



UNCHARTED

GUIDEBOOK

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and **YOU** will be

*a blessing.*

I will **BLESS** those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and **ALL PEOPLES** on earth will be

*blessed through  
you."*

We are at the start of an exciting new adventure at RiverTree Lake. This initiative is the largest step of faith we've taken as a church. I hope it will be your largest step of faith personally, as well. There is so much at stake! The emptiness, sadness and lostness of people in our community, nation and world is increasing. And God is calling us into Uncharted waters to help more of our family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers experience the fullness and joy that Jesus offers.

Uncharted is a two-year initiative in which we seek to courageously step into Uncharted waters of surrender, faith and generosity. It has the power to change our church and our community. And as you listen to the Lord's leading, it can change you too, as you experience expanded generosity.

Our goal is that 100% of us would engage deeply with God, each of us asking, "What would you have me do? What generosity are you calling me to as I do my part to go into the Uncharted through RiverTree Lake?"

Uncharted isn't about RiverTree. It's about Jesus. We've been given the potential to impact so many people for Christ. But it all begins with you and me venturing into the Uncharted together.

Ready to see God do something spectacular,

*Joshua Little*



**October 2006**  
Launched at Lake  
High School



**Summer 2011**  
Moved to 2201 Lake  
Center St NW



**March 2015**  
Journey Building Initiative /  
moved into current space

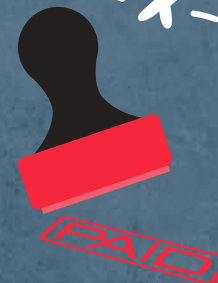


**Fall 2016**  
Established Strategic  
Community Partners

**September 2015**  
Josh (& Becky)  
hired as Lake  
Campus Pastor



**Spring 2017**  
Renovated  
outbuilding (barn)  
into student center



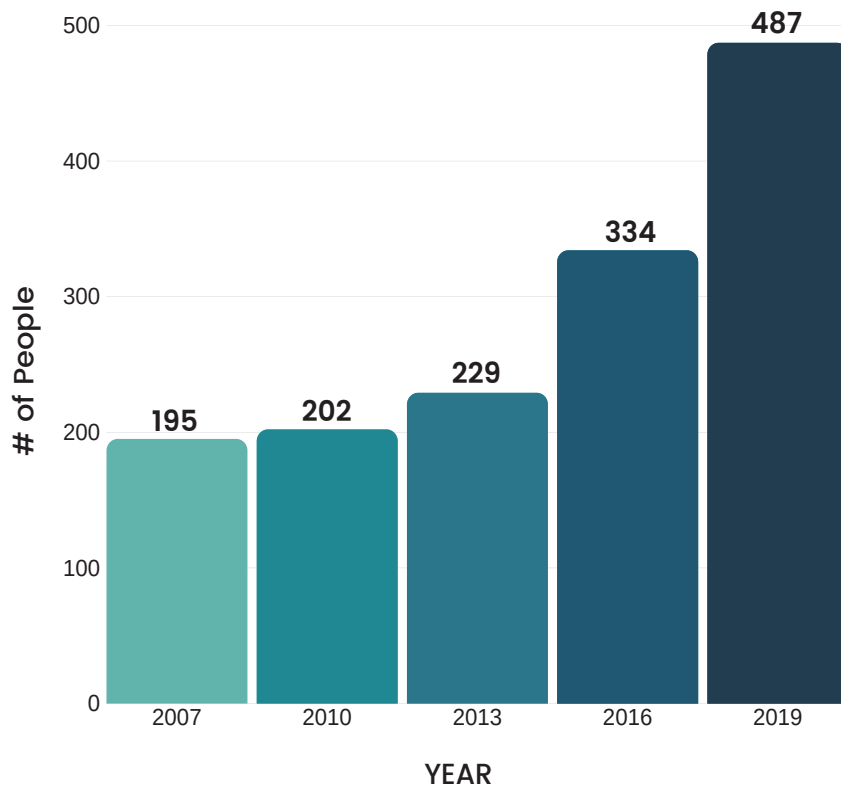
**Fall 2018**  
Paid off  
mortgage debt



**Fall 2019**  
Pull up anchor and begin  
Uncharted Initiative



## Weekly Average Attendance at RiverTree Lake



## GROWTH & HEALTH



**125**

Avg weekly attendance  
of children & students  
in 2019



**304**

Baptisms since  
2007



**95**

Average volunteers  
per weekend in  
2019

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# OVERVIEW

Over the next two years, we are trusting God to provide not only for our ongoing ministry at RiverTree Lake, but for the expansion needed to reach the community around us and beyond.

