



Pursuing our Purpose – 2020

To make deep disciples in ever increasing numbers
by the proclamation of the word and prayer for the glory of God.



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Message from Andrew Heard



An extraordinary year

Once in a lifetime experience. Once in many lifetimes!

But hugely powerful for our life as a church. And in a strange way, it has helped us make sense of the blessing and importance of our buildings. This might seem odd to say given that we've spent the last 5 months not using them for church. We've been using zoom and meeting in

homes as we seek to keep our 'gathering' happening. But surely it is that time that has brought home to many of us the power of the thing we've missed - the opportunities, week by week, for the whole church to gather publicly, to sing to one another as we make melody in our hearts to the Lord, to hear from God in his word, and to speak to one another, and just see one another gathered together for no other reason than that we each love Christ and are drawn to be with his people. The lack of this over the last months has made more evident the importance and the place of having a building that enables us to meet.

Even the fact that we've needed a space to produce our streaming events - for both youth, kids and adult church - has been a blessing. Without the kind of facilities we've had, we would've been far more challenged. And now, as we start to re-gather there is an unforeseen blessing of buildings. Because we've got high capacity spaces we are better positioned to welcome back a larger percentage of the whole church. God willing, we will head back soon to the four metre square rule, which means we will be able to fit three hundred in each service. This will be massive and enable us to more quickly than most to rejoin as God's people in one place. Praise God for the foresight of previous generations who gave sacrificially to build the kind of meetings space we now have on our block.



EV Grow is our three year event to pay particular attention to funding the mortgage that repays our loans on property and building. This last few months affirms the wisdom of those givers that have come before us. We can only wonder what things might have been like if we were still in rented facilities - especially public school buildings. We might never have been able to do all that we've been doing and might find that task for return so much more difficult.

Added to this is the blessing we can provide for our local community in renting some of our facilities to the Covid clinic. This was a hope of ours at the outset, that whatever we build might be a blessing to the community around us. It is so wonderful that we can provide such a practical help. With this in mind, we are determined to provide the facilities for testing as long as is practical. We are preferencing the spiritual needs of our community by ensuring we can be back to gather as the whole church as quickly as possible, but alongside that is the concern to fit in the Covid clinic as we are able.

What a gift these buildings have been to us, and continue to be. Can I urge you to see the back-end needs of church life? From one perspective, they aren't very exciting. They're just there. But they're our family home. And they help facilitate the most important work imaginable - the gathering of God's people, the preaching of the gospel to great numbers of people, and the welcome among us of so many that are searching out the things of Christ.

Please consider how you might give, and how we might continue to provide a gift, in our buildings, for generations to come. One thing that always fuels me in this is the power of a gift today in the payment of debts on buildings. Any gift today will keep on paying for generations to come. It is one gift that keeps on giving!

To God's glory, and the salvation of many, many people.

Andrew



What is EV Grow – Pursuing our Purpose all about?

Over the next three weeks we want to:

1. Turn to the scriptures and be reminded of the mission and purpose Jesus has given us.
2. We want to be reminded of the wonder of the Church and its place in God's purposes.
3. We also want to take the opportunity to consider the place of our property and facilities in our mission and life together and recommit ourselves financially to secure our loan repayments and reduce the principal.

The Lord has blessed us with sustained growth over the last 24 years and with property and facilities that can support this growth into the future.

In 2017 church families pledged contributions to cover our loan repayments until the end of 2020. So we now need to secure our loan repayments, for the next three years. We'll also consider the importance of 'one off' payments, which could be applied to the loan principal, decreasing interest payments. Doing this would free up funds in the future for gospel work.

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You can find the details of our current loan at the back of this booklet but first it's important to clarify why we have made the decision to invest in the property and facilities.



Why have we invested in property and facilities?

The facilities that God has provided have been very significant for our mission, ministry and life together, providing a secure base for all we do.

Experience shows that, under God, where churches are growing and anticipate continued growth by providing more space for church gathering, the growth momentum continues. We have experienced this ourselves over the last 24 years.

When our original morning service was filling up in 1998, growth slowed. We began another morning service and wonderfully, growth picked up again.

We sent 50 people off to plant Lakes Evangelical Church and that 50 were quickly replaced. When we moved onto the property, church grew. And since we have moved into “The Round”, we have seen growth that would have been impossible without it. We have had many gatherings that have filled the building and on a normal Sunday before Covid we regularly had more than 500 adults in our gatherings. Significant growth!

