

## SUPPER CLUB



# 2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT AND GUIDE TO COMMUNION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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# COME TO THE TABLE

In 2018, Supper Club began with a simple question:

*"How can our community meet Jesus in a more profound, genuine, and powerful way?"*

What started as monthly dinners and honest prayer among young professionals and university students has grown—by God's grace—into a church community that shares life, multiplies disciples, and lives sent. By January 2021, in partnership with the SEND Network, our gatherings became weekly. And now, in 2025, we are more convinced than ever: Jesus still meets people around the table.

This report is a reflection of our journey—where we've been, what God is doing, and how He's leading.

You'll read about the values that shape us (pg. 9), stories from 2024 that stirred our hearts (pgs. 5–20), and the growing impact of discipleship, community meals, student outreach, and missions work—from the streets of Edmonton to homes in Southeast Asia (pg. 14). You'll hear from our Board of Elders (pg. 11), learn about our approach to financial stewardship (pg. 13), and be invited into a vision of everyday people becoming everyday evangelists (pg. 17-18; 21-22).

Whether it's a small group Bible study, pizza with students, or a prayer walk across city blocks, we believe Jesus is present and inviting His people to gather, share, serve, and be sent.

However you're reading this -- whether a long-time partner or wondering *"what's a Supper Club?"* Here, you'll find stories of answered prayers, new beginnings, and lives transformed—not by programs or performances, but by simple acts of obedience and radical hospitality.

There is room at the table, and we saved you a seat.  
Let's break bread, give thanks, and do it again.



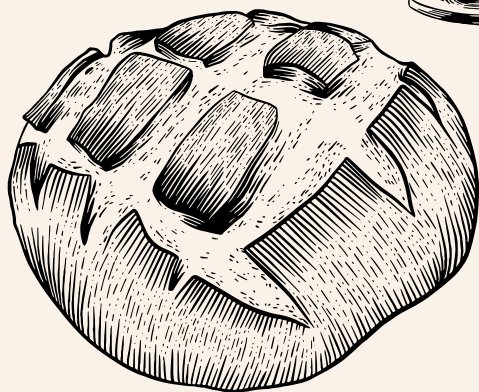
**‘GO OUT QUICKLY TO THE STREETS AND LANES OF THE CITY... COMPEL PEOPLE TO COME IN, THAT MY [GREAT BANQUET AND] HOUSE MAY BE FILLED.’**

**ESV, LUKE 14:21B-23**

# EUCHARIST: a liturgy

## WHAT IS COMMUNION?

Communion (also known as the Lord Supper or *Eucharist* -- from the Greek word for thanksgiving) is a Christian practice intended to demonstrate the Lordship of Jesus among His disciples. We practice a lifestyle of communion out of gratitude, reminded of how Jesus demonstrates His love and because we want to see him return!



## PREPARE THE 'ELEMENTS'

01.

*When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat... Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.* (ESV, 1 Cor 11:20,28-29)

Paul reminds us to think about our community. As Jesus' sacrifice unites His body -- the Church, we are to be united. Preparation is not limited to self-examination, but a further encouragement to care for others. Whether it's juice and wafers or soda and pizza, more important than what is inside the cup or the brand of cracker, is what is inside our hearts. Prepare what is available to you, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal barriers to unity on your heart?

## HEART CHECK

02.

*For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* (ESV, 1 Cor 11:23-24)

As your mind is brought to a place of relationship with others. Considering your relationship with Jesus and remembering the cross, how do you feel that Jesus' body was broken for you? In your own words, tell Jesus what it means to you that he died for you. Afterwards, eat (or partake) of what you have to remember His body.





## AN ACTIVE PROMISE

03.

*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (ESV, 1 Cor 11:25-26)*

A covenant is an unbreakable promise. Jesus died for humanity, so that God could restore a promise which we broke when we made others more important than him. The blood demonstrates that relationships are sacrificially important to God (this is love), and when we partake of Jesus' blood, we are promising to demonstrate relationships are important to us too. Before drinking the cup, how will you proclaim God's promise to others?

## COMMUNION QUESTIONS

### ***Who can partake of communion at Supper Club?***

At Supper Club, we practice an invitational communion. We believe that communion is a mandated event among disciples (along with baptism), while observing that one of the many ways Jesus loved people was by eating with them.

Demonstrated by the lengths he went to prepare His disciples (even one who would betray him) by washing their feet prior to the Last Supper (in John 13).

Jesus invited people to eat with him, and as His disciples, we proclaim His love by eating with one another and inviting others to do the same.


