

BIGGER
SMALLER
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A VISION OF TRANSFORMATION FOR
ILLUMINATE COMMUNITY CHURCH

A photograph of a man, identified as Pastor Jason, standing on a stage and speaking to a large audience. He is wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, and has a microphone clipped to his ear. His hands are raised in a gesture of emphasis. To his right is a tall, thin, black metal stand with a wooden top, holding several books. The audience, consisting of men, women, and children of various ages, is seated in rows of chairs, looking towards the speaker. The setting appears to be a modern church or community center with large windows in the background. The lighting is warm and focused on the speaker.

**A WORD FROM
PASTOR JASON**

DEAR ILLUMINATE FAMILY,

Our first five years together have been nothing short of miraculous. We have been taken farther and faster than we ever dreamed. Only God!

He has now brought us to a significant moment in our history by growing our roots deeper through a permanent church home. This means we can have a bigger influence for Jesus within and beyond our walls. Our own house also provides the space we need to grow smaller, through life-giving relationships with one another.

These are the three words we use to describe the vision God has given us.

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This will require each of us to pray: “God, what do You want to do IN me, and THROUGH me?” So get ready to be transformed church family. We are stepping into the next chapter of God’s work at Illuminate!

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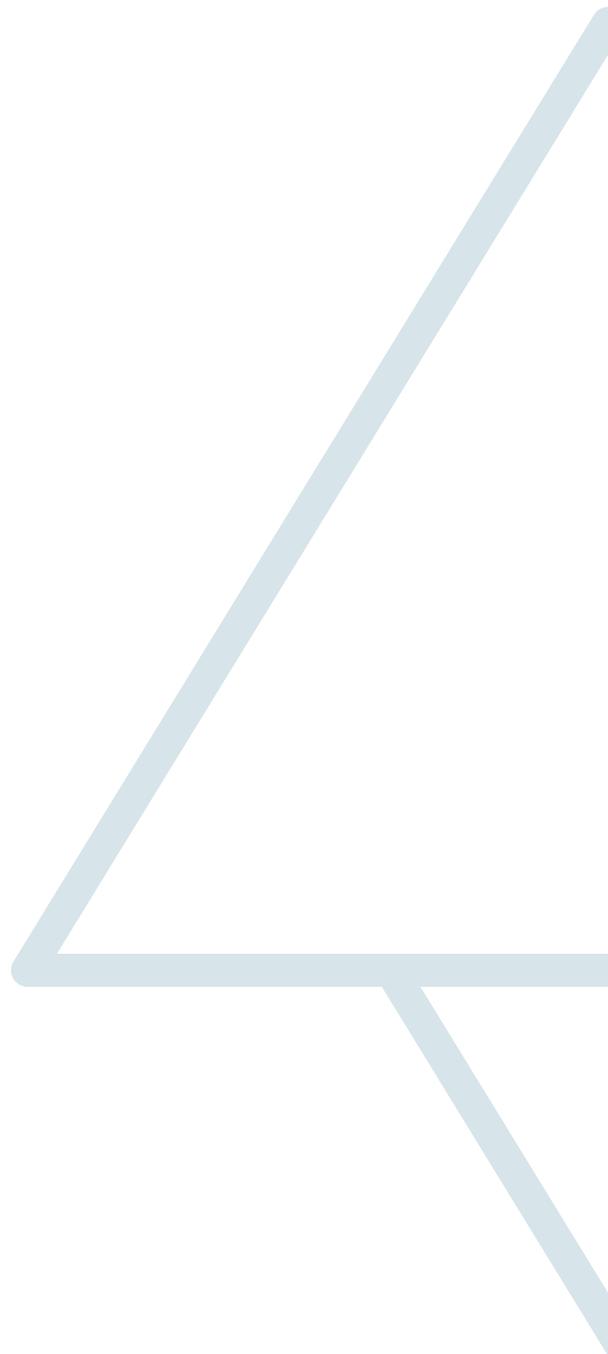
ONLY GOD!

The Illuminate family has grown extraordinarily quickly, and we believe this has happened by following God's lead from day one. Our five year history is marked by what we call "Only God" moments; these have shaped who we are and how we follow God's call to make disciples and to reach the lost.