The property and facilities also provide a wonderful context for church family life. It is so heart-warming to see groups of young people meeting around God’s word in the foyer on Friday afternoons and to see Churn kids and then EV Youth swarming across the site. Absolutely brilliant!

EV is also now able to host conferences that support and equip ministries across Australia and around the world: In 2019 the Reach Australia conference had 800 church leaders attending being supported to grow healthy ministries and through Geneva’s Multiply Conference equipping leaders for church planting. We are also privileged to host CMS coastal mission day each year.

The facilities are a major and critical resource for our mission. They will continue to provide a secure and purpose-built base for the ministry of the Gospel on the Central Coast and beyond, for many years to come.



Week 1

The Church: It's Nature and Purpose

This week we will consider God's view of 'church'. What exactly is the church and why is it so important?

The church is not a building. The church is people. 'Ekklesia', the Greek word translated 'church' in the New Testament, never refers to a building or structure. An 'ekklesia' was simply a gathering of people.

But the Christian 'ekklesia' is much more than simply a collection of people; it is a new community. When we become followers of Christ, we become members of His church and a church He died and rose again to establish and which He continues to build today by His word and Spirit.



We've heard from many about what they have come to appreciate being back at church since Covid-19 restrictions.

"We've been around church for quiet a while now... obviously we've seen things change quiet a lot, we've seen change through good and clear Bible teaching and I don't know if we would have seen the dramatic [gospel] changes and happiness in people's lives if it was just a matter of sitting around watching a sermon on a screen... I'm convinced as we meet together, that we care for one-another, we love one-another, we serve one-another, we really grow." - Ian



"To be honest it's been easy to drift these past months and lose sight of why it is so important to gather. I was both convicted and encouraged at the church relaunch sessions... Andrew and Jez reminded us that the reason we were saved was to be gathered together with God's people and be one with them under Christ.

Real people gathering together, fellowshiping with each other, says to the universe that God's purpose is being achieved - he is fulfilling his great purpose of uniting everything in heaven and earth under Christ. YES WE REALLY NEED TO GATHER!! I walked out with a heart overflowing with thankfulness of belonging to Him and His gathered church, with a renewed energy to continue humbly serving Him and our people with everything I have... the only response to the one who has been so generous to us." - Cass

The Church: It's Nature and Purpose

Day 1. Jesus said: I will build my church

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus declares that he is determined to build his church and that the gates of Hades will not overcome it. The greek word for church is ekklesia. and it simply means gathering or assembly. For example we see it used in Acts 19:32 to refer to an assembly or gathering of the citizens of Ephesus. Jesus' great concern is to gather a people to and for himself.

This the greatest of building projects continues today and every Christian and every church is caught up in it.

Read Matthew 16:13-21

1. Peter announces (16:16) that Jesus is the Messiah (the promised eternal king of kings). Then Jesus declares (16:18) that He will build His church.

What does Jesus also say that gives us confidence that this building project will be successful?

3. This is a major turning point in the gospel. What does Jesus say is going to happen next?

Why is this a necessary first step to building His church and gathering His people.

Prayer: Give thanks for Jesus our King and for the privilege of being gathered to him through the gospel of grace.

Day 2. Gathering and Scattering

Read Genesis 11:1-9 The story of the Tower of Babel

1. What is the nature of the people's sin?
2. What is the nature of God's judgement?
3. How do we see the ongoing curse of this scattering today?

The gathering and scattering of God's people is a major theme of the scriptures stretching from Genesis to Revelation. God scatters people in judgement but through all of history He is acting in His grace and power to gather His chosen, redeemed people around Himself. Adam and Eve were together with Him in the garden then on account of their sin the Lord cast them out of it. In Genesis 11 we see this on a much larger scale.

Prayer: Pray for our broken and divided world and for those suffering as a consequence. Ask that the Lord would have mercy on us and bring salvation to many.

The Church: It's Nature and Purpose

Day 3. The first church and concern for God's holy name

The first church/gathering in Israel's history was the one at Mount Sinai. The Lord saved them out of Egypt so that they might meet with Him there. The Lord spoke to them out of the fire on the "day of the church/assembly" (Deuteronomy 5:22 & 9:10). Stephen also speaks of this first gathering/church when he recounts Israel's history (Acts 7:38). Sadly this nation that God gathered to Himself continued to experience both scattering and gathering in their future.

