

BECOME A

South Charlotte Church Plant

TRAILBLAZER

Joshua 4:1-3

“When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ‘Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests stood and to carry them with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.’”

After Moses’s death, Joshua was appointed the new leader of the Israelites as they entered into their new, promised future. As soon as they had crossed into this new territory, God tells Joshua to appoint leaders to pick up giant stones from the riverbed, and lug these stones over their shoulders. These people were Biblical Trailblazers.

In hiking terminology a trailblazer is one who goes ahead of the tourists, clearing debris, spotting dangers, and marking the path so that others can enjoy the journey more smoothly. Trailblazers have to become very familiar with the terrain, often passing over the same trail numerous times.

For the South Charlotte Church Plant, we are calling our launch team Trailblazers. They are men and women who are willing to commit to 2 years for the

heavy lifting of helping launch this new church. Like the 12 Israelites, they will embrace the challenge by:

- scouting the territory of South Charlotte for the spiritually hungry.
- discovering where we will gather for worship.
- developing the worship team.
- welcoming others.
- crafting a children’ ministry.
- investing financially.



•committing to reach out to invite others to come along on this spiritual adventure.

When a pastor, Tony Campolo, surveyed 95 year-olds about what they would do differently if they could live life again, he discovered that they highlighted three things. They would:

- a) risk more
- b) reflect more
- c) invest in things that will outlast themselves.

Becoming a Trailblazer for the South Charlotte Church Plant will help each one of us accomplish these goals and so much more.

As the story continues in Joshua:

“So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.

Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.”

Though difficult, tedious, and sweaty work, those Israelites were able to leave a lasting mark in God’s Story. They marked the trail to show how God led them through an amazing adventure.



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