

FAQs: Gary's Sabbatical

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WHAT IS A SABBATICAL?

A sabbatical is an extended period of rest, rejuvenation, and reconnection with God and with family. It's considered a "best practice" in healthy churches to send pastors on sabbaticals periodically. Studies show that sabbaticals result in greater health and greater non-staff leadership involvement in churches that follow this practice.

WHY IS GARY GOING ON SABBATICAL?

There is no crisis in Gary's life that is necessitating this sabbatical. Instead, we are making a long-term investment into the health and vitality of Gary and his family. We want the next season of Gary's life and ministry here at Park Church to be the most fruitful time of his life. This sabbatical is meant to result in Gary's thriving, the health of his family, and the health and vitality of our church as a whole.

HOW LONG IS GARY ON SABBATICAL?

From May 10 through August 10, 2021.

WHAT WILL HE BE DOING?

He will spend his time resting, recharging, and being with his family. Much of the sabbatical will be spent away from Denver to allow Gary to disconnect from the pressures of ministry.

IS HE COMING BACK?

Absolutely. Gary will not be seeking any other position or speaking at any other ministries throughout this sabbatical. He's resting, that's all.

WHAT IS THE PLAN WHILE HE IS GONE?

Things will look much the same at Park Church. We have a gifted team of pastors and leaders who will continue to preach from God's Word on Sundays. Church function will continue, and our talented church staff will continue to serve us in the day to day ministry and mission of our church.

CAN I CONTACT GARY WHILE HE IS AWAY?

We ask that you would respect this time of rest for Gary. Please don't anticipate a response from his email or social media.

WHAT IF I HAVE SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS?

Spiritual leadership at Park Church has always been carried by all our leaders. Our Gospel Community leaders, staff, and elders are here to love and serve you in your spiritual growth. If there is any spiritual need you have, we hope you will begin by contacting your Gospel Community leader, but the staff and elders will also be happy to serve you.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Pray for Gary and his family: that this time would be refreshing for them and that Gary would experience rest in his soul and intimacy with our Heavenly Father. Lastly, continue to take steps in your own spiritual growth and discipleship and love Jesus more.



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