

## 52 Reasons ZZ is Excited to Let's Go!

1. Because we stand on broad shoulders of the leaders of the past and we want to do our part in this grand story that is King of Kings.
2. Because the opposite of a Let's go initiative is a Let's Not go and that sounds lame.
3. It's been 19 years since we've done a capital initiative. The world has changed a lot. It's time.
4. I believe in Greg Griffith.
5. Offense is fun. Defense is boring.
6. There's a shortage of ordained pastors in our denomination and our model can help with that.
7. To whom much is given, much is expected. We have a lot of eyeballs on our church, especially in our denomination. If we do this well, we can inspire others.
8. To that end, the Nebraska District does not have any multisite churches like ours. We can be a leader and helper to others in our district.
9. It helps to fulfill Within Reach's 10-year goal for more churches in greater Omaha.
10. More churches will be near death or declining in the future. Imagine having a model ready to go that can merge with churches and breathe new life into them. We'll have it.
11. Personally, it's fun to give.
12. Whenever someone sacrifices, it will make them more like Jesus.
13. What else are you going to spend your money on? A new car. Boring.
14. We have a strong visionary leader who is more than a friend, he's a great leader. And one I'm fully behind.
15. Our worship team leaders are the most connected musicians in the city. They know everybody. They can help put the right people in the right places.
16. Our production team is led by a guy with a PhD in sound. We are well set-up.
17. Our staff and team that we have doing the day-to-day work is rock-solid and healthy.
18. We live in a different world today than we did even 10 years ago. This initiative matches more with how to accomplish God's mission in the year in which we live in.
19. Students: Generation Z and Gen Alpha need the generations ahead of them to invest in their future.
20. I hate settling for mediocrity. I won't.
21. In a world filled with so many insignificant things, this is significant.
22. My dollars can make a real difference in someone coming to know Jesus.
23. What we do will create ripple effects for generations to come.
24. The initiative of reaching new and activating current believers honors the heart of Jesus. And that's all I want to do. Period.
25. Pastoral: A capital initiative has proven to be a powerful discipleship exercise for an entire church to go through.
26. Through Pastor Greg's leadership, we did what we said we wanted to do. We opened a new campus that is reaching people. We've done it once. We can and should do it again and again and again.

27. Global: We cannot be the full expression of Jesus that He has called us to be if we are not pursuing global mission and reaching the least of these.
28. This helps us live out collectively our value of courage in a modern way. This is the best way to take new ground.
29. Multisite churches succeed 90% of the time.
30. Every time I have given significantly and outside of my comfort zone it has made me more reliant on God.
31. Multisite churches grow by 14% a year, crushing the national average.
32. Lay participation increases in 88% of churches who do multisite.
33. Expanding our borders to more campuses will help us baptize hundreds, I believe thousands, in the years to come.
34. As one of the 18 called and ordained pastors who have had the honor to lead this church pastorally, I personally want to do everything I can to help tell a new chapter in the grand story of King of Kings.
35. Facilities: I don't want to sweat in the summer or freeze in the winter as I worship God.
36. Students: 3 in 5 teenage girls feel sad or hopeless right now. Our investment can help them.
37. Doing hard things stretches our faith. I want to be stretched.
38. New churches bring 6-8 times more new people than existing churches who are of an older size.
39. The best way to honor the sacrifices of those of the past is to continue to build on the foundation that they laid up. I'm no construction guru, but I believe you can, and you should build higher and greater on strong foundations.
40. Giving generously hits at the idol of comfort that I and many others pursue wholeheartedly. I'd like to knock that idol off its pedestal and put God back on the throne.
41. Dozens of denominational studies have confirmed that the average new church gains 60-80% of its new members from those who are unchurched. Existing churches grab 80-90% of new members by transfer. Sometimes there is an appropriate time for people to transfer, but transfer growth as the primary objective is not cool.
42. New campuses bring new ideas to the whole body.
43. The more campuses we launch the more leaders we will develop.
44. New campuses grow by 28% the first year, 25% the second year. Crazy numbers.
45. According to EFCA survey, 67% of multisite churches added a location in the last 3 years. The goal is not addition but multiplication.
46. Is there anything else I could do in the next two years of my life that will matter for eternity as much as this?
47. 79% of multi-sites are self-sustaining by end of year three.
48. More than 6 million people nationwide attend a multisite campus each week and that number is growing rapidly.
49. To see the growth in our production team and quality over the last 4 years is phenomenal. The right people and pieces are in the right place.

50. Omaha is the lowest of any city Barna has measured with % of practicing Christians. This puts more Christians into practice.
51. I met a family last week at Northwest Omaha that began attending because the church was close to where they lived.
52. Someone once thought, dreamt, and gave generously to start what we know of as King of Kings. Had they not, would I have ever fallen in love with Jesus? Would I have ever become a pastor? Would I have ever met my wife at a Concordia University? Would I have ever planted a church? Would I have ever written a book? I don't know...but the truth is this church changed my life. I can now think, dream, and give generously to help someone else fall in love with Jesus.