

Opening Worship Set

Multiply Video

Welcome, Summit Church! Hello to all of our campuses.

It's a great day today, because today we are **celebrating what God has done** through our Multiply commitments **and we are kicking off** what will begin a two-year journey of growth with God as he multiplies DEEP the spiritual growth within us and multiplies WIDER both in our community and in our world our impact for the gospel.

- How the Holy Spirit led us in this...

If you are a guest with us here today, you picked an AWESOME day to come because today we are celebrating as a church all that God has done through this journey we have been in called Multiply.

- Two weekends ago, many of us committed by faith to live generosity and give sacrificially for the next two years so that we can expand our mission of loving God, loving each other, and loving our world.
- Listen, by God's grace, we are a church that is not content with being comfortable or being complacent. We want our lives on earth to matter... and we want to take significant steps of faith, like Abraham, that will allow God to MULTIPLY his gospel through us on earth.

Ok, so are you guys ready to hear some of the results of what God did in our Multiply commitments?

You might remember our **primary goal** in our Multiply initiative was that 100% of us would seek God for what he would have us do and that 100% of us would make a commitment to giving God, by faith, our **first and our best** for the next two years. Well, I have some exciting numbers to share with you...

The first number I want to share with you is our **first-time givers** to Multiply. This is an incredible number, and this represents the number of people who made a commitment to God through Multiply who have never given to The Summit Church before. This number is...

- 881 families committed to give for the 1st time! Could we thank God for them?

The second number I want to share with you is the total number **MULTIPLY faith commitments**. These do not include the ones turned in by our kids, just adults or students. That number is...

- 2411, representing somewhere around 6000 people here at the Summit Church...

This is a huge start to our primary goal of 100% offering to God their 1st and best over the next two years.

Ok... So are you ready for the total number? Keep in mind it is just the **secondary goal**. And that number is...

First, let me explain a few things behind the number. This number is based on the Multiply commitments we've received plus expected gifts we anticipate receiving over the next two years. (We have this formula we use that is really conservative and pretty accurate—we used it last time).

And that number is...

Well, next let me remind you that I had put forward the goal of \$50 million. **A little backstory.** Our financial consultants had told us that really, **45 million was an extremely aggressive goal** and really should be our goal.

- **CONSIDER THIS:** Just five short years ago, 2010, our annual giving was only \$8M.
- By God's grace, through our ALL-IN initiative, our annual giving grew to \$16.5M per year. **Which means that without Multiply, we expected to take in about \$33M as a church.**
- That's why the financial consultants told us that **45 million** would be extremely aggressive and that's what we should shoot for, but we really felt like we needed \$50 to do what God was calling us to do. So we trusted God.

So how did we do? Well, to share our number with you, I thought I would invite some of our Summit Church members from each one of our campuses to come on stage and help (some churches do bricks; we prefer people, because that's what this is about).

Could you guys come on out? Let's welcome them.

STORIES, TURN THEIR NUMBER AROUND

\$55,609,835. Praise God!

Does this not completely blow your mind and show you what God has planned for this church? Are you not so excited that you get to be a part of it?

- With this number we believe comes a promise that we can depend on God to show us how to use it for multiplication.
 - He's the only one who can build his church.
- Again I ask, Can you believe you get to be a part of this? God is turning the Triangle upside down for the gospel and using us to multiply the gospel in unreached people groups around the world.

Our goal is still to...

- Baptize 50,000 people
- Launch 100 community blessing ministries
- Plant 1000 churches, send out 5000
- The Lord Jesus has said to us... Psalm 2:8

Thank you ALL for taking huge steps of faith for the mission of God. I cannot wait to see what God does he multiplies love and commitment DEEP within us and Multiplies our impact in the Triangle and around the world WIDE through us.

Prayers (J.D. closes on knees...)

First Big Give

*So we are now going to **kick-off this two-year journey** by collecting our first offering. Everyone grab your Multiply **First Big Give envelope** from your chair. Put that envelope in your hand and hold it. If you're here with your spouse, grab one together.*

Today we are praying that this might be the LARGEST offering The Summit Church has ever received in a single day, and we are praying for how this will also help us with some significant giving towards our Multiply initiatives for our campuses. We are already in a great spot, and we cannot wait to see what God will do through our collective gifts today.

Veronica and I are giving a gift today that will be a very significant gift for us to The Summit Church, and we could not be more excited about it. I know many of the rest of you are doing the same, and I invite ALL of us to join in this Multiply First Big Give Offering. I've been told that already through this offering we've received some of the largest gifts we've ever had at The Summit Church.

I want us to PRAY over what God is going to do with our collective gifts today because this is one of the largest steps of faith many of us have ever taken.

- *2 Cor 9:10–11, 'God will multiply your seed for sowing... you will be enriched in every way...'*

One clarification note: This is our regular offering. There's not another one later in the service. You see, from this point forward, all that you give, whether you put it in an envelope or not, or give online (which is how I give), goes toward Multiply. Multiply encompasses everything that is given to the church for the next 2 years, and it starts now!

- So, again, this is the regular offering. (You say, "Why are you belaboring this? Because some of you are going to come up to me with a check and say, "When was the offering?" I'm going to say, I told you, twice... so, again, this is the regular offering.
- All offerings from this point on are Multiply offerings; this is just the first)

Prayer.

Invite ushers to come. Invite people to reflect on 2 Cor 9:11, pray and give...