

Message from the Elders Board

During the December Elders meeting we broke off into accountability partners and discussed two questions that are worth contemplating: 1) How pure and pleasing in God's eyes are your relationships with others? 2) What rituals, intentional actions or investments do you plan to make this Christmas that will deepen your relationship with Christ?

We also took time to read through the story of the birth of Jesus and how it came about through Mary and Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25. We talked about the courage and faithfulness that Joseph exhibited when he had every right, under Jewish law, to disgrace Mary for the unexpected pregnancy. Joseph chose to trust and obey and as a result he was given the gift and honour to name and raise Jesus. What gift has God placed at your feet that requires your obedience?

RockPointers have really stepped up and supported the financial needs of our church. Thank you for giving to the work that God is doing at RockPointe and we encourage you to continue to be generous here and to those around you.

Our Property Stewardship Team (PST) has been working hard on all potential avenues regarding our Westhills land. A recent conversation with a local developer has clarified their desire for a partnership on our existing land block and they have provided RPC with a "Letter of Understanding" detailing their proposal. The PST and board members will continue to evaluate opportunities such as this. We ask you to pray for wisdom on what God would have us do in this area.

The board has been reading through the book *No Silver Bullets* by Daniel Im and spent part of our meeting discussing some of the key concepts and ideas that are presented. A primary component of the discussion centered around a shift in our discipling perspective from "Destination" driven to "Direction". This shift pushes us away from a focus on what we achieve, what we know and our observable behaviours as disciples, toward a view of discipling that shows maturity as an ongoing process without an endpoint this side of eternity. This entails that we are always being disciplined, and requires that we are always discipling others. More of this concept will be discussed by the Elders at our upcoming retreat where we will build on our plans for 2019 and beyond. Please pray for the Elders as we meet here in Calgary on January 18 & 19 for our retreat.

We ended the meeting in prayer for our staff, specifically identifying needs that can only be provided by our Father. Please do the same as you sit in your own quiet time.

Yours in Christ,

Sean Miller,
Elders Board Secretary