From day one, we've been a church that desires to get our hands dirty in real discipleship and to help the lost find Jesus and grow out of their comfort zones. As we grow, this will continue to be our mission.

TODAY, WE'RE TAKING OUR BIGGEST STEP YET.

Our current building is becoming our permanent home, but that's just the beginning. We are going beyond the purchase of property; rather, we want you to own a vision with us. Through prayer and council, we have a vision for the future of Illuminate. We call it Bigger, Smaller, and Deeper.







DECEMBER 2015
Our first public service, held on
Christmas Eve

JANUARY 2016
We move to Perimeter Drive, using
the facility for a Saturday night service

JUNE 2018
Illuminate officially partners with
Teen Challenge

NOVEMBER 2015
First home gathering about a new
work in Scottsdale

DECEMBER 2015
Our first outreach drive, collecting toys
for orphans in Haiti and supplies
for refugees

MAY 2017
Moved to Sunday mornings
at Perimeter.

OCTOBER 2020
Our first home opens at House of Refuge,
and we begin serving meals in the
Sunnyslope community



TREAT STREET 2020

LOCAL OUTREACH SERVE DAY 2021



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What does it mean for ICC to get bigger? It doesn't mean that we become something different in order to grow. Rather, we believe that God has put a great deal of ministry before us, and we are ready to get started. But to become the resource that we hope to be, we've got to deal with a few bottlenecks:

CARING FOR CHILDREN

Our current kids' space doesn't allow for growth. We need a space that provides a safe, organized check-in process, dedicated indoor/outdoor play space, and facilities that make learning about God the highlight of the week.

CARING FOR YOUTH

Our current youth space is barely keeping up with the kids that we have. Our youth programs can be a defining place in the lives of families that we haven't even met yet, and we want to be ready for them.

CARING FOR ADULTS

Right now we have space for only two things: big Sunday services and small office meetings. We need to expand our worship center capacity in order to accommodate the growing number of people that God brings to us.



SMALLER

HOW CAN ILLUMINATE GROW BIGGER AND FEEL SMALLER AT THE SAME TIME?

As a church grows, people can feel swallowed up or overlooked. We want to be intentional in creating places and opportunities for people to feel known and experience God's love. Each person who comes to Illuminate should be able to make friends, connect, and grow together. That doesn't mean that you know everyone, but it does mean that you are known. Small groups and classes, mentoring and ministry teams; these are the ways to carve out the space necessary for others to be known and loved.

We need to provide space for mid-sized classroom learning, mentoring relationships, and informal community meetings. ICC can be a hub of life all week long.

- **MID-SIZED MEETING SPACE**
- **SMALL GROUPS**
- **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**
- **MENTOR RELATIONSHIPS**









DEEPER

We go deeper when we grow in our faith and become disciples. Spiritual transformation is the goal. We want people to be changed by Illuminate. When we first come to know Jesus, we need to be fed and to grow. But soon, we need to become those who feed others in order to grow them, to grow ourselves, and to grow the church. By expanding our teaching capacity and creating new ways to serve our community and our fellow image-bearers, we can become all that God wants us to be.

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- **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING**
 - **COMMUNITY FOOD KITCHEN**
 - **LOCAL OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS**
 - **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

WHAT NOW?

We have set flexible goals that prioritize life change, but we acknowledge that understanding God's purpose for money is also part of one's personal transformation. We want our family to give to Bigger, Smaller, and Deeper because they own the vision of what God wants to do through all of us. The ultimate goal of this vision is for you to become more like Jesus and to see your neighbor and your community in a new way.

GOAL 1: **100% PARTICIPATION**

Everyone will be challenged to take the next step in their faith journey. Our prayer is that every single person that calls ICC home sees this vision and its need, and participates by asking, "God, what do you want to do in me?"

GOAL 2: **\$7.5M**

Because of the faithfulness of God's people at Illuminate, we were able to make a significant down payment towards the purchase of this building. Our goal is to reduce the remaining \$7.5 million mortgage and invest in prioritized projects and people that help us all grow Bigger, Smaller and Deeper. As each of us prays about what God would do through us financially towards this goal, we get more and more excited about the expanded ministry opportunities and increased influence serving our community.







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