Join us on this journey as we boldly venture into the Uncharted and live out our faith in the following initiatives.

### BEYOND OURSELVES | \$1M

This represents our general ministry and operating budget over two years. We need to expand, strengthen and resource what we're already doing. And we must continue to invest in and develop our Children's Ministry, Student Ministry, Adult Discipleship Ministry, Worship Ministry and Outreach Ministry. These ministries are the backbone of who we are as a church.

### BEYOND OUR WALLS | \$1.5M

We want to venture into the Uncharted by extending and expanding our reach and influence as a church throughout our community. To do this we want to purchase and renovate 910 Sunnyside Street in Hartville. This will allow us to host a 500-seat worship center, add more parking and significantly increase our Children's and Student Ministries Spaces.

AS WE EMBARK ON OUR NEXT SEASON OF GENEROSITY  
TO DECLARE GOD AS NUMBER ONE IN OUR LIVES, WE'RE  
PRAYING AND ASKING HIM FOR:

### 100% OF US

to boldly trust God and  
have a life-changing  
generosity experience.

### \$2.5M IN GENEROSITY

over the next two years to further  
God's Kingdom by expanding  
and reaching the community  
around us and beyond.



# BEYOND OURSELVES

\$1M

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Vacation Bible School



Children & Student Ministries



Worship Ministry



Love Our Community Christmas



Adult Discipleship Ministry



Community Outreach





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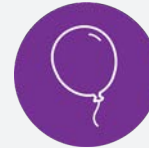
*Renderings of our future facility will be available by the end of October. In the meantime, here are examples of the kinds of spaces we envision in our future home.*



We will have double the sanctuary space of our current facility.



This location will provide 5x the parking.



The new space will provide 3x the childrens space.



And 4x the students space.



(ACTUAL SPACE)





GentleBrook is a not-for-profit organization that provides services and support for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and seniors. Since 1974, these services have included residential options, day habilitation, vocational training, employment options, sports training, and recreational programs.

In our partnership with GentleBrook, we will make an impact with seniors and those with special needs in our community in a way we never have before. This partnership will include mentorship programs, special events, and integration into our current programs.



# NEXT STEPS

## PRAY PERSISTENTLY

Pray that God will move in the hearts of His people at RiverTree Lake and that we will listen with the intent to obey. Pray huge, Uncharted, God-sized prayers for provision for ALL God desires to do through this initiative.

## COMMIT FULLY

Help reach our goal of 100% engagement by putting your Uncharted 'yes' on the altar and encouraging others to do the same.

## CELEBRATE LOUDLY

God is going to do amazing things in your life during this initiative. Share all that He is doing enthusiastically as He moves in us and through us.

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

Live and give in a way that stretches you to take your faith and generosity to Uncharted waters.



# GIVING JOURNEY

## INITIAL GIVER

An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

## CONSISTENT GIVER

A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give something and give it consistently to exercise the discipline of giving regularly. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the behavior of consistency. Non-online givers can be consistent givers as well of course; it just requires more discipline.

## INTENTIONAL GIVER

An Intentional Giver is someone who begins to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. For example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to AT&T than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize and spend their money. This may be the point of intentionality when someone begins to tithe, reflecting intentionally about a certain amount/percentage they want to give to God.

## SURRENDERED GIVER

A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes the cost Christ paid on the cross for us and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Surrendered Giver gives in a way that changes them. Their giving governs their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A Surrendered Giver isn't concerned with what they ARE giving but more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why. They seek to honor God with 100% of what He has given them, whether direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or a vehicle.