Read Ezekiel 36:16-21

1. What had Israel done to provoke the Lord to scatter His people at this time?

Read Ezekiel 36:24-28

2. What does the promised salvation look like? How does it reverse the judgement?
3. Why does the Lord come in judgement? (36:21)
4. What is the Lord's primary concern as He comes in judgement? (36:21)
5. What is the Lord's primary concern as He brings salvation (36:29-32)
6. What might we understand to be the Lord's primary concern in gathering His people today?

Prayer: Pray that we might appreciate the blessing of being gathered as the Lord's people and that His name would be honoured and glorified on account of our gathering.

Day 4. The church demonstrates the manifold wisdom of God

Read Ephesians 3:1-13

1. Paul here speaks of His special role in salvation history as the apostle to the Gentiles.

What is the amazing mystery that has been revealed to Him? (Ephesians 3:5,6)

2. Read 3:10 again. What does that gathering of God's people do?
3. Why is it important that we gather physically, when we are able to, rather than separately listen or watch media?

Prayer: Give thanks for the wonder and privilege of being able to gather as God's people to hear God speak and respond in prayer and faith.

The Church: It's Nature and Purpose

Day 5. The Ultimate Church

Read Hebrews 12:18-24

In these verses we see a contrast between the first church that met at Mount Sinai and the ultimate church that gathers at Mount Zion the heavenly Jerusalem.

1. What are some of the features of this gathering described in verses 22-24?
2. Read Revelation 7:9-12. There is another picture of this church in the book of Revelation. A picture of our future.
 - a. What has Jesus done to make this gathering possible?
 - b. What is this church doing?
3. If we are already part of a heavenly gathering of all Christians around Jesus, and if we will one day be physically gathered with them around Him, how should we feel about the physical expression of it in our local church gathering?

Prayer: Praise God for the salvation He has won for us and the secure relationships and future that we have in Christ. Pray that this vision of heaven and our place in the heavenly assembly will fill our hearts with joy and result in lives that bring honour and glory to our Lord.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 1

Notes and Prayer Points

The Church: It's Nature and Purpose

Imagine a soccer team was prevented from coming together physically

- What could the player and coach continue to do separately?
- What couldn't be done separately?
- What about Church?

1. The Greek word for church is ekklesia. Here are a few places this word is used - what can we learn about the nature of church from these verses?

- Acts 19:32
- Matthew 16:18
- Acts 15:43
- Ephesians 1:22-23

In Ephesians chapters 1-3 Paul speaks of his special role in salvation history as the apostle to the Gentiles. And how it is God's intention to reconcile Jew and Gentile together and make one new humanity.

Read Ephesians 1:3-10

2. What is God's grand purpose in our world?

Read Revelation 7:9-12

3. How does this gathering reflect the vision of Ephesians?

4. What has caused such disunity and dislocation in our world? Consider Genesis 3 and Genesis 11:1-9 the tower of Babel.

Growth Group Study: Week 1

Through the church (the physical gathering of God's people) we see the visible outworking of God's unifying, gathering work of salvation.

Read Ephesians 3:10-13

6. What purpose for the church is described here?
7. Why is gathering/church so fundamentally important for Christians?
8. Share within the group how the Lord uses church in our life together.

Share in prayer

- Praise God for His grace and mercy in gathering us to Himself.
- Praise Him for the privilege of being counted as members of His church.
- Pray that He might cause us to love Him and his people such that we would not neglect to meet together.
- Pray that our gatherings would bring Him glory.
- Give thanks for the facility we have to meet in and the generosity of those who have made it possible.
- Pray that the impact of Covid-19 would be that God's people here and throughout the world would value the gathering around Jesus all the more and be strengthened in their commitment to meet together.



Week 2

The Church: Glorifying God by reaching the lost.

Our God is a missionary God. Jesus said “For the Son of man came to seek and save the lost” (Luke 19.10). He also said “I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matthew 16: 18).

The book of Acts gives us the inspired early history of the mission of the church. The word of god is proclaimed, believers repent and they are gathered into churches. These churches in turn share the word of the gospel in their communities and send out brothers and sisters to proclaim the word in other places.

