

RISE UP

: SPRINGFIELD [1 Corinthians 3:5-9]

1. God is the focus of our vision

Our vision is rooted in 1 Corinthians 3:7: while people may plant and water, it is God who brings growth. He is to be our focus. Amid all the activity of church life, the reminder is that Springfield belongs to God and depends on his strength and guidance, not our own. The heart of this is to follow where God is already at work as we seek to faithfully create spaces where people can find hope in Him.

2. God is growing possibilities

We're seeing thriving communities springing up across Springfield through children's and youth ministry, midweek groups, prayer, pioneering projects, and the everyday faithfulness of people serving one another. As a Pioneer Church, we sense God leading us to grow new worshipping communities beyond Sunday mornings, creating different spaces where people can encounter Jesus and belong within the wider Springfield family.

3. We are all part of what God is doing

While God brings the growth, we all have a part to play in planting and watering. As things develop we need people who help deepen our life together through prayer, wisdom, encouragement and of course courage, compassion, and creativity. We are not there yet, but we believe God's living water continues to shape us into the people and community he is calling us to become.

DISCUSS

Starter: Do you think of yourself more as a planter (enjoys change and starting new things) or a waterer (someone who enjoys nurturing what is growing)?

Where might God be calling you to step out in your giftings in this season? How might that look different with your current life circumstances?

Where have you been encouraged from seeing God at work in this last year (May to May)?

What are your hopes for the year ahead?

We believe our God-given vision is see:
thriving communities springing up,
where everyone can belong and find hope in Jesus.

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