## ETERNAL GIVER

An Eternal Giver is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of month-to-month generosity or even year-to-year. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.



# ONE FUND INITIATIVE



What is a “one fund” initiative?

You may have been a part of church campaigns in the past during which you were asked to give a second gift ‘above and beyond’ your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible.

Normally, you gave that gift to the ‘Building Fund’ and you also continued to give offerings to the ‘General Fund.’ This type of giving is potentially confusing to people who either don’t have a baseline for their “usual giving” or who aren’t able to really celebrate the total giving they are engaging in at RiverTree Lake in one single number. We believe that it is all ONE MISSION that we’re on – the mission of **making disciples of Jesus one person, one family, one neighborhood at a time.** So we as a leadership have decided that we’re going to give our gifts to RiverTree Lake into one fund for this next season of ministry expansion – to celebrate the totality of our generosity growth as disciples of Jesus.

The Uncharted initiative will last for two years. In those two years, every gift that is given to RiverTree Lake will go to the key components of Uncharted: Beyond Ourselves and Beyond Our Walls. These areas are explained in detail in the pages of this booklet.

We’ve included a sample commitment card so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God. Please take time to think and pray through this, and then we will provide you with a new hard copy on Commitment Sunday, November 17.

\$

What I/we would normally give in a year  
(regular giving, special projects, missions, etc.)

+ \$

My/Our expanded annual generosity as  
part of the Uncharted initiative

= \$

x 2 years



\$

Gifts from my/our stored resources

+

## MY/OUR TOTAL 2-YEAR UNCHARTED COMMITMENT

\$

December 2019 – December 2021

Name

Phone

Email

*The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.”*

*“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

Genesis 12:1-3



# TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a tool. Allow it to inspire and challenge you towards greater generosity as we embark on the UNCHARTED initiative together.

GIFTS NEEDED	2-YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT OF	MONTHLY GIFT OF	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 10,417	\$ 250,000
1	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 150,000
2	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,167	\$ 200,000
3	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 3,125	\$ 225,000
4	\$ 65,000	\$ 32,500	\$ 2,708	\$ 260,000
5	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,083	\$ 250,000
7	\$ 35,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 1,458	\$ 245,000
8	\$ 25,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,042	\$ 200,000
10	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 625	\$ 150,000
15	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 417	\$ 150,000
20	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,750	\$ 313	\$ 150,000
25	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 208	\$ 125,000
MANY	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,250	\$ 104	\$ 145,000
TOTAL GIFT GOAL			\$ 2,500,000	

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**  
November 17

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

## WEEK 1

Uncharted Faith

## WEEK 2

Uncharted Trust

## WEEK 3

Uncharted Priorities

## WEEK 4

Uncharted Surrender

## WEEK 5

Uncharted Belief

## WEEK 6

Uncharted Legacy

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## God's Promise, Abram's Faith

1. What are some of the preconceived assumptions you have about money and the Church?
2. What is a negative experience you have had regarding giving in the Church?
3. What is a positive experience you have had regarding giving in the Church?

Read each Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided below before discussing together, as a means of encouraging all to participate more deeply.

1. How would you feel if God asked you to uproot your life—leave all that you're most familiar with—and with your family go and experience a great promise He had for you?
  - a. What would you be scared about?
  - b. What would you be excited about?

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2. God called Abraham (Abram at the time) to a life he could not yet see – to a path that was “Uncharted.” Have you given God a ‘blank check’ with your life? Do you allow Him to do with your life what He wishes to do? Or do you seek to ‘chart your own path?’

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3. To what do you look in order to ensure that your path tomorrow will be ok? Family? Friends? Money? Your career? Your talents and abilities? Where do you find your security in the present and for the future?

a. Are these things preventing you from truly being able to follow where God leads? How so?

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READ: *Colossians 1:3-14*

4. How would your generosity be affected if you had a full view in mind of what it looks like to truly follow God like Abraham and like Paul? What would giving generously in light of that actually mean?

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5. Do you feel you have already ‘arrived’ in the area of generosity, or do you still have room to grow?