This movement has continued to this very day and we are commanded to continue to make disciples in ever increasing numbers.

www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-mission-of-the-church/



Changed lives - Jack's story

The first time I walked into church there was a lot of music and a lot of people. I rocked up just as the music started to play and there was a whole band... I was surprised there was good music. Even though I wasn't a Christian, my first church experience was good.

I had been coming to church for a couple of months, I had heard a few good sermons, and they had really raised for me the concern of hell and heaven. All the next week I was really thinking a lot about Jesus. Then I heard another sermon that asked "have you put your faith in Jesus?". I was also going to the Life series and hearing about the evidences, and yes, decided I did want to put my trust in Jesus - I realised I'm a follower of Jesus!

Everything about my life is changed. Obviously I still like games and hanging out and stuff, but the main thing is I have a purpose that's found in Christ. What Jesus did saved me - nothing I have done!



“I’m really looking forward to seeing the gospel spread to people I didn’t even think it could be spread to, my parents and other friends on the coast.”

Church: Glorifying God by reaching the lost

Day 1. The early days of the church

In Luke 9:10 Jesus says His mission is to seek and save the lost. The book of Acts tells how Jesus continued and continues to do this through His disciples.

Read Acts 1:1-8

1. What does Jesus charge the disciples to do, as a final word before He ascends to heaven?
2. How are they going to be empowered to do this?
3. Why do you think God sees this mission as so important?

Prayer: Give thanks that we have a missionary God who sent His son to seek and save the lost. Give thanks for the missionary movement that brought the gospel to you and pray that we as a church would be empowered by the holy spirit in our own time and place to reach the lost.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 2

Day 2. The church is established

On the day of Pentecost Peter speaks to the people of Jerusalem and gives his eye witness account of all that Jesus had done to fulfil the scriptures. A great number respond to his message in repentance and faith and the church is brought to birth through the preaching of the word and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2:36-47

This passage recounts the end of the sermon and the people's response.

1. What enabled Peter to address the people of the city in this way?
2. Why did the people respond as they did?
3. What did the newly gathered community value (2:42-47)

Prayer: Give thanks for those first eyewitnesses who laid the foundations of the church. Pray that the Lord would add to our number daily those who are being saved.

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Day 3. Persecution causes an expansion of the church

The church in Jerusalem is persecuted and they scatter into Judea and Samaria. We are told they preached the word wherever they went. The preaching of the good news is now not simply by the eyewitnesses but other believers who take the good news with them wherever they go.

Read Acts 8:1-8

1. Why is the church persecuted?
2. How does the Lord bring good out of evil in this instance?
3. What is involved in new church being planted?

Prayer: Pray for churches that are being persecuted in our world today. Pray that all believers would be bold and courageous in proclaiming that Jesus is the Lord and that He alone offers salvation.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 2

Day 4. The new churches became mission bases

In this section of Acts 14 we see Paul's report (verse 27) back to the church in Antioch at the completion of a mission journey. Paul also summarises his mission strategy.

Read Acts 14:21-28

1. How did they win large numbers of converts (verse 21)?
2. What did they then do for new believers (verse 21b, 22)?
3. What else needed to be established to sustain the life of believers into the longer term (verse 23)?

Prayer: Pray that the Lord would graciously be at work through His people at EV Church, that the gospel would be proclaimed, churches be established and grow and believers strengthened and encouraged.

Church: Glorifying God by reaching the lost

Day 5 the early churches were partners in mission

The church at Philippi had a profound partnership with Paul in his mission.

Read Philippians 1: 1-11

1. How is Paul's partnership with the Philippians church expressed?

Note: Philippians 1:19 Paul is very conscious they are praying for him and that these prayers empower his ministry. They were also generous in their practical and financial support for Paul's mission.

Read Philippians 4:14-19

2. How is Paul encouraged by their gifts?

3. What is his great concern for them?

Prayer: Thank the Lord for the partnerships we have with individuals and churches preaching the gospel in other places. Pray that our love commitment and generosity might please the Lord and encourage our brothers and sisters serving in other mission fields.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 2

Notes and Prayer Points

Church: Glorifying God by reaching the lost

What comes to mind when you hear that someone is a missionary?

Why might we think that every Christian and every church should be on mission themselves and supporting their brothers and sisters to do it as well?

A. WE HAVE A MISSIONARY GOD

Read Acts 1:1-8

1. What does Jesus charge the disciples to do, as a final word before he ascends to heaven?
2. How are they going to be empowered to do this?
3. Why do you think God sees this mission as so important?