### ***Can I lead communion at Supper Club?***

If you are a disciple of Jesus, we believe you should be leading communion. Surrendering your own heart barriers to Jesus, whether you are young, old, male, female, pastor, new believer, etc. we want to encourage you to lead others in partaking of the Lord's Supper.

### ***When does Supper Club practice communion?***

The first church in Acts 2:46-47 partook in a lifestyle of communion. Through the practice of "*breaking bread in their homes... [receiving] their food with glad and generous hearts*" they proclaimed Jesus in their community. Like them, we desire to practice communion with whatever means, whenever and wherever we meet.

### ***Why we 'celebrate' communion?***

Check out this family friendly video about the meaning of Easter from *What's in the Bible?* 



# REPORT OF THE LEAD PASTOR

*"How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"*

(ESV, Romans 10:14–15)

This past year, the Holy Spirit invited us deeper into the call to go. Not simply as an act of obedience, but as a posture of being sent. In a world that often equates faithfulness with attendance or activity, we pressed into this question: *Where is Jesus sending you?* Rather than program every step, we asked our people to, prioritize, stop, and listen for the Spirit's prompting. We wanted everyone in Supper Club to confidently answer that question—not hypothetically, but with real people, real places, and real purpose in mind.

As we reflect on 2024, we are both humbled and encouraged. While not every goal was realized, His presence was tangible, and his mission advanced. Our goals for this past year were (completed in ***bold italics***):

- Spring - (1) Send a missions team to Cuba; ***(2) Prayer Seminar; (3) Small Group Training***
- Summer - (4) Supper Club Small Group Launch
- Fall - (5) Official church launch and community cafe; (6) Send a missions team to India; ***(7) Start Supper with Students Clubs; (8) Submit CRA charitable status application***

## OUR ENDEAVORS

With our focus to see every person in our community respond to the call of being sent, we set to provide tangible and practical resources to send people. While we initially planned to send teams to Cuba and India, we give thanks that God redirected our steps. In early 2025, we sent mission teams to Paraguay and the Philippines—fruit that came from sustained relationships and an openness to follow God's timing rather than our own. In the spring, we hosted our annual prayer seminar on spiritual warfare with Rev. Dr. David Chotka, helping to challenge us to grow as a praying church. In June, we leaned into *Discipleship Essentials* (DE) as a tool to equip small group leaders. While there are Bible study

groups who are discipling one another, these trainings continue to lay an important foundation. Encouragingly, **two “Supper with Students Clubs” began in the fall** (after promotion by the U of A’s International Friendship Group), engaging more than a dozen international university students with intentional monthly meals and hospitality. As we look ahead to the formal launch of small group ministries, we continue to integrate both in concept and practice that effective small groups must invite an entry point for unchurched persons (evangelism) to read and lead Bible study (discipleship), with the goal of being actively sent to engage more unchurched people (mission).

Another continued goal for us is the official launch of our church and community café. After many months of dreaming, praying, and building, we are hopeful for a consistent dual-purpose space for our immediate neighbours—where worship and weekday presence can co-exist to provide Christ-centred presence in the community. It is a visible representation of our mission: to be among people, not apart from them. Lastly, our CRA Charitable Status application remains incomplete, highlighting the need for a finance

committee to provide oversight and regular accounting. While that administrative piece is still to come, (given our size it is not a necessity and) we continue to prioritize spiritual health, discipleship, and responsiveness to God’s direction over organizational milestones.

#### OUR PURPOSE

The sermon series in 2024 took us on a journey through Scripture that was both timely and transformational. We began the year with *Momentum*, a study through the book of Esther that called us to recognize God’s unseen hand in moments of crisis and courage. *Is this Joy?* followed, helping us grapple with joy not just as an emotion, but a deep-seated reality rooted in God’s promises. As we moved into spring, *The Will* walked us through John 16 and 17, offering a window into Jesus’ heart for his followers and the unity he desires among us. *Exploring Discipleship* helped our community understand that following Jesus is less about knowing everything and more about walking closely with Him.

In the summer, *Jesus Eats* reminded us how often the table becomes the place where ministry happens—where Jesus connects with people

and invites them into transformation. The fall series *Rise (egeirō)* brought us face-to-face with the power of the resurrection and the ways Jesus calls us to rise in faith and purpose. Our teaching through *The Body* in 1 Corinthians 12 and 13 invited us to see one another with fresh eyes—as uniquely gifted, interdependent members of Christ’s church. And we closed the year with *Incarnate*, a reflection on the nearness of God who chooses to dwell among us.