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6. What would your story of generosity look like in order to create a witness that honors and draws more people to God during this Uncharted season?

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**Apply:**  
Look for an opportunity to step out in faith this week, even though you may not be able to see all the details. Converse with your group on what you feel God may be calling you into, through faith, and with a generous heart.

**Pray:**

- Pray that God would cultivate a spirit of willingness to step into Uncharted territories in your faith.
- Pray for God to reveal where you may be avoiding a heart of generosity in your life.

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2. Why do you think it was so important that God changed Abram's name?

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3. Do you ever feel you have been "named" by a situation of your past and that it limits your trust of God's promises for your future?

a. How might God be trying to "change your name" while He is leading you forward and asking you to trust Him?

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4. As you think about this Uncharted journey and specifically the Uncharted commitment God is asking you to make, what strongholds, situations, or "names" from your past are preventing you from trusting in God fully as you make this Uncharted commitment?

a. How can your friends, family, or One Community pray for you in this, that God would release this stronghold from you and "give you a new name" as He leads you into this new path for your future?

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### APPLY:

Think about the things in life you would say are the most valuable to you. I'm sure things like God, family and friends came to mind. But what does your time and money say you value most? There's bound to be things like time or money being spent on Netflix or Facebook / Instagram, eating out, the latest and greatest technology, etc. Would you be willing to consider giving up one of these "fillers" and replacing it with something that benefits the Kingdom of God? Maybe the replacement is reading the Bible in silence, playing games with your family, budgeting to bless your neighbors with a need, etc. Consider how God may be asking you to get rid of the old and embrace the new.

### PRAY:

- Ask God to remind you of the ways He has overcome circumstances in your life that you once called "impossible" or "insurmountable." Thank Him for meeting your needs in those moments.
- Pray for future obstacles that you or your family may face and ask that, despite the size of the situation, you would have faith that God is bigger.
- Pray for the Uncharted generosity initiative that we are embarking on. That although it is a bold initiative, RiverTree Lake would have faith in God and His provision over our church.



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3. In order for Abraham to be the generous man he was in this situation, he had to stay committed to following the ways of God. Do you feel you are committed to following the ways of God in terms of generosity? In what ways are you weak, uncommitted, or wavering?

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4. As you think about the priority of your generosity to God's Kingdom, do you feel you are committed to generosity above your other financial priorities? Another way to put this might be, does your level of spending/saving control your level of giving, or does your level of giving control your level of spending/saving? Be as honest as you possibly can.

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READ: *2 Corinthians 9:10-15*

5. Let's ask ourselves a convicting question: If you were God, would you give you more money? Why or why not?

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#### APPLY:

Evaluate the pattern of generosity in your life and consider your answer to the question, "If you were God, would you give you more money?" If generosity is an area where you have struggled, ask God to provide you a way to practice generosity this week. It may be supporting the Uncharted generosity initiative, giving your time through volunteering, or using your skillset or trade to bless a friend / neighbor. There is no shortage of need for generosity.

#### PRAY:

- Ask God to encourage you in the ways that you've practiced generosity and to convict you in the ways that you have not.



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anything given to us by God is OURS, not His. How does this passage remind you of things in your own life that you do not view completely surrendered to God but still as yours?

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3. What is preventing you from surrendering to God and His plan for your life in a way that seems Uncharted to you? What is preventing you from being fully surrendered to Him and trusting Him into the Uncharted?

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4. Do you believe God can and WILL do something THROUGH you and IN you during this Uncharted season? How do you think God is seeking to use you and your resources in a way that brings glory to Him and shines light on His name, even when you may not know the specific path ahead? He is asking you to trust Him and surrender to Him. Will you?

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READ: *Hebrews 12:1-3*

5. To run the race with Christ means committing to it and not growing weary. Jesus gave His life for us because of the joy set before Him in heaven. When you think about your response to that type of sacrifice and Jesus’ call upon our lives to run the race as we are “surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” how does that influence your thoughts regarding your Uncharted commitment and the impact it might have?