B. WE ARE JESUS' HANDS...

We are Jesus' hands, feet and voices that he is using us to build his church.

On the day of Pentecost Peter addresses the people of Jerusalem and gives his eye witness account of all that Jesus had done to fulfil the scriptures. A great number respond to his message in repentance and faith and the church is brought to birth through the preaching of the word and by the power of the holy spirit.

Read Acts 2:36-47

This recounts the end of the sermon and the people's response.

4. What had happened that empowered Peter to address the people of the city in this way only weeks after he had denied he even knew Jesus?

Growth Group Study: Week 2

5. Why did the people respond as they did?
6. What did the newly gathered community value (2:42-47)

As churches were established they were concerned to see other churches established in other places.

Read Acts 14:21-28

7. What did the church at Antioch do to see more people saved?
8. What was involved in establishing the new churches?

The new churches were also concerned to see their neighbours saved.

Read 1 Peter 2:12

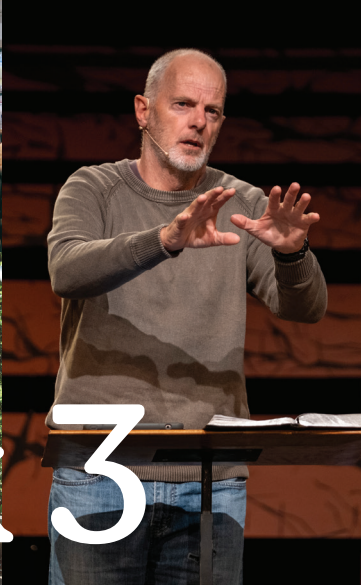
10. As missionaries in our home town how should we live?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-18

11. In verse 10 what are we to be prepared to do.

Watch the video: *Our Church is a base for mission.*

Share in prayer.



Week 3

The Church: Glorifying God by growing together.

Christianity is a team sport. It is a life we live together. On the one hand Church lifts us up out of the particulars of time, place, ethnicity, and language. It connected us with heaven, with God, and with God's people across time and space.

But, paradoxically, church is also the thing that embeds us in place, that ties us to a particular group of people, in a particular time and space. Churches are formed by a shared commitment to the one Lord and he uses the church to provide what we need to keep living for him.

Day Groups

Day Groups is one of the opportunities for women at EV to get into the Word together and grow and encourage each other in Christian life. Meeting mid-week onsite, with a creche and preschool program for kids, provides a warm and helpful context for growing together. And we didn't fully appreciate this as much as when it was taken away!

The challenges of running growth groups for two months on zoom, at different times of the day, with no child-minding, school kids 'learning from home', and the difficulty of facilitating online discussion and community took a toll. The challenge was too much for some!



Once restrictions began to ease, and we could see Day Groups could safely meet onsite again, we made the decision to encourage groups back onsite to meet in person.

What a difference this had made -seeing each other face to face, the smiles, expressions, engagement in the Word and caring for each other! The Foyer and the Round have provided a great home for fellowship, warmth, for deep challenging study and encouragement while being able to maintain the required health and cleaning procedures.

Jayde, a mum of two young kids, made an effort to stay connected with her day group during the Zoom growth group period, but the challenges of family responsibilities at night often made this hard. Coming back onsite has made such a difference!



“Being able to come back to Day Groups has been so good, I felt like I’ve come home. It’s been absolutely amazing being able to see all my sisters and read the word together... absolutely amazing! ”

Church: Glorifying God by growing together

Ephesians Chapters 1 to 3 tell how it is God's plan to create a new humanity gathered around his son. The Ephesian church has been saved out of a fractured world dominated by Satan (Ephesian 2:2). Chapters 4-6 show how their life together is to be shaped to enable them to stand strong against the world and to grow more and more like Jesus.

Day 1. Relating in love and seeking unity

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

1. What character should we bring to our relationships in the church family (Ephesians 4:2)?
2. Why should we make every effort to maintain unity in the Spirit?
3. Are you bringing this character and seeking this unity in our church family?

Prayer: Thank the Lord for the calling we have received as His children. Pray that we would bear with one another in love and make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 3

Day 2. Equipped through the ministry of the word

The Lord has given a diversity of gifts to His people so that we might together “attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13). He has given some of us particular speaking gifts to equip all the saints for service.

