

1. What are we doing?

As faithful disciples of Jesus, we are all called to intentionally form relationships in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities to reach the lost and serve others. To make that easier, we will begin spreading out across the city. In addition to 4900 Providence Road, we anticipate over time having people meeting in various locations. We first plan to partner with a local YMCA, school, or community center to provide another meeting place.

2. Why are we doing this?

During a strategic planning session last February, God laid it on the hearts of our leaders to find new ways to “GO”, to take Good News to hurting people in our community. While we do that today through LifeGroups, our Community Care partnerships, and each of us individually within our corner of the world, we believe having various meeting locations will be a catalyst to help draw people to Jesus. Some of us drive 30 minutes or more to come to 4900 on a Sunday, but it is hard to invite a friend or neighbor and expect a guest to make that same trip.

3. Why are we doing this now?

After several months of prayer and discernment, it became clear God is calling us to fearlessly and boldly act in faith to make disciples throughout the city. We are taking this step in obedience to that calling.

4. Where will we go?

We will initially look at partnering with a location in the southern half of the city since that is where many of our members currently live. We want to make it easy for guests to choose to join us.

5. When will this start?

There is much to do to prepare, but we anticipate our first meeting at another location might be this fall or early next year. Starting other locations will occur as God directs in the future.

6. What will go on at these sites?

We will hold worship services (similar to our 11:00am service at 4900), classes, and serve the local community. LifeGroups and Discipleship Groups will spread. Other ministries will be developed as each situation requires. We expect Matt will preach on most Sundays, either live or via video. Worship will be led by someone onsite.

7. Who is going?

It will be important for those who begin meeting elsewhere to be prepared to work hard. There will be much to be done, in the community, and to handle logistics for meeting in a location we don't own. We anticipate announcing a Campus Minister soon who will be the onsite coordinator, working with the location, and facilitating the various activities. Some may be asked to go because of their particular gifts. We anticipate the core group who switch to the new location will be a few dozen families.

8. Is this a church plant?

No, we will be one church in multiple locations. We have only one eldership. Decisions made will consider and affect all locations.

9. Why Fearless for the City?

In every letter Paul writes to churches, he mentions their city. Our calling is to be fearless in following Jesus for the sake of the city in which we live. We believe God wants us to win the city of Charlotte for Christ, and we'll need to be fearless in order to do so.