#### OUR APPROACH

This year, God continued to extend Supper Club’s reach through partnerships, generosity, and prayer. We started the year by reallocating our budget to better demonstrate our commitment to being a sending church by advancing toward our goal of 51% of our annual budget invested in multiplication and discipleship initiatives. **In 2024, 34% went toward these (up from 20% in 2023).** We were blessed to provide rent-free worship and fellowship space for five different churches throughout 2024—including New Life Church, which met in our space for over a year and a half as a church plant. In December, we also began a new partnership with People of God International Ministries Edmonton (POGIME), who have

partnered with Supper Club to worship, pray, and go on mission together regularly as part of a collective. This year, we formally became sending churches for Joshua and Susan to work on the UBC Campus (with Origin Church), as well as David from Spirit Equip Ministries, empowering people to pray around the world.

Throughout the year, we hosted five multi-congregational worship gatherings—including three “Set a Fire” events, a Good Friday service, and a Christmas Eve celebration—drawing believers together from across the city to worship in unity. We introduced and gave spiritual development scholarships to twelve individuals, enabling them to attend events like the Family Life Conference, Soul Care, Summer Youth Celebration, and Lausanne 4. Furthermore, we increased our commitment to global missions by investing over \$40,000 in charitable giving, including financial support for the North American Mission Board, TWR Canada, IJM Canada, IVCF Canada, Palm Ministries, and Spirit Equip Ministries.

Locally, our community stepped into tangible acts of service. While our weekly average attendance was 26

people (with 18 members) throughout 2024, 15 people committed to host international students, 2 students committed their Thursdays to feed other students, and over a dozen participated in community service on more than one occasion in 2024. In addition to prayer walking and inviting neighbours to eat with us in several community parks in the summer, we volunteered at Edmonton's Food Bank, the ANC Summer Festival, and participated in multiple neighbourhood cleanups, including Kingsway Avenue during the Christmas Parade. In August, we again invited believers across the city to prayer walk which covered **thirteen different neighbourhoods in a single day**—one of the clearest expressions yet of our commitment to see Edmonton transformed through prayer and presence. All of these activities speak to one simple truth: we are a church that is learning to go, to serve, and to love in the way of Jesus.

## FINAL REFLECTION

Romans 10 reminds us that the call to preach, proclaim, and embody the gospel is inseparable from being sent. This year, we reaffirmed our desire to shift from doing church to being the church. It's slower. It requires listening. It demands more than strategy—it demands surrender. While some strategic objectives remain incomplete, the deeper question we continue to ask is not *"what's next?"* but rather *"where is God already moving, and how can we join Him?"* That is the heart of Supper Club—and why we remain committed to empowering everyday evangelists to go into neighbourhoods, universities, workplaces, and nations with the good news of Jesus. Thank you for praying, giving, going, and growing with us in 2024. *Let's break bread, give thanks, and do it again.*

Submitted with gratitude and expectancy,

Tonyvic Tira

# KEY INGREDIENTS

## what we value

With thoughtful simplicity,  
these values guide  
what we do.

### COMMUNION

*"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you... By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*  
(ESV, John 13:14-15,35)

Immediately prior to the last supper, Jesus provided an example for all His disciples to follow. At Supper Club, we believe Jesus has completed the preparatory work for people (from all walks of life) to dine with him, and we demonstrate communion by being hospitable, ministerial, and intentional to all people (whatever their spiritual condition) in order that people may experience His presence. Are we *inviting* everyone to experience Jesus?

### THANKSGIVING

*"And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'"*  
(ESV, Luke 22:19,20)

Remembering Jesus and committing ourselves to His return is a lifestyle not limited to a special occasion activity. Learning a lifestyle of worship, we pause to give one another opportunity to tell our God moments in recognition of life's genuine challenges. In times of celebration and great need, we share (and learn) who Jesus is and His work; restfully committing our lives (and purposes) to His physical return. Are we demonstrating gratitude *in all circumstances* that God is completely good and sovereign?



**Our Vision is to have multiplying supper clubs that demonstrate the love of Jesus in 10% of Edmonton neighbourhoods.**

**Our Mission is to equip people to show and share the love of Jesus, starting with Blatchford, then to Edmonton and around the world; one meal at a time.**

### **MULTIPLICATION**

*"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." (ESV, John 21:15)*

Throughout Jesus' ministry he regularly ate with others, and encouraged His disciples to do the same. To Jesus, when people claimed a love for God, he repeatedly taught that love would be demonstrated in their love for others.

One of the simplest, yet meaningful ways to love God is by feeding others. We believe the meal is not a solitary (one-time) event, but something that is integral to our everyday living in building up community. Will people in our extended community be equipped to lead others to experience Jesus?

