

**Community Church of Greenwood
2019 Plans**

Theme: Breaking New Ground

Rationale: This year we have focused on Gospel Renewal, inviting our people to be transformed from the inside out through our study of Paul’s letters and the gospel of John. Our premise has been that the more clearly we see Jesus, the more clearly we can see ourselves and our circumstances. In 2019, we want to build from this foundation and turn our focus outward and “break new ground.” While we will continue to work on personal spiritual growth, we will be more intentional in our efforts to look outward and build the Kingdom. In our discipleship efforts, for instance, we will focus not just on “making disciples,” but on “making disciples who make disciples.” The environments we cultivate—from our Sunday morning and other larger corporate gatherings to our various smaller group environments—will have an end goal of helping our people at various places in their spiritual journey move forward in this process of multiplication.

Theme Verse: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” **Joshua 1:9**

God’s command to Joshua to cross the Jordan and step into the promised land, to “break new ground,” comes with the two-fold promise that

1. **God will be with them.** He will work **in** them to not only give them the strength to overcome their enemies, but he will work in them to develop their faith and character.
2. **God will work through them wherever they go.** God will guide them, working **through** them to accomplish His purposes and reveal His glory.

As we frame the year, around the theme of “breaking new ground,” we will identify for our people two focused personal challenges.

1. **How is God “breaking new ground” in you?**
 - How specifically is He working in you—as a disciple of Jesus—to develop your faith and your character? (Colossians 1:28-29)
 - What new knowledge do you need to learn? (2 Peter 1:5-9)
 - What new habits—spiritual disciplines—do you need to practice? (Romans 12:1-2)
2. **How is God “breaking new ground” through you?**
 - Who are you discipling? (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
 - What relational environment for discipleship are you engaged in? (Hebrews 10:24)

- Where is God leading you to serve and have impact for the Kingdom?
(Ephesians 2:10)

Sermon Series: Our teaching for the year will focus primarily on the Old Testament for a variety of reasons:

- Our congregation needs a broader view of scripture, specifically on how the Old and New Testaments fit together in a Christ-centered way
- The Old Testament narratives of Joshua, Nehemiah, and Ruth provide narrative structures with real people and real conflicts that will help our people connect the truth of scripture to their own lives
- The Psalms provide a powerful “prayer journal” in the context of real life that will help our people process their own experiences and grow in their own prayer lives
- The Book of Hebrews is an explicit look back at how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament promises, while also providing practical teaching on living daily by faith

Seasonal Overview

Season 1: Winter/Spring

The Book of Joshua: From Here To There—1/13-3/3 (8 weeks)

The Book of Nehemiah: Restoration Is Real—3/10-4/21 (Easter) (7 weeks)

The Book of Ruth: When God Moves--4/28-5/26 (5 weeks)

Season 2: Summer

Summer In the Psalms 6/2-9/1 (14 weeks)

Season 3: Fall

The Book of Hebrews: Fulfillment—9/8-11/24 (12 weeks)

Christmas Series—12/1-12/22 (4 weeks)

Small Groups

Our groups will continue to be aligned to the scripture and thematic content from the pulpit. We will continue to build on the scripture processing, life sharing, and spiritual discipline practices from the John series. As we “break new ground” in 2019, we will also focus on equipping our people to reach out and have sustained spiritual influence on others.