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6. The fact that Jesus humbled Himself by succumbing to a human death and becoming the ultimate sacrifice for our sins demands a response from us. What will your response be? Surrendering your life to Jesus is not just about agreeing to follow Him; it is about actually following Him. Following His example and living as He did. If someone who didn’t know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you are surrendered to? Would that statement be true about you? Or is there something that needs to be explained or modified as you think about this Uncharted season ahead?

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### APPLY:

Evaluate your relationship with God this week. Do you see a consistent willingness to live your life to complete God's commands like the Great Commission, loving your neighbor, caring for the weak, etc.? If not, maybe something is in the way and God is asking you to remove it. Consider asking God what it may be in your life that He is asking you to remove? Addictions, unforgiveness, anger, resentment, etc.?

### PRAY:

- Express your gratefulness to God for His generosity in your life; ultimately that He would give His one and only Son to ensure your salvation.
- Pray that God would show you where your faith is small, then ask Him to grow your faith in Him.

*Pray over your commitment as you prepare  
to bring your card forward on  
Commitment Sunday, November 17.*

*Prayer is the most important thing  
in this whole process, and prayer is what  
gives us the bold heart of Christ within us.*

*Now let's do this, RiverTree Lake.*

*Let's be people who are boldly trusting Him  
into the Uncharted!*





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## Tested Faith

1. Have you ever been the only person who believed something when no one else did?
2. Would you consider yourself a person of belief or a person who struggles with unbelief?
3. What is one hope, one prayer you have for RiverTree Lake as we embark on this two-year Uncharted journey? Write these down as a group as we prepare to make our commitments this weekend.

Read each Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided below before discussing together, as a means of encouraging all to participate more deeply.

1. Something to remember as we talk about this story is that Jesus had not come yet as an atoning sacrifice for the world. When Jesus came and the gospel story was fulfilled, He literally paid for the sins of the whole world – of every single woman and man – so that people in cities would not have to be destroyed by God as a result of their sin. But God uses stories in the Old Testament like this one with Abraham and Sodom to remind us it is important for us to pray big, bold prayers, believing God will act on our prayers in accordance with His word.
  - a. Would you say you are a person of big belief in what God can do? Do you pray big, bold prayers?

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2. This Uncharted journey is not about raising 2.5 million dollars. Any of us who still think that have totally missed the point. This Uncharted journey is about 100% of us going before God and determining what a big, bold, believing faith, a humble spirit, and a sacrificing heart looks like as it relates to our generosity. It is about 100% of us laying it on the line for God and holding nothing back.

- a. Is this what you are doing for Uncharted? Is this how you have been thinking about your giving and your sacrifice? Are you going to believe God will use you to navigate people to Him in ways He has never done before in your life? Reflect on this and share your heart, thoughts, nervousness, excitement, prayers with your group.

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3. How can your One Community pray for you as you make your Uncharted commitment this upcoming weekend?

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4. Big, bold, humble, sacrificial prayers are what move mountains for God. Write some of those big prayers of belief you have for RiverTree Lake in the next two years. Write them out, and then pray with your group about each one in a bold, believing fashion, believing God can and will fulfill these prayers in accordance with His Word.

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READ: *Ephesians 3:14-21*

5. List your current financial commitments – those which go beyond a one-time payment and have a time duration to them. Examples would be a home mortgage, a lease agreement, a car loan, a cell phone contract, your child's tuition for school, your own tuition for school, etc

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6. List the commitment you are planning to make for the Uncharted initiative.

- a. Where does it fall in the priority of these other commitments?
- b. Do you need to change one or more of these other commitments to be able to fulfill your Uncharted commitment?
- c. Do you have a current financial commitment hindering you from making a sacrificial commitment?



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7. If someone who didn't know you looked at your financial commitments, what would they say you value?

- a. Would that statement be true about you? Or is there something that needs to be explained or modified?

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8. "Choose this day whom you will serve." (Joshua 24:15). Choose to make your giving to God the type of priority you want it to be. What will that mean for your Uncharted commitment?

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9. If you keep this commitment over the next two years, what spiritual change will occur in you?

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10. How will you leverage this change to influence others such as your children, your co-workers, your friends, your family, people in your circles of influence?