### **A KINGDOM-IMPACT RECIPE FOR LIFE-GIVING COMMUNITY**

#### **01. BREAK BREAD**

Invite our Community to Communion

#### **02. GIVE THANKS**

Develop a Lifestyle of Thanksgiving

#### **03. DO IT AGAIN**

Resource Individuals to Multiply

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Invite everyone in all circumstances to lead others to experience Jesus

# BOARD REFLECTIONS

**As** we reflect on 2024, we give thanks for the many ways God has moved through Supper Club. This year, we have witnessed a deepening commitment to serving others through mission trips, student dinners, worship nights, Bible studies, community cleanups, city-wide prayer walks, and Thankful Thursdays. While none of these ministries may seem extraordinary on their own, what has been truly inspiring is seeing individuals step out in faith, often beyond their comfort zones, to participate in God's work.

The joint worship night with CEAC was a time of deep spiritual renewal, not only for those who attended but also for those who led, offering a space where we could be filled and refreshed in God's presence. Our student dinners continued to foster meaningful community, providing a place of belonging and connection. The initiative shown by individuals in leading Bible studies was a testament to the hunger for God's Word and the desire to disciple one another. These moments remind us that ministry is not about grand programs but about faithful obedience in the everyday opportunities God places before us.

I am continually grateful for the heart of this congregation—a willingness to say "yes" even when it feels uncomfortable, to serve beyond the walls of our church, and to love as Christ calls us to love.

Looking ahead to 2025, I have prayerfully made the decision to resign from my position on the Board of Elders (after two years of service). However, my heart for serving alongside this community remains strong. My prayer for the coming year is that each of us would seek God's unique calling in our lives—discovering where He is leading us and stepping forward in faith. One of the great blessings of Supper Club is that we are not bound by rigid programming or structured calendars; we are encouraged to follow where the Spirit leads in freedom.

I encourage each of us to take time in prayer, asking how God is calling each of us to be part of His mission. Asking: Who is He placing on your heart? How is He inviting you to serve? As a church, we stand ready to support and equip individuals, families, and teams to go as His hands and feet. I am excited to see how God will continue to move through Supper Club in the year ahead.

**JARED, CHAIR**



**My** heart is overflowing as I give thanks for 2024. This year, I married my best friend, Michael Vo! God has been at the center of our relationship, and I am beyond thankful for how Supper Club has walked alongside us—from dating well, to our engagement journey, to standing with us in celebration as we united under God in August. This church has been a constant source of love and support, not only in seasons of joy but also in seasons of loss. To be surrounded by a family of faith that uplifts, encourages, and walks in step with me has been one of my greatest blessings.

Another deep joy of this year has been serving on the board. It has been humbling and encouraging to be seen as someone who could help shape our church, to be part of the conversations that guide our next steps, and to witness firsthand how God is moving within this community. Supper Club is more than just a church—it is a living, breathing expression of Christ's love in action.

As we step into 2025, my prayer is that we lean even further into prayer and discipleship. Acts 6:6-7 reminds us that when the early church laid hands on others and committed themselves to prayer, the word of God spread and disciples multiplied. Supper Club was built on a foundation of prayer, and I believe that as we continue to seek Him in this way—laying hands on others, opening our homes, and making space for the Spirit to move—we will see God work in even greater ways.

I don't know what this next year will bring, but I do know this: God's pace is perfect. And as long as we continue to follow His lead, there is no limit to what He will do in and through us.

**VANESSA, VICE-CHAIR**

**2024** was a year of deepening—deepening our faith, our relationships, and our understanding of how God is leading Supper Club forward. While it was a quieter year for me as an Elder, it was also a year of personal transformation as I navigated new challenges: stepping into fatherhood, experiencing shifts in friendships, and learning to balance the demands of work and home life. In all of this, I am grateful for how God walked with me, inviting me to wrestle with these changes and seek Him more fully. Through this, I have come to know and extend God's love, grace, and forgiveness in new ways. Whether in seasons of exhaustion or celebration, God has remained steadfast, and for that, I give Him all the glory.

One of the greatest joys this past year was seeing Supper Club continue to foster meaningful relationships both within and beyond our community. A particular highlight was launching international student dinners, providing a space for connection and belonging for students from around the world. This has been a significant step in our ongoing heart for students, and I look forward to seeing how these relationships grow. Additionally, I am incredibly grateful for Kess and Keith, who have faithfully led Thankful Thursdays—a gathering that has been a source of encouragement and community for many. As we step into 2025, I believe God is calling us into action. These past few months alone, we have seen individuals take bold steps of faith—going on mission locally and internationally, stepping into discipleship roles, and leading Bible studies. Supper Club is being called to move, and I believe God has intentionally placed us together to step forward in unity.

