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## EXPANSION SELF-GUIDED TOUR PACKET “God’s Kingdom Comes Near”

Pastor Matt reminded us from Scripture that “God’s Kingdom has come near...” through the person of Jesus Christ and that God is still and forever expanding His Kingdom through His church. This self-guided tour will help you see how that Scripture is being made alive here at Kingsway. Thank you for requesting and using this self-guided tour packet to help you discover the prayer journey God has invited Kingsway leaders to join. **Please reserve 45 minutes to complete the tour.** We are praying for you as you invest time in Kingsway’s future. Once finished, please read the last page to do final follow-up.

### STEP 1: TRAVEL TO THE AVON KINGSWAY CAMPUS

Please travel to the gravel road found near the sports fields on Kingsway’s property off of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. As you drive on the gravel road there is a row of trees on your right. **Please park your car close to them, get out of your car, and walk to stand under the tree the last one in the row, then complete the following:**

- **Look around.** Look around at the land God has given us. What you see is approximately 50 acres that has remained undeveloped for almost 40 years. God gave us this land for a reason and He expects us to maximize every resource to advance His Kingdom. If you took an aerial shot of this land, decade after decade, it would look the same. That’s a shame.
- **Read out-loud:** “In Matthew 25 Jesus tells us a story about a man who gave some of his workers resources to invest so when he came back he would have a return on that investment. One of his workers did nothing with the 1 “talent” that he was given so the owner took away that “talent” and gave it to another worker who properly invested his resources. This is a clear picture of stewardship, investing is God’s way of to bring a harvest. Where we sow, we have fruit. In Matthew 25:29, Jesus added “For whoever has will be given more, and they will have in abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken away.” We want to please God with what He has given us and we ask you to pray about how we can fully employ and use all resources for God’s glory and to reach people in His name. May we invest what God has given us to see a true return for His glory.”



- **Continue to read out-loud:** “The plan of Christ of His salvation and love to all mankind is fully ALIVE. Because His plan is alive it naturally grows. God fully expects each individual follower of Jesus to all Him to produce fruit from their lives and as those individual followers are now joined together, called the local church – our community of faith – “Kingsway” is now to see fruit come from our collective lives. God is obsessed with fruit because it is the overflow of live in us the comes from Christ. God wants to produce fruit from Kingsway – He wants to use Kingsway to expand His Kingdom and He wants to do it here on our Avon Campus. Now, allow your eyes to look beyond the land to the surrounding homes. In a few mile ratios there are over 42,000 homes near Kingsway. Avon has grown and Kingsway Church should have experienced at least some accidental growth over the last 5 years but we have not. Why? This past year we began to address why others do not attend Kingsway. We believe as we turn outward and really launch toward our community and world with love we will see God produce fruit for His glory. Each home you see right now around our property is a family. God wants that family to know Him in salvation, hope, and meaning. This is the reason God planted Kingsway here in this community and it is to make Him known. We must see that our real investment has to happen outside the four walls of the church. We must understand that if someone comes onto the Kingsway Campus on Sunday that they will find the answers to their challenges and we know that one answer is Jesus. We want God to make this Avon campus His base of ministry that reaches those 42,000 plus homes and families.” “His Kingdom has come near to Avon.”

- **Keep Reading Out-loud:** “In Acts, Luke records the beginning of the Living Church of God and how they made reproducing Disciples and how God multiplied His work among them. God wants to do the same thing here at Kingsway. We are to grow. We are to expand, because we are a part of His Kingdom and His Kingdom is alive. We are to continue to claim new ground for His glory. When we reproduce disciples then the natural result is, we reproduce churches and we reproduce churches to reproduce disciples. We believe that God is giving us His plan by using multi-site as the tool to fulfill God’s expanding Kingdom. Each follower of Jesus should reproduce themselves in others and each church should reproduce churches. God’s Word shows us His clear plan on how to do that and the deep answer to the question of “Why?” People are living without hope, without salvation, without Him, and He has done something about it - He has birthed Kingsway as a church that is totally responsible to reach them. Our purpose is to become more like Jesus and there is nothing more like Jesus that making disciples, birthing new disciples, and planting new churches that make disciples. We celebrate Him by offering our lives to be used for His glory. We share in true community when that community is open and exists for those who are not here yet. We make sense of our worship when we gain His heart and demonstrate that love in compassion to those who are hurting. Yes, it is our responsibility as Christians and it is our honor as His church.”

