

**City Life Church  
Begat  
04/01/23  
Newport News**

**Opening**

-(it's not April Fools Day here...LOL!)

**-(show Doxa series slide...)**

**-(show 4 quadrant Doxa, Praxis, Shema, and Shalom...)**

- Dream: for Jesus to be easy to find in our city
- Tell the Story of the Gospel and Live the Way of Jesus!
- Last year's focus...
- The well in Niger...
- Welcome Home moment each week...

**Introduction (sermon title slide again)**

*-In pastoral ministry for 23 years, the reason I have seen why too many churches become ineffective and irrelevant is because they are woefully reluctant to trust the next generation to lead. They are... (than we realize)*

- More prepared
- More gifted
- More willing
- Wisdom comes with time, we guide and not suppress

-there is a battle raging... (LOTR, Harry Potter, Star Wars resonate w/us...)

- 1. Genesis 3:14-15**
- 2. Ephesians 6:10-12**
- 3. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

-The Church is Jesus' battle plan!

1. Matthew 16:13-18 (covenant, cooperative, Gospel, Way)
2. And Jesus chose 12 youth...most likely under 20.
- 3. Matthew 17:24-27**
4. temple tax only for men over 20...so Peter and JC

## **Begat (one of the MOST powerful words in all of Scripture)**

-Matthew 1:2-6 (read KJV)

- *Family legacy doesn't exist without heirs...*
- *The Church won't exist without spiritual heirs!*

-3 reasons we fear "begat" moments

1. **Insignificance - John 3:30** (need to "matter" Judas)
2. **Reputation - Mark 9:38-40** (my rep attached to their actions)
3. **Credit - 1 Corinthians 3:3-9** (Nebuchadnezzar)

-(youth participation moment - **slides of things they might not recognize**)

*The future of the church as never been dependent on their generation understanding our ways, but rather our generation releasing their generation to create new ways!*

## **Worship Begat**

-2006 Pastor Michael Giroux...begat

-2006 Celeste Agett...begat

-2014 Chris House...begat

-2023 Madeline Harris...

- May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Chris accepted a position with Life Church Richmond
- We have been working together on this since January
- No hidden conflict, no secret motivations...

## **Youth Begat**

-2006 Pastor Michael Giroux...begat

-2011 Pastor Justin White...begat

-2016 Pastor David Godwin...begat

-2023 Derick Michaux...

- June 1<sup>st</sup>

- Overlap for two months
- Godwins aren't moving...
- Godwins vital part of our CDT...
- Pastor David pursuing a dream of being a Professor...
- No hidden conflict, no secret motivations...

-(if time, tell story of Marry in Garden with Jesus, "don't cling to me")

**Band**

**John 16:7**

**Close**