Read Ephesians 4:7-12

1. Why does Christ give gifts to His people?
2. How are we to be equipped for service?
3. What should the result of this service be?
4. How has the Lord gifted you and how are you being equipped for service?

Prayer: Praise God for His powerful word that brought about creation and which He continues to speak today redeeming the lost, bringing new life, transforming our lives and equipping us for service. Pray you would be listening to his word and speaking it in a way that pleases Him.

Church: Glorifying God by growing together

Day 3. That we might become the mature in Christ

In these verses we see a clear purpose of church life. We are in this together and everyone has a part to play.

Read Ephesians 4:14-16

1. What is the great threat for God's people described here?
2. What will protect us from this?
3. What goal should we seek together?

Prayer: Pray for our church that we would be protected from the devil's schemes. Ask that speaking the truth in love to one another we would grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, Christ.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 3

Day 4. A renewed loving community

Christians are to live a radically different life, putting off the old self and putting on the new.

Read Ephesians 4:17-5:7

1. What are we to put off (4:25-31)?
2. With which of these things do you need the Spirit struggle with most?
3. What are we to put on (4:32-5:7)?
4. Where do you need to Lord's help to grow?

Prayer: Pray that the Lord would be powerfully at work amongst us making us a loving community that honours Him. Pray that he would work in you to put off the old and put on the new self.

Church: Glorifying God by growing together

Day 5. It's crucial that we continue to meet together as the day approaches

The book of Hebrews contrasts the life under the old covenant with the new. In particular Jesus has offered himself as the perfect sacrifice once for all. This means we no longer need a temple, or priests and altars where sacrifices are regularly offered. These were only shadows pointing to a greater reality.

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

1. What are the three things we are to do because we have this secure relationship with God through Jesus in;

Verse 22

Verse 23

Verse 24

2. Why is meeting together essential?

3. Do you give the priority to the gathering of God's people that is expected here?

Prayer: Praise the Lord for Jesus our high priest and who offered the perfect sacrifice once for all. Praise the Lord for the church He is building. Give thanks for our church and pray that we might be committed to meeting together and spurring each other on to love and good deeds and all the more as the day approaches.

Daily Reading Notes: Week 3

Notes and Prayer Points

Church: Glorifying God by growing together

What might you say helpfully to a person who thinks following Jesus is a private thing and that they don't need other Christians?

Ephesians chapters 1 to 3 tell how it is God's plan to create a new humanity gathered around His son. The Ephesian church has been saved out of a fractured world dominated by the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Ephesians 2:2). Chapters 4-6 show how their life is to be shaped together so they can stand strong against the threats of the world, the flesh and the devil and grow more and more into the likeness of the Lord Jesus for His glory.

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

1. What is the character we are to bring to our relationships in the church family (4:2)?
2. Why should we make every effort to maintain unity in the Spirit?
3. What have you seen that fosters this unity in your own church experience?

Read Ephesians 4:7-16

4. How are the saints equipped for service?
5. What is the nature of the ministry we are all to have and what is its aim?

Growth Group Study: Week 3

6. Have you seen this ministry happening in your experience of church.

Read Ephesians 4:17- 5:7

Here is a picture of the radically transformed life we are to have as Christians but this is not a solo activity.

7. What is it in these verses that show that God is not just transforming individuals but the church community as a whole?

8. How will He do this?

Watch the video *Glorifying God by growing together*.

Share in prayer

EV Church Loans – History and Update

There have been a series of giving campaigns over the life of EV, where our church family have provided the funds to buy and develop land and facilities.

Initially we bought a church office, then land, then we built the Hall complex and then the “Round”.

We have now spent a total of 11.8 million developing EV’s property and facilities.

Wonderfully, through the generosity of God’s people, we were able to keep our borrowings to \$7 million and we have now reduced our loan to \$4.9 Million.

A key theme of EV Grow has always been, ‘equal sacrifice, not equal gifts’.

The purchase and development of the EV Facilities has only been possible through the sacrificial giving of God’s people. Some will give thousands annually, others will give hundreds. It will be right for some, in their current circumstances, not to contribute at all.

In order to repay our loans in 19 years we require \$500,000 per year.

