

The Road Launch

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Video about The Road

Antiphonal Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

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(All) 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.¹

Announce:

- Join The Road blog and EBlast: theroadcs@gmail.com
- **War Room**, a new movie, Friday night at 7:30. You can pick up tickets in the lobby

Date: Friday, **August 28th**

Showtime: **7:20pm**

Location: **Regal Interquest Stadium 14 theater**

- Details (may not need to use all this...): **Buy your family's tickets online**, and meet at 7pm outside the theater to get seats

¹ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Eph 2:19–22). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- **Wholeheart Advance, a spiritual boot camp for men, only 3 weeks away! Come and bring an ally with you! There are few spots still open**
- Right after the service:
 - Open House for the Library downstairs and refreshments in the lobby
 - Bunker with information on each ministry in the lobby
 - Refreshments for you to enjoy

Message

Theme: The Road, a Discipleship Training Center to Build on the life, teaching, power of JESUS!

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Everything at The Road is about Jesus! Jesus is our cornerstone!
Jesus is our Foundation

- Jesus is the maker of heaven and earth
- by Him all things were created that are in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
- He is the Son of God, He is the Alpha and Omega
- Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation
- He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Eph 2:19–22). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- Jesus is the One true Human
- Jesus is fully God and fully man
- All the fullness of God dwells in Him
- Jesus is the Servant; He is a Man acquainted with sorrows;
- Jesus is the Good Shepherd; He is the Prince of Peace
- Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor; He is the Lion of Judah
- Jesus is the Dragon Slayer; He is the Sinless Savior
- Jesus has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom His love
- Jesus is the Resurrection and the life
- In Jesus, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
- Jesus is the sinners friend
- He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- Jesus is the Great High Priest who stands before the father and prays for each of us
- Jesus is the king of kings and Lord of lords
- Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and no one can come to the Father but through Him
 - His grace is unending
 - His forgiveness is without limits
 - His love is glorious
 - His love is marvelous;
 - His love is generous;
 - His love is matchless;
 - His love is priceless
- We believe that Jesus is coming back!
 - He first came as a humble servant and He is coming again as the Lord of the universe
 - He will come again riding on a white horse to judge the living and the dead
- Jesus said, “Come and follow Men and will make you fishers of men”

- This is why The Road was planted. This is why The Road was established by Jesus.
- We are a church Built on Jesus as our cornerstone:
 - By Jesus,
 - To Build disciples of Jesus,
 - For the glory of Jesus
- Jesus said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.³
- You are not a stranger or alien—you were created by Jesus to be engrafted into a Body, the body of Christ
- Even as our world is moving closer to the rise of the Anti-christ upon the earth; even as we see the rise of evil upon the earth, we will need each other, we need a body of believers we can trust and discover allies through

We are building a dwelling place of “Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus”

- What we mean by “wholehearted” is loving, worshipping, following, and living with our whole heart
- Discovering how to live real, authentic, loving lives from our whole heart
- Most people live half-hearted lives because of undealt with sin and undealt with pain

³ *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Mt 28:18–20). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- We want to move into the heart and discover the depths of what Jesus meant when he said, “love Me with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength”

The Church is designed by God to be Multi-generational

- This is not a church just for adults, but for all ages, and not to baby sit but to impart into our children how to be a disciple of Jesus
- From the cradle to the grave, we are building wholehearted disciples

We believe that Children Matter to God

- Maybe because I have had so many, Liz and I believe that children, and how they are raised and discipled at an early age, matters to God and to them!
- We believe that the primary purpose of the home and the family is to be a training center
- Jesus wants us to build a training center for discipleship for our children, for our youth, for your young adults, for all of us
- Jesus said that we must become like children to enter the kingdom of God and thus He gave us His opinion of children, that their simple faith, their simple love for Jesus would be a model to us of the kind of faith we must have
- Liz leads our children’s ministry, called NexGen...

Liz comes up to share about NexGen

(After Liz) We believe in building disciples among our Middle School youth. Ryan Styre, our new Associate Pastor is launching a ministry to our Middle school youth...

Video of children’s ministry

Ryan comes up to share. Flagship. Show graphic of Flagship

(after Ryan) Daniel Holt is our Youth Director and this Thursday, he begins Teleios, our ministry to our High School youth...

Daniel comes up to share. Teleios. Show graphic of Teleios

(after Daniel) Robin Hawk is our Women's Discipleship Director and she is going to share what we are starting among our women, called "Shine" ...

Robin comes up to share. Shine. I think Robin will have a graphic of Shine

(after Robin) At The Road we disciple in several unique ways:

So, you can see the flow our Training Center (show graphic of flow, army boots graphic:

NexGen Jr→NexGen→Flagship→Teleios)

- We disciple through D Groups, which are groups of 2-3 men and women who meet during the week, read the Bible and pray for each other. We will share more about D Groups in the coming weeks
- D Groups will start after the Wholeheart Advance
- We disciple through special gatherings, our first gathering is with men!
- Personally, as Pastor Teacher of The Road, God has called me to disciple men
- Ex. While on a prayer walk last year God spoke to me, "Steve, you are a lover of God and creation, and a disciple of men"

- It was because of that word that we are launching our first conference for men at Ponderosa Conference and Retreat Center, this fall, Sept 10-13th.
- The vision is to build men who are “wholehearted lovers of God and men”, who are “wholehearted worshippers and warriors of Jesus”

Worship (4-5 songs) led by Matthew Ward

Final thoughts:

- While on the earth Jesus asked this question: “Who do you say that I am?”
- That is why The Road exists. That is why you are here tonight. Who do you say that Jesus is?
- Would you want to come to Jesus tonight and become His disciple. We are all disciples of someone or something.
 - Some of us are ESPN disciples
 - Some of us are music disciples
 - Some of us are work out disciples—we live to stay in shape
 - Some of us are TV program disciples
 - Some of us are Work disciples—we live for our work
 - Some of us are 401k disciples—we live for our wealth and security
 - Some of us are recreational disciples—we live for our fishing, hunting, golf, hiking, boating, and time off
 - **But Jesus said, “Come and follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”. Let me challenge you tonight to come and follow Jesus, all the way, to live for Him, to love Him, to be His disciple!!**