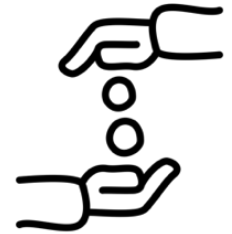


Make Room: Family Conversations

We are creating space for more people to be part of our Summit Family, and we invite you to discuss how to join this mission as a family. We hope this can be a tool to help guide conversations in your home.

Why We Need to Make Room

In Summit Kids, Preteen, and Youth, we've talked about tithing as a regular gift to God, but the Make Room project is an above-and-beyond gift in response to God's prompting. We've shared the "why" and "how" but encourage you to reiterate some of the main points listed below:



"Make Room" is a physical space issue and a heart issue.

- We need to build more space – which costs money – to help more people learn about Jesus and grow closer to Him in community.
- This also affects our hearts. We need to have room in our hearts to welcome others into our community and show them the life-changing love of Jesus Christ.



This new project will take about 3 million dollars, and the building will be almost twice as big as it is now!

Summit Kids, Preteen, and Youth have space to meet on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, but adults don't have much room to meet. We want to change that!



Growing in Generosity

Children learn to walk and talk by watching us walk and talk. They mimic our practices, and their skills improve as they grow. The same is true for the quality of generosity. Our kids develop generosity as they watch it unfold in our lives. When we consistently model generosity, it becomes second nature to them. Invest in something you believe in and include your kids! Help them understand that generosity is being willing to give – without resentment – what God prompts you to give, because it's all His anyway!

Generosity gets after our hearts *and* what we have to give – our money, possessions, and time. This, of course, doesn't just apply to the Make Room campaign. We encourage you to continue discipling your kids as you model Jesus' likeness and show them what it means to be a part of the body of Christ.

Setting Up the Conversation

One of the best times to have good conversation is around a dinner table or in the car. Be intentional about choosing a time like this to focus your conversation on how your family can move forward in being a part of the mission and vision of Summit Church.

The following points may be helpful as you get the conversation going:

- We want everyone's thoughts as we pray about a big decision for our family.
- Our church is planning to build so we can reach more people.
- Each family is being asked to think and pray about giving money to the building project.
- You are important to our family, and we want to discuss this together before making a decision.

Consider asking simple, open-ended questions such as the following:

- What do you like most about our church?
- What is a good memory you have from an event or activity at our church?
- What do you think about making more room at church for people to know Jesus?
- How do you think our family could be a part of this project? (See the sidebar for some ideas.)

Ideas for How to Help

- Do chores at home, for neighbors, or extended family.
- Make something as a family to sell (such as candles, decorated flowerpots, keychains, or baked goods).
- Challenge youth with jobs to give from their income.
- Consider giving up something that you don't really *need* and redirect that money toward the campaign. Examples might be a streaming service (do you really need Hulu, Netflix, and Prime?) or unnecessary times of going out to eat.
- Pray that God provides in a way that only His name will receive glory and honor.

Age-Specific Goals

Summit Kids



Summit Kids are being challenged to raise \$4,000 for the two new family restrooms being built! They will receive a Make Room bank to collect money for this project, and they can bring gifts of any amount on any Sunday. Kids are welcome to turn in a pledge card – which are available upon request – for their commitment to the Make Room project. Kids who do fill out a pledge card can bring their gifts to Summit Kids in order to participate in the same way as their peers.

Summit Youth and Preteen



Summit Youth and Preteen will be challenged to make a commitment toward the Make Room project. Their collective goal is \$6,000, and if only 33 youth and preteens commit to giving \$5 a month, they will reach their goal! Commitment cards will be available during preteen and youth programming.