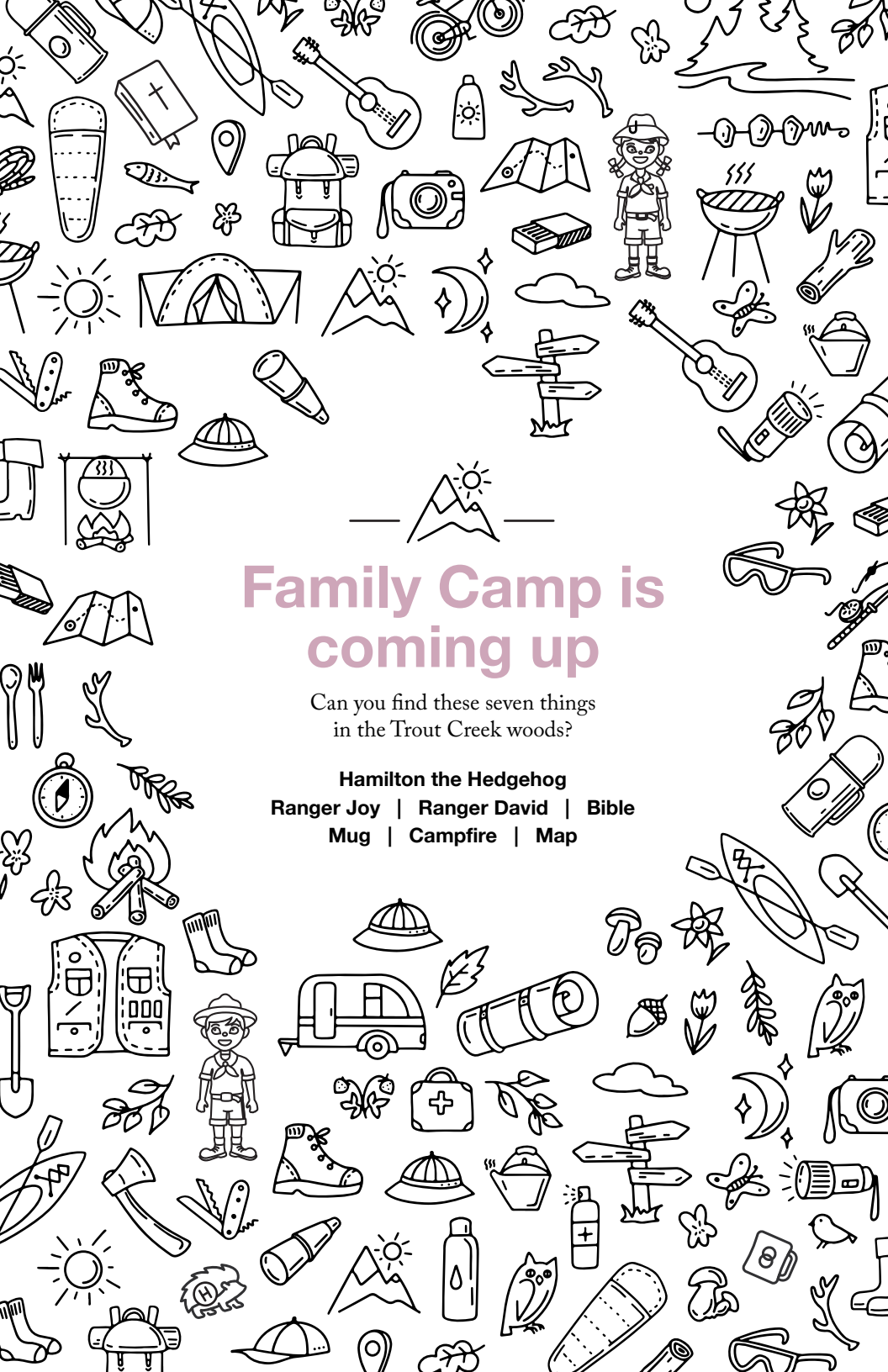
Worship & Prayer Nights

We will be hosting a series of Justice-oriented prayer and worship nights at the Bridgetown Justice & Mercy Center, 1648 SE Ellis St, Portland.

April 11

May 9

June 6



Family Camp is coming up

Can you find these seven things in the Trout Creek woods?

Hamilton the Hedgehog
Ranger Joy | Ranger David | Bible
Mug | Campfire | Map

bridgetown.church/kids

Bridgetown Kids

Follow Jesus

Kids, you are not just the future of the church, you *are* the church. You can be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did. We encourage you to explore what it means to follow Jesus, and to be confident in his love for you!