- **Stop and Pray:** Stop right now and pray that God would give you His plan and idea on how to invest in His Kingdom work from this place called Kingsway. Offer yourself to be used for His glory. Offer Kingsway, as HIS church to be fully engaged in His mission. Pray that God would make you obsessed with reaching the lost in Avon, surrounding communities, and world. Also, pray for God to provide resources for His plan and our faith in trusting Him in the decisions and opportunities He gives us.

- Get back into your car and continue to Step 2.

## Step 2 – Travel to Plainfield on certain roads

- Back up and face your car toward 10<sup>th</sup> street and take a left toward Avon Ave.
- Take a left on Avon Ave until you come to Hwy 40.
- Take a right on Hwy 40 heading west until you get to the Del Webb Housing Development on the right called Vandalia.
- Enter the Del Webb development and drive through the several phases that they are working on in that area; drive pretty deep in the development to see how far the homes go back – even older homes are found behind this one development
- Once you find a place to pull over, where it is safe to sit in your car, do so, then take a couple of moments to start to read the following:

“Del Webb is only 1 of many developments that have multiple phases for new homes. This and other developments are found on both sides of Hwy 40 and represents over 3500 new homes and they are about to build another 1500 plus more homes in the next year, making it a very concentrated area of new families. The average age of the adults living in these new homes is 34-years old with 2 children. This is an exploding area and God wants these families to know Him in salvation. Ask yourself, out-loud these questions: “As you were driving to Plainfield, how many churches did you pass? Did you realize how West Plainfield has grown over the last couple of years? Where is God at work here and how can Kingsway join Him to expand His Kingdom so His Kingdom can come near to Plainfield?”

## STEP 3: CONTINUE YOUR TOUR

- Now return to Hwy 40, out of the housing development and turn left toward Saratoga
- Take a left at the CVS Pharmacy, at the light, on South Saratoga Parkway
- As you arrive the west side of the Neighborhood Walmart, there is an entrance on your right, take it and there is an area where you can park and look at a piece of land behind Walmart, for sale
- Stop and park near the property in a safe place. Get out of your car and walk to stand on the property (pictured to the right in red) Read out-loud: “This land is for sale. It is 22 acres and in the heart of the exploding West Plainfield area. If you notice, this property is also linked to the bike and walking trail that thousands of people use each week. It is highly visible and valuable to what God wants to do in West Plainfield. Plainfield is exploding so much that their City has just allocated over 100 million dollars for downtown renovation this coming year. The City of Plainfield is expecting an even larger boom in the area than it is experiencing today. They have a real vision for the families living in Plainfield and God through Kingsway does too.” *(Look at next page)*



#### **STEP 4: STOP AND PRAY**

We ask you to stop right now and consider the thousands of families you drove by in your drive to this property and join us in prayer as we seek God's direction for Kingsway and the impact He wants to make with our community of faith.

- Stop and pray for God's blessing and surrender yourself and His church at Kingsway to His plan to reach Plainfield. We are God's way of expanding His Kingdom here, God can come near to Plainfield through Kingsway. Ask Him to bless His plan with resources for us to move forward in obedience and faith in the future He has for us as a church family.

**Thank you for participating on this short self-guided tour.** We have been praying for you, as Kingsway leaders, as you join with us in this exciting time in the life of our church. If you have more questions please feel free to reach out to Ben Bullard, our Director of Development at [bbullard@kingswaychurch.org](mailto:bbullard@kingswaychurch.org)

**Once you have completed this self-guided tour, please contact Rachel** at [rfuhrman@kingswaychurch.org](mailto:rfuhrman@kingswaychurch.org) to receive a special article written by our leadership that discusses our Kingsway Expansion Philosophy. This article will help provide more information and insight into how we are making Christ-honoring value based decisions to follow God into a glorious future.

**We know God is speaking to us so we simply ask ourselves this question:**

*"What is God saying?"* Once we know what He is saying we simply have one appropriate response: obey

By faith we leave the results up to God, this is His church.