

Greater Good

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Key Scriptures:

- Exodus 14:10–18 (the Red Sea crossing)
- Hebrews 11:1 (definition of faith)
- 1 Corinthians 4:20 (“For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power”)

BELONG

Pastor Chris shared about locking his keys in his car. "If your car could talk after you locked your keys inside, what sarcastic comment would it make?"

Leader Notes: *Remind the group how Pastor Chris used the locked keys analogy to illustrate being stuck and missing the keys to moving forward as a church. Let's review the keys to unlocking the Greater Good God has for our church family.*

BELIEVE

Have someone in your group read aloud **Exodus 14:10–18 & Hebrews 11:1**

Key 1: Confidence in God's Ability

Moses—far from perfect—stood before an impossible obstacle (the Red Sea with a powerful enemy behind him) and declared, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord.” His confidence wasn’t in his own strength but in the One who saves. **In your own life, when have you had to trust God’s ability even when you felt inadequate? How does understanding that our strength comes from God change the way you face challenges?**

Leader Notes: Emphasize that God’s track record—from Joseph to Mary—reminds us that our part is to believe, not to perform. Invite testimonies that celebrate God doing “exceedingly beyond” what we ask or imagine.

Key 2: Clarity on God's Purposes

In Exodus 14:11–12, the Israelites saw only fear and uncertainty, Moses reminded them of the greater destiny ahead—the promised land. Similarly, we are called to see beyond our present circumstances and embrace the forward, liberating purposes of God. **What fears or doubts have you experienced that made you long for the “familiar” even when it wasn’t best? How can you cultivate clarity about God’s purpose when facing uncertainty?**

Leader Notes: Stress that God’s plan always points us forward—to freedom and to the fulfillment of His vision. Discuss practices like prayer, Scripture reflection, and seeking counsel as means to gain clarity.



Key 3: Conviction about What to Do Next

Have someone read **Exodus 14:16 & 1 Corinthians 4:20** aloud. Pastor Chris said, “God’s vision is never about something to believe only but about something to do.” Faith is not static. Moses acted by lifting his staff and stretching his hand over the sea. Our church is taking real, practical steps—such as building our new church home—to manifest God’s vision.

How can building of a brand-new permanent church home in the heart of Horizon West help us bring Greater Good to Orlando?

Leader Notes: God has given us a vision for a visible witness in our community; a facility where the gospel will be preached, where people will find hope and freedom, and where followers of Jesus will be raised up and sent out for generations to come!

What practical step or “next move” do you feel God is calling you to take right now?

Leader Notes: Encourage the group to identify one specific, measurable action they can commit to in the coming week. They can spend time in prayer for the project. They can pray about what God would have them to give. They can serve. Connect personal conviction with our community vision—reminding everyone that just as our church has moved ahead with a \$25m project and clear timelines, each individual is invited to step forward in faith.

