

Hello, Foursquare Family!

Many of you have heard the good news regarding a church in Selah, but we just don't want anyone to miss it so we're updating through email as well! Beginning in December we will be stepping into a Selah church, and I can readily admit that what we have watched God direct over the last few months looks a lot different than what I had planned out on paper over a year ago. In January I was drawn to Isaiah 55:8-9 which reminds us that God's ways are higher and better than ours, and I specifically felt it was God reminding me to be looking for His plan for a Selah church and to not get stuck on my own. And I love how God works, because He knows I can be stubborn and I believe He was giving me a little forewarning that while His call for my family and I to lead and love a church in Selah hadn't changed, that the path we were going to take might look a little different than I had planned! Over the last 5 months we have completely watched that play out to be true, and the end result is that last week Selah Covenant Church officially approved me as their new Senior Pastor. Over the last few months God has prompted me to continually think about and pray for SCC and He has shown me a church that is longing to step into a new season of reaching Selah for Jesus. I felt God was calling me to prayerfully consider and investigate serving as their pastor, and as I did, my prayer became, God if this is where you are calling us, then fling doors wide open so that we will know. The end result of that is that we have seen door after door flung wide open both by Selah Covenant Church, as well as by our local Foursquare Church Family. Our multi-campus church leadership and church council have prayerfully walked with me down this path, and our Church Council and our multi-campus Senior Leader Dave Edler have all affirmed that they feel this is how God is calling us as a church to be the church in Selah. At both of our local campuses we have begun asking families to pray about whether they are being called to go and love on the town of Selah, or whether they are being called to stay and serve where they currently are at. Over the next month my family and I will be going to our different campuses and casting vision for this new season at Selah Covenant, and I look forward to talking with people in person!

When I slow down and process it all I can honestly say that I am repeatedly amazed by the heart of our church. I don't know how many churches exist that would willingly send people that they have trained and raised up for over 18 years to another church and say we want to bless you as you go and we are going to encourage families within our church to also be praying and seeking if they should join you. We are excited to step into this new season of partnering with Covenant Church, and I love that our church recognizes that the name on the church isn't important, but instead longs to simply create a church that helps a community to understand the love and grace of Jesus. We firmly believe that this is where God is calling us, and we know that God always equips us for where He calls us, and we are so thankful for Foursquare's heart to be a major part of that process. Our prayer request would be that you pray for us as we continue to seek how God is calling us to love and lead at SCC. And finally, I want to say thank you all for your support, love, grace and patience over the last four and a half years. I am a crazy work in progress not only as a person, but also as a pastor, and I am so thankful for how you and this church lovingly helped to shape me. I've been blessed by you all and I am looking forward to the continued journey together!

Lots of love,

Scott Ruark