Concluding my term on the Board, my prayer is that we remain obedient to God's call, willing to stretch beyond our comfort zones as we build Kingdom relationships. Let's keep dreaming God-sized dreams and pressing toward the goal—not just of gathering as a church, but of going out as His Church.

To God be the glory—great things He has done, is doing, and will continue to do!

**JOHOANNE, TREASURER**

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

We are filled with gratitude for the faithfulness and generosity of our congregation and partners. 2024 was a year of growth, service, and community impact. Despite challenges, we witnessed God's provision through your giving, allowing us to support our mission, outreach, and discipleship efforts. This report provides an overview of our financial stewardship and the impact of our ministries.

Throughout 2024, we focused on discipleship, evangelism, and community engagement. Our ministries achieved significant milestones, including:

- **Expanding Our Outreach:** Our mission contributions and outreach meals helped serve and connect with unchurched individuals in need.
- **Investing in Leadership:** Honorariums and training opportunities supported our not only our church leaders and guest speakers, but Kingdom partners who desired to grow spiritually.

- **Supporting Missions:** Over \$50,000 was dedicated to mission trips, local outreach, and charitable giving.
- **Facility Improvements:** Investments were made to our storage and facility room.

The generosity of our partners has enabled us to carry out vital ministry activities while maintaining responsible financial stewardship.

The breakdown below, accounts for every dollar expensed in 2024, according to key expense categories, amounting to \$200,376. These expenditures cover various aspects of our church operations, mission work, and community outreach. and reflect our commitment toward our goal of investing 51% of our annual budget toward multiplication and discipleship initiatives by advancing Gospel movements, supporting Kingdom partners, and fostering meaningful everyday discipleship opportunities.

34 CENTS FROM EVERY DOLLAR WENT TO  
MULTIPLICATION AND DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVES IN 2024.

## Administration (\$128,994):

- Bookkeeping: \$7,446
- Facilities: \$71,712
- Fees and Licenses: \$1,824
- Marketing: \$3,633
- Office Expenses: \$7,693
- Staffing: \$29,612
- Supplies: \$1,653
- Utilities: \$5,421

## Capital Project (\$2,752):

- Renovations: \$2,752

## Discipleship and Training (\$17,041)

- Honorarium/Love Gifts: \$5,229
- Hospitality: \$3,680
- Leadership Development: \$3,511
- Travel: \$4,621

## Missions and Outreach (\$51,589)

- Charitable Giving: \$48,165
- Outreach: \$3,424

# BEYOND EDMONTON

**2024** was a wild year for Susan and me. Moving, marriage, and ministry brought more change than ever before, stretching our dependence on God to a whole new level. But through it all, we saw Him at work in ways we had only dreamed of.

Focusing on campus ministry (at the University of British Columbia) with Origin Church, we watched God build something incredible. I had the privilege of baptizing students, discipling young men, sharing the gospel with the lost, and inviting dozens of people to partner with us in reaching university students. Supper Club was a sweet and essential part of it all. As one of our sending churches, you have been with us every step of the way.

Reflecting on the year, I see that God made 2024 a foundation-laying year for our lives and ministry. Thank you, Supper Club family, for sending us, supporting us, and being part of what God is building. Can you imagine what's ahead? Together, let's keep building on the rock and reaching students who desperately need the love of Jesus!

**JOSHUA (AND SUSAN)**



Students praying for the filling of the Holy Spirit on UBC Campus

**Thanks** to the generosity of our Spirit Equip partners, and especially Supper Club, the printing and distribution of 3,000 discipleship books in Vietnamese became a reality this year. These resources were first distributed at the APAC Summit in Saigon in November, where over 500 ministry students received copies—just in time, as the books arrived one day before the summit began.

An additional 2,000 books were distributed in January, 2025 at the annual pastors' retreat to leaders from churches in the southern branch of the C&MA in Vietnam. The remaining 500 copies have been placed at the Bible school in Ho Chi Minh City.

This impact is continuing to grow. In June 2025, I will travel to Hanoi to teach a conference there, and another 3,000 books will be printed and distributed in the northern branch of Vietnam. Additionally, copies have already reached Vietnamese expatriates in Cambodia, where they are actively being studied among the estimated one million expat Vietnamese living there.

Elizabeth and I, are grateful for the role of Supper Club in making this possible—as one of our sending churches, your support is equipping leaders and strengthening discipleship across Southeast Asia.

