

MUSICAL CHAIRS

INTRODUCTION

Once upon a time, there was a chair here at Athens Church with your name on it. You may have never considered it before, but we created *this* church with *you* in mind. That's the thing about a legacy, isn't it? That the people who have gone before us—whether generations ago, or only seasons ago—in some way, great or small, have chosen to leverage their time, skill, heart, and finances to add value to your life today. They contributed something to create a seat for you. And if you'd say that you love this church, perhaps it is time for you to take a step to pay it forward to the upcoming generations—to the people who aren't here yet.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Tell the group about your first time visiting Athens Church. Who invited you, and how did it go? Was it weird? Surprising? Refreshing? Uncomfortable?
2. Would you consider yourself an Athens Church 'insider?' If so, tell the group about the first step you took to become one: Serving, Giving, Connecting, Inviting, Starting Point, FPU, etc.
3. Is it difficult for you to invite people within your circle of influence to our church? Why or why not?
4. Do you have a friend who's experiencing one of the "3 Little Nots": 1.) *NOT* in church. 2.) *NOT* prepared for a new season of life. 3.) Or life is *NOT* going well. What would it take for you to invite them to this church this Sunday?
5. Andy said that "you need to create and commit to a plan to support your church financially." You're not alone if this is a scary challenge, but why is that perhaps so difficult to do? What is the biggest obstacle? And what might a financial plan to support the church you love look like for you?
6. Did you have an opportunity to fill out of the strategic service cards Sunday? In what area(s) are you considering serving at Athens Church in the fall? Why do you think Andy placed such emphasis on this request?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

-1 Peter 4:9-10