

Thrive
First Message Ontario Ranch
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Our Journey So Far

We aim to be the “planting of the Lord” in Ontario Ranch (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Isaiah 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. ESV

When People Decide to Follow Christ...

- Broken hearts are mended
- Captives find liberty and set free from prison
- Beauty is traded for ashes
- The oil of gladness is exchanged for mourning
- A garment of praise is worn instead of a faint spirit

God's plan for us unfolds as we plant our lives today (Jeremiah 29:11; 29:4-7)

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ESV

Jeremiah 29:4-7 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ESV

How can we be the “planting of the Lord” in Ontario Ranch?

Put down roots: “Build houses and live in them”

Be productive: “plant gardens and eat their produce”

Multiply in number: “multiply there, and do not decrease”

Seek the welfare of the city

Pray for this city and its people: “pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare”

My Next Step is to...

- ☐ Help Church in the Valley be the planting of the Lord in Ontario Ranch by:

- ☐ Attend/Invite friends and family to the Easter Celebration next week