**DAVID**



Students receiving a Vietnamese copy of the Lord's Prayer book



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# FROM SEEKERS TO STEWARDS

## a spiritual growth pathway

LIKE NEWBORN INFANTS, LONG FOR THE PURE SPIRITUAL MILK, THAT BY IT YOU MAY GROW UP INTO SALVATION— IF INDEED YOU HAVE TASTED THAT THE LORD IS GOOD.

AS YOU COME TO HIM, A LIVING STONE REJECTED BY MEN BUT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD CHOSEN AND PRECIOUS, YOU YOURSELVES LIKE LIVING STONES ARE BEING BUILT UP AS A SPIRITUAL HOUSE, TO BE A HOLY PRIESTHOOD, TO OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES ACCEPTABLE TO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

## ESV, 1 PETER 2:2-5

At Supper Club, being a disciple is not something you do, it's who you are. Understanding that disciples are not (necessarily) people who go to church, give monthly, or pray before meals, but rather they are people who abide in Jesus, and (as an overflow of that abiding) mature into priesthood by prioritizing leading others become to disciples of Jesus who also make disciples. We believe, the response to Jesus' command to "go" (in Mat. 28:19-20) is a unique process and journey to every believer. The following, is Supper Club's pathway of what this means. We want every person to be able to identify not only where they are but also what's next that they may bear much fruit.



### SPECTATOR

An observer (or bystander) of what the church does and what disciples are doing. A spectator does not know what Jesus did.

Do you know *what* Jesus did? If 'yes' go to SEEKER. If 'no' or 'unsure' check out this module on 'Who is Jesus?'



### SEEKER

An individual desiring to know why the church and disciples do what they do. A seeker wants to know why Jesus did what he did.

Do you know *why* Jesus did what he did? If 'yes' go to SUPPORTER. If 'no' or 'unsure' check out this module on 'Understanding Salvation'



### SUPPORTER

*A member of the body, having dedicated themselves to a relationship with Jesus. Supporters (or believers) are learning how to be disciples of Jesus.*

Do you know how to be a disciple of Jesus? If 'yes' go to SERVANT. If 'no' or 'unsure' check out this module on 'Christian Disciplines'



## three questions to develop your spiritual disciplines

### WHAT'S IN MY DIET?

Before eating, people often check the menu. We do this to get excited for what is appealing to us. In other words, the menu sets our expectations. Seldom, does any one eat something without looking at it or asking 'what's in this?' At Supper Club, we are intentional in asking the Holy Spirit to set the menu. He knows what we're looking for, what we can digest, and what's good for us. Every spiritual journey starts with the Holy Spirit.

Study: 2 Co 2:12; Jo 14:26;  
1 Co 2:11-16

Find a quiet place and surrender your time while you invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you. When you start, ask him to identify barriers to listening. Make a list of what these barriers might be, and present them to the Holy Spirit in prayer. After you've found yourself in a posture of dedicated to listening, write down what you believe God is revealing to you.

### WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?

The best meals satisfy. They satisfy our hunger (filling our needs), our appetite (giving us energy), and our palate (bringing us joy). We can consume many things that may minimally or temporarily satisfy but hunger will remain. At Supper Club, we believe in Christ-centered meals. Only he can truly satisfy, therefore we prioritize every meal and moment around Jesus and His Word. Every spiritual journey progresses with the Word of God.

Study: Jo 4:13,14; Jo 6:35; Mat 4:4;  
Col 1:16

As you align with the mind of Christ, what passages, words, songs, memories, ideas, and/or feelings come to mind? How do these align with God's Word in the Bible? Focus solely on the ones that are affirmed in God's Word, and record what relevance they might have for you.

### WHAT AM I SHARING?

The most enjoyable meals are in community. Think of the holidays, family reunions, milestones, and other achievements. Regardless of what part of the world people grow up in, people celebrate with food and with others. The Christian journey is not intended to be completed alone. As disciples of Jesus, we are commanded to go out into the world which he has sent us, to feed others that they too might enjoy life-giving community and spiritual renewal. Every spiritual journey involves community.

Study: Lk 9:12,13a; Lk 14:23;  
Jo 21:15-17

The Kingdom of God is communal. Who are the people in your communities (of work, family, play, life, etc.)? Imagine Jesus standing with them, what do you believe he wants to tell them? Write down how you believe he is calling you to show and share Jesus with them, and invite others to pray with you.



### SERVANT

A disciple who is actively deciding to go where Jesus is sending them, when he is sending them, in an intentional effort to respond to Jesus' call to come and follow [him].