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#### APPLY:

Evaluate your relationship with God this week, and see what steps you need to take to grow your faith in Christ. Those steps could look like reading the Bible, praying, serving others, or asking a mature believer to mentor you.

#### PRAY:

- Ask God to bring you situations that will stretch your faith and prompt you to pray big, bold prayers.
- Pray that God would enter into every area of your life and that nothing would be withheld from His influence.



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## Abraham's Legacy

1. How would you define the word "legacy?"
2. If you could look back on your life, what would a positive legacy look like? What would a negative legacy look like?

Read each Scripture passage below and discuss the questions as a group. You may want to have each group member journal their answer first in the lines provided below before discussing together, as a means of encouraging all to participate more deeply.

1. What are some details in this chapter that really challenged you?

## What questions do you have?

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3. Can you think of a time in your life when you were being asked to have faith and it was extremely difficult to persevere?

- a. What was the impact of your faith?
- b. Can you imagine if you would have just given up? What would you have lost out on? Growth, faith, maturity, closeness with God, legacy?

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4. What life do you want to look back on? One where you persevered in faith or one where you gave up whenever things got tough?

- a. Why? What motivates you to leave a legacy of faith behind?

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5. What impact has RiverTree Lake had on you and your family?

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6. If we are to accomplish our goals of the Uncharted journey (first, 100% participation and second, raising 2.5 million dollars), can you imagine the great legacy God could leave through our church?

- a. What are your hopes and dreams for what God could accomplish through RiverTree Lake if we meet our Uncharted goals through His provision?

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*READ: Hebrews 11:6-19*

7. Hebrews 11 is known as the Faith Hall of Fame. Who in this chapter sticks out to you as a great example of faith? Why? How did their situation require great faith?

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8. What were some of the legacies that those mentioned left?

- a. When you think about people like Noah and Abraham, were they perfect? Did they ever leave a bad legacy?

b. Do you believe that despite your mistakes you too could leave a legacy of faith?

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9. How important is it to you to leave a great legacy? What are some steps you could take this week to work towards a greater legacy? How could you take this week to work towards a greater legacy?