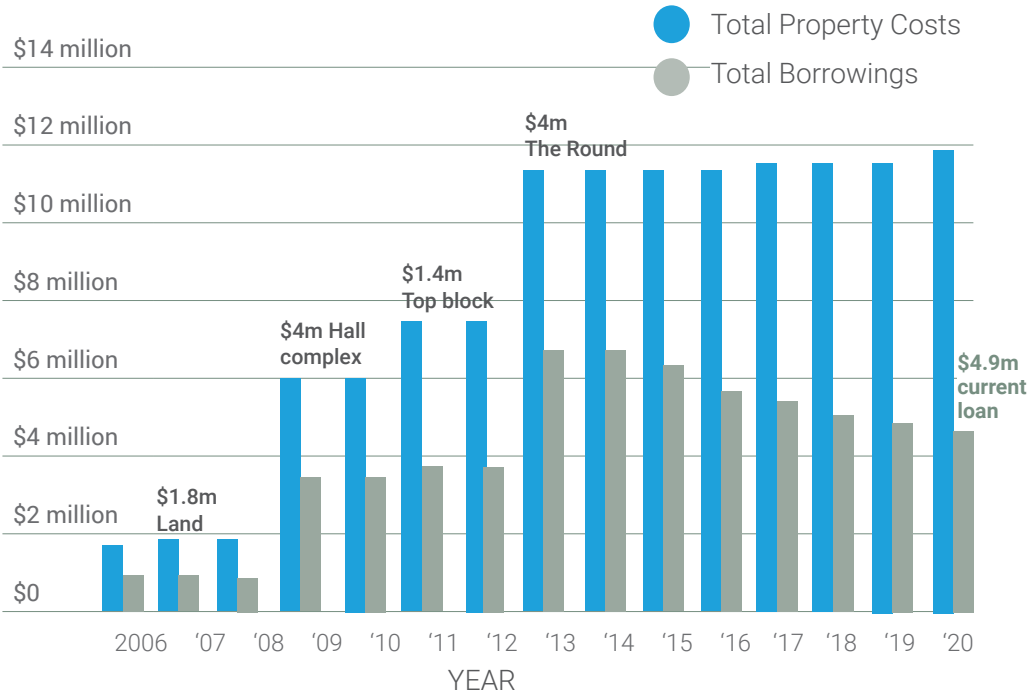
This sounds like a large sum but with around 1400 adults attending EV on a weekend, it is manageable. We hope that everyone will consider contributing to our loan repayments.

Many will continue or extend current payments - pledged previously, and we hope that those who have joined EV in the last three years, will now share in this gospel project.

Therefore, please consider prayerfully both:

- **A three year pledge** - to help meet the repayments.
- **A one off gift now** - to reduce our loan principal and free up funds for ministry.

Total Property Costs and Borrowings by Year



How to give to EV Grow?

Go to evchurch.info/evgrow



We would like everyone to consider making two contributions.

1. Make a 3 year pledge.

Make a 3-year pledge to help in planning and budgeting to cover our repayments of our church family home loan.

Pledges should be made by 15 November.

Submit your pledge online at evchurch.info/evgrow

Once your pledge is submitted you will be sent info on how to make these pledge payments over the next 3 years.

2. Make a one-off gift today.

Help free up future interest repayments for ministry purposes.

One thousand dollars paid off the loan today, will save much more than that in interest repayments over the life of the loan.

One-off gifts can be made by credit card online at evchurch.info/evgrow.

Paper Pledge forms are available in the EV Church office.

Complete the paper pledge form and return to the office up until 15 Nov.

Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving... it tests the sincerity of your love. **2 Corinthians 8:7-8**

Record of My Pledge

Payment Method:		
3 Year Pledge:	\$	per year	
	Commencing on: /	
	Total payments over 3 years =	\$	
One-Off Payment:	\$		
	Commencing on: /	
Tax receipt requested?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Direct Deposit Details

Account Name: EV Church **BSB:** 704-922 **Account:** 100007523

Tagging Giving:

1. For Tax Deductible donations please put your name and "PP" in the reference field of your donation. e.g. "Bob Smith PP"
2. For Non Tax Deductible donations that you would like us to track for you, please put your name and "Anon PP" in the reference field. EG: "Bob Smith Anon PP"
3. If you don't need a tax receipt and you don't want us to track your pledge please put "Anon PP" in the reference field.

*The most important thing for those who need a tax receipt or want us to track their pledge, is that we can identify the donation is from you. So if you can't fit everything in the reference field the minimum would be your first name initial and your full surname e.g. "B Smith".

Note Tax receipts are issued in July each year.



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