Do you know *where* and *when* Jesus is sending you? If 'yes' go to STEWARD. If 'no' or 'unsure' check out this module on 'Exploring Discipleship'



### STEWARD

A person who is embracing the unique call of Christ in their lives (empowered by His Spirit) teaching disciple making to those who God is sending them to, so they can also make disciples. Are you teaching disciple making to others? If 'yes' how can we partner? If 'no' or 'unsure' check out this module on 'Leadership Lifestyle'



## ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

The module links provided are to Discipleship Essentials (DE). A leadership development resource designed for use in small groups. This resource of 137 lessons over 18 modules is available in over sixteen languages in multiple media formats **TWR Canada** and their generous partners freely give this resource.

Today, there are over 28,000 small groups using DE all around the world. For more about TWR & the vision of 100,000 resourced small groups by 2029, visit [twr.ca](http://twr.ca)

# COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

**After** two years of Thankful Thursdays, [Keith and] I were challenged to facilitate it this fall. On average, we saw 15 students every week, many being consistent attendees that would invite their friends but would also still come alone. We ordered a minimum of 4 pizzas with 1 gluten free pizza for one celiac student every week. Once a month our meal was sponsored by Max's Restaurant.

With Mel Cruikshank having to take a step back, I was pushed to think a little differently about my approach to Thankful Thursday. Admittedly, I relied on Mel to be the "Christian presence" at our weekly gatherings, but his absence encouraged me to think about what living out my faith looks like. Thus, I began to casually share a little more about my faith simply because I recognized it was a part of who I am.

We often shared the space with Muslim students and many of those that came on a weekly basis were from Muslim upbringings. We learned how to navigate through this and make conscious decisions about what food we ordered. None of the food contained pork and we also made it a point to have some food without meat. Once we ordered a particularly large amount of food, not realizing it was Ramadan. Because of the insight we gained over the course of the semesters, the food was already all halal, and we were able to give the extra food to the students for when they would break their fast that evening. The following week, one student came by to say how much they enjoyed the food.

I am grateful for the new and old relationships we formed. We had a fun group this year. The table, though seemingly just a place for a meal, turned out to be a vulnerable place for people to share their struggles and thanksgivings with food only playing a small part of the evening.

**KESSIAH**

**Looking** back on this past year, our hearts are full of gratitude. From 2021 to 2023, we were without steady jobs, but through it all, God provided. Every single need was met—often in ways that amazed us. We never lacked anything, and we were reminded again and again that our God is faithful. He sees. He hears. He answers. He provides. In 2024, we carried a small dream in our hearts: to one day buy a home—not just for ourselves, but to use it to host people and build a Christ-centred community. Honestly, it felt impossible. But we surrendered it to God and took a step of faith. He went before us and opened every door. From the realtor to the banker to the lawyer, everything came together so smoothly—it was clear that God was making the way.

This past year, Doug's job became permanent full-time, and Angel switched to day shift. God didn't just meet our needs; He exceeded them. In all of it, our relationship with Him grew deeper. We've come to experience His presence in such real ways.

One of the greatest joys in this new season has been opening our home to international students with Supper Club. Sharing meals and building friendships has been a dream come true. At one dinner, we wanted to display a frame of Psalm 139. Not sure where to put it, we hung it on a cabinet handle and continued preparing. During the meal, one of the students noticed it and asked Angel about it. That small moment reminded us: God's Word never returns void. He can use even the simplest things to open hearts.

This year has shown us that God is faithful in every season—through times of waiting, answered prayers, and the joy of using what He's given us to bless others. Our home is His, and our desire is to keep creating space for people to encounter Christ.

All glory to God!

**ANGEL AND DOUG**



**Over** the past year, our Bible study has blossomed into something truly special. What started with just three people (building Gundam models and) starting to read the Bible quickly grew to ten, as more and more individuals found comfort in opening up and sharing their faith journeys. Not only have I been challenged to now lead the studies, week by week, we see God at work—His presence creating a safe and welcoming space where we can be vulnerable, support one another, and grow spiritually. Only God could bring together such a remarkable group, united by a shared desire to glorify Him and become stronger in our walk with Christ.

## MIKE

**Being** sent to Summer Youth Celebration (SYC) again this past summer, I witnessed firsthand how God brings people together through their struggles, no matter what they may be. Hearing others' experiences and challenges reminded me that none of us are ever truly alone—God is always with us, guiding us through every difficulty and using our hardships to draw us closer to Him and to one another.