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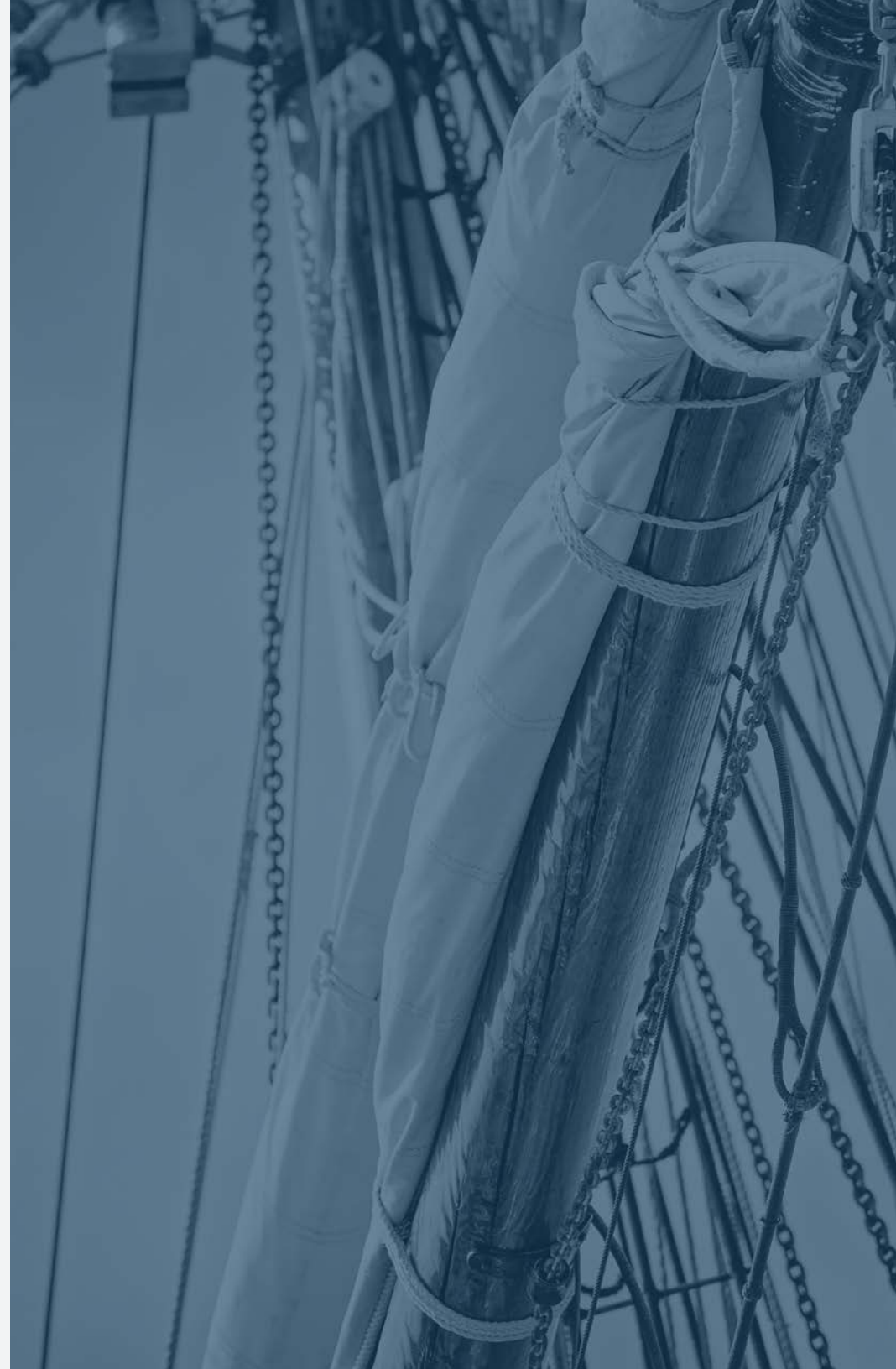
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#### APPLY:

Commit yourself to a life that will leave a great legacy. Ask God to reveal one step you can take this week towards that commitment. This next step could be something like reading the Bible more regularly, spending more intentional time in prayer, making a sacrifice in a specific relationship, practicing generosity like never before, or asking a mature believer to mentor you. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in this process.

#### PRAY:

- Express your gratefulness to God for His generosity in your life; ultimately that He would give His one and only Son to ensure your salvation.
- Pray that God would show you where your faith is small, then ask Him to grow your faith in Him.





# UNCHARTED FAMILY GUIDE

## KIDS | STUDENTS

Throughout this series our kids and students will explore the same stories of bold trust. Parents – be sure to take time each week to interact with your family as you all learn from these biblical stories of sacrifice.

### UNCHARTED MEMORY VERSE:

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” 1 Timothy 6:18

### UNCHARTED LIFE APPLICATION:

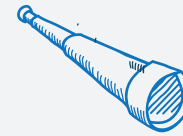
Generosity – What is the gift that I can give?

### UNCHARTED BASIC TRUTH:

I Can Trust God No Matter What

**COMMITMENT DATE FOR THK & SM**

**November 10**



## KIDS

### Week 1

Bible Story: Uncharted Faith (Call of Abram)

Genesis 12 • Bottom Line: I Can Follow God No Matter What

### Week 2

Bible Story: Uncharted Trust (The Promise of Isaac)

Genesis 15 & 17 • Bottom Line: God Keeps His Promises

### Week 3

Bible Story: Uncharted Priorities (Abraham and Lot Separate)

Genesis 13 • Bottom Line: God Takes Care Of Me

### Week 4

Bible Story: Uncharted Surrender (The Widow's Offering)

Mark 12:41-44 • Bottom Line: God Loves When I Give From My Heart

### Week 5

Bible Story: Uncharted Belief (The Lost Sheep)

Luke 15:1-7 • Bottom Line: God's Grace Is For Everyone

### Week 6

Bible Story: Uncharted Legacy (Abraham is Rewarded for His Obedience)