Little Liturgies

The Lord's Prayer

God, we love you!

(Touch heart)

You are King!

(Use hands like a crown)

You are our Helper!

(Fold hands towards you)

We worship you!

(Stretch arms high)

Amen

COMING UP AT BRIDGETOWN KIDS

Fourth Fifth Friday

May 10 | 6 PM

Fourth Fifth Fridays are a time for kids in Grades 4-5 to build community and deepen connections with their leaders and peers.

Family Camp

May 18 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Save the date! A day away for families to connect and play at Trout Creek Bible Camp. Registration coming soon.

Fifth Grade Parent Meeting

June 2 | 1 PM - 1:30 PM

Parents of kids in 5th grade are invited to come meet some of our Bridgetown Middle School leaders and hear more about what to expect from Bridgetown Youth as you enter this time of transition!

Bridgetown Youth

bridgetown.church/youth

At Bridgetown, we want to see middle and high school students discover who they are in Jesus, step into their part of God's story, and understand that their lives have a purpose in the kingdom of God.

Above all, we want them to know Jesus and experience his profound love for them.

Youth Rhythms

Youth at Bridgetown Church gather around several core rhythms:

DAILY

Daily Prayer Rhythm
Bread Daily Reading

WEEKLY

Middle & High School Youth Gathering

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Bridgetown Justice & Mercy Center

1648 SE Ellis St, Portland.

MONTHLY

Night Strike

Last Thursdays

Gen Z Prayer & Worship

Last Tuesdays

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pool Party

April 12 | 6:30 PM

Register to attend at:

bridgetown.church/youth

Bridgetown Young Adults

bridgetown.church/youngadults

We want to see young adults, ages 18-29, find their place in the life of Bridgetown Church.

Subscribe to the Young Adults newsletter on the webpage above to stay connected and get info about upcoming trips and events for

UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship & Wait Nights

May 6 | 7 PM

Bridgetown Downtown
909 SW 11th Ave, Portland

June 3 | 7 PM

Bridgetown Eastside
2120 NE Tillamook St, Portland

A Pastoral Word from Beau Brumley

We've seen a hunger for the presence of God rise up across a generation and in our own city. In response, we're going after the presence of God — and we're settling for nothing less. We're contending for a move of the Spirit in our day. It's not about making church more compelling or practicing the way of Jesus more exciting... it's about responding to an awakening, that we might see renewal in the Church and the city in which we live.

The first movement in this new season we're calling "Worship and Wait." We'd love for you to join us as we gather together on the first Monday of every month where we'll worship God in song and wait on the Holy Spirit to move us.

Ask Anything

Do you have questions about about life, spirituality, or faith? Alpha is a space to process your questions, free from judgement or pressure. This 9-week series explores a variety of themes around faith and each session is designed to cultivate conversation where everyone is welcome.

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Practicing the Way courses

Practicing the Way is a ministry of spiritual formation that was born out of our family here at Bridgetown Church. Now a separate organization, Practicing the Way offers helpful courses for churches around the world to integrate core practices of spiritual formation into daily life.

We've already hosted a number of four-week courses here at Bridgetown, and are excited to offer the Prayer course this spring.




Prayer

Discover helpful rhythms of prayer that can shape the way you relate with God and increase your capacity for time spent in his presence.

April 24
May 1, 8, & 15

Register to attend
bridgetown.church/ptw





Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2v2–4

Pentecost

Greek Origin: Pentekoste | March 31—May 19

Meaning *fiftieth*, signifying the fifty days of feasting after Easter in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The historic day of Pentecost is the moment that the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, rested on and filled disciples hiding and waiting in the upper room in Acts chapter 2.

First came the sound of rushing wind, followed by flickering flames that rested on each person present, and then an undoing of the tower of Babel by speaking one another's languages—the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, the reality that God will not abandon his Church as orphans.

Since this moment, the Church has grown beyond the upper room and for millennia has been filled with the presence and power of the Spirit to equip followers of Jesus for ministry, justice, and to do all that Jesus did.

Today, we get to be filled with the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, and the same Spirit that fell on the newly-born church at the day of Pentecost. The Spirit is God's very presence in us, unifying the whole Body of Christ that is the Church, and the Spirit empowers us to live differently from the world around us.

Pentecost Teaching Series

In this nine-week teaching series, we will look at different expressions of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, as well as getting into the “how” of Holy Spirit ministry.

As we lean into the practical outworking of the Holy Spirit's power in the life of the church, the hope is that we would grow more in our biblical understanding, be practically equipped, and be people who are empowered to practice the ministry of the Spirit with increasing maturity and faith.