## SOPHIE

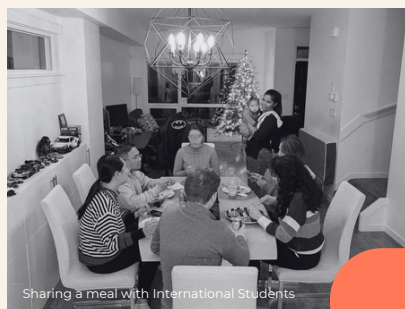
**For** years, I longed to go on a short-term mission (STM), attempting five times to join a trip to Cuba—only to face cancellations beyond my control. I wrestled with questions: Was this not God's plan for me? Was I not ready? Yet, time and again, my Supper Club community reminded me that God had placed this calling on my heart for a reason.

When Cuba was no longer an option, Paraguay became an unexpected opportunity. I doubted at first—I wasn't an athlete, and I didn't even know much about the country. But I took a step of faith, trusting that if my heart was willing, God would lead the way. Through international student meals and mission preparation, I realized that serving isn't about my abilities but about God's provision. After nearly ten years of waiting, I see now that God's timing is perfect. If He calls us to go, we need only say yes—He will do the rest.

## ALVA



Kessiah and Keith hosting Thankful Thursday



Sharing a meal with International Students



Pre-Bible study Gundam building

# COMMUNITY IMPACT



## MEET YOUR COMMUNITY

Imagine what Edmonton would look like when the Church of Edmonton intently prayed for each of its 375 neighbourhoods in unity. Prayer [walking] is our starting point, adopting a posture to recognize and respond to the people and opportunities God has prepared in our city. Our desire, is to have every neighbourhood prayed for, let us know how we can prayer walk with you in yours!



## GATHER YOUR COMMUNITY

We want to see the Kingdom of God actively salt and light in every sphere and corner of our city. Attentive towards 'broken' areas of our city, our prayer is to see fixed locations where people can find a Gospel presence in non-churched neighbourhoods and be invited to experience Jesus. Affirming an assessed leadership team, we want to equip and send leaders to advance His Church through regular fellowship in uniquely distinct communities. While not limited to, we see meals (e.g. coffee or pizza) as a resource to develop communal spaces and leaders.

To encourage individuals to gather (the church in their) community, we provide *residency training* and support of \$500 to intentionally explore becoming a steward during a six-month individualized mentorship and project-based discipleship.



## EMBRACE YOUR COMMUNITY

Your *community* is any social circle where you are uniquely placed (because of where you work, live, learn, and/or play) to show and share Jesus. Through regular prayer and initiating community connections, we want to resource you to organically embrace your community. Join others in hosting a community meal throughout the year, or let us know how we can resource you to engage your community.

We have *spiritual development scholarships* available of up to \$500/course, conference, specifically for spiritual and/or ministry development; or missional experience. As well as a *vocational discipleship scholarship* of up to \$500/semester towards your education in order to intentionally engage your fellow students, co-workers, or field of expertise with the Gospel.

Finally, in addition to fellowship supplies (e.g. tables, chairs, a/v equipment, etc.), we avail a *neighbourhood meals grant* of up to \$500/year for you to host (at least) four (4) meals and coordinate prayer in your community.



## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Send to [hello@yegsupperclub.ca](mailto:hello@yegsupperclub.ca) in 500 words or less, the details (who, what, where, when), sharing (a) why you believe God is calling you to do that; (b) how you believe you will experience Jesus because of it; and (c) how you intend to show and share Jesus with others as a result.

# JOIN THE CLUB



Cleaning up after the Kingsway District Association Christmas Parade



Learning how to do a pour over at the Wall Coffee Roasters

## SERVE ON A TEAM

Affirming the priesthood of all believers and the great commission as an assignment to all disciples of Jesus, we believe the Church is called to actively be Jesus' hands and feet in the world, empowered by His Spirit.

Two primary areas of church service are inside (e.g. encouragement and edification) and outside (e.g. missional engagement and evangelism). We invite you to serve with love and generosity in both areas, according to your individual calling and unique gifting(s).

## EQUIP OTHERS

Because we exist to equip the church, our financial goals are to see 51% of all giving go toward missions and leadership development. Your financial partnership allows us to equip local, national, and global Kingdom advancement.

You can financially partner with us by giving at [yegsupperclub.ca/partner](http://yegsupperclub.ca/partner)



Hosting the International Friendship Group for game night and a meal

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

To serve at or partner with Supper Club, church membership is not required. Supper Club membership allows individuals to vote, is a (renewable) 3-year term, and open to individuals who are both baptized and active in our community.



If you are interested in church membership, scan above.

If you are interested in baptism, scan below.





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