Genesis 22 & Hebrews 11 • Bottom Line: God Has The Best Plan For Me



## MIDDLE SCHOOL | HIGH SCHOOL

Week 1: Faith: Call of Abram | Genesis 12

Week 2: Trust: God's Covenant Promise | Genesis 15

Week 3: Priorities: Abraham & Lot | Genesis 13

Week 4: Surrender: Abraham & Isaac | Genesis 22

Week 5: Belief: Intercession for Sodom | Genesis 18

Week 6: Legacy: Abraham's Legacy | Genesis 22 & Hebrews 11

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# FAQ

## **If we are committing to Uncharted, how does this change my giving to missions, the general fund, and other special offerings?**

During this two-year period, every contribution to God through RiverTree Lake is a contribution to our Uncharted initiative. Every aspect of the ministry vision God is calling us towards for the next two years will be funded through Uncharted. There will not be separate funds. Every gift made will go into the same fund and will be our Uncharted giving. Therefore, every weekend becomes a day to celebrate and contribute towards what God is doing in us and through us as we go beyond ourselves and beyond our walls!

## **What are you asking me to do?**

First and foremost we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says. Engage in a One Community during this season, if you haven't already engaged in one. Engage in personal reflection with God in the Uncharted Booklet you will be receiving. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life. We are asking that you make a commitment to gospel-driven, Jesus-centered generosity – whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow His leading. Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. It is an awesome God that we serve, and He is going to move in huge ways as we anticipate an unprecedented impact from our collective Uncharted commitments – something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 17, and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and for our own faith.

## **Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give more towards Uncharted?**

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards

Uncharted. You might have some stocks, property, or other items of that nature. Or you may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Tracy Preston at [prestont@rivertreechristian.com](mailto:prestont@rivertreechristian.com) to make a gift of this type.

## **How long is my commitment?**

We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with our First Big Give on Sunday, December 8, 2019 and it will culminate in December of 2021.

## **What if I don't have a job right now? What does that mean for my Uncharted commitment?**

Uncharted is about your total, faith-filled, surrendered generosity to God's mission through RiverTree Lake. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, and that looks different for every person. Uncharted is about a heart change – one that is only accomplished by surrendering our lives completely over to God in this area of giving. So that may mean that you are being challenged to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith by making a commitment that you don't quite know how to fulfill right now but that you believe God will provide for as you seek for ways to sacrifice and work towards that commitment. We would love for 100% of us to be a part of Uncharted so that we can all be supporting, loving, encouraging, and praying for one another through this spiritually-stretching season at RiverTree Lake.

## **What if I am severely in debt right now? Am I still supposed to give?**

If you are someone currently seeking to make payments to pay off debt right now, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and/or to recommend a budgeting class that might minister to you. Being in debt does not, however, make someone "excused" from giving. Giving isn't about what

God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. So it should be our joy and privilege to give at all times. Please contact us if you need assistance with this or if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor, and we would be honored to help.

### **What if I have never even given to RiverTree Lake before?**

Uncharted was crafted specifically with you in mind. Uncharted is a “one fund” generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving – thus creating two steps for people who aren't yet giving. Uncharted is a call to surrendered, faith-filled generosity for absolutely everyone at RiverTree Lake. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a committed sacrifice. We really hope you will.

### **What if I am new around here?**

Uncharted is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards, and we would really love for you to make RiverTree Lake your home and join us in Uncharted. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. We need you on the team!

### **What if I haven't been baptized yet?**

Great question. People take different spiritual steps at different times. Some people begin praying before they begin attending church. Others begin going to a One Community before they begin talking to God in prayer. Giving is another spiritual step, and it comes at different times for different people. One thing is for sure, however. Just like other spiritual disciplines, giving draws us closer to God. And God is calling ALL of us to give. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19) Whether you have taken the spiritual step of baptism or whether you haven't yet, we would encourage you to still join us in this Uncharted initiative. We firmly believe that it will draw you closer to God and hopefully to a place where you are ready to make the decision to become baptized and to surrender your life to the Lordship of Christ.

