

Leader Spotlight



Marty Brown

Welcome to the Catalyst Team!

Discipleship Coach / Community Advocate

As Catalyst's community-service footprint has grown over the years, it has become more difficult to keep-up with the volume of projects and people we interact with. Sometimes we feel like we're just moving from project to project without having ample opportunity to really minister to people in the process. We have desired for several years to become more proactive and effective in our discipleship goals, and this year we were enabled to take a giant leap forward!

Through the generosity of a local foundation, we recently added Marty Brown to our staff to help cultivate the discipleship culture within the people and projects of Catalyst. The funding from the foundation provides an initial base salary, and Marty is now raising support for full-time ministry with Catalyst!

Marty was previously a full-time pastor at Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin for 11-years, and before that he was a minister/missionary for over 30-years with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). Marty brings a wealth of experience and giftedness in helping people grow in friendship with Jesus, and we are so excited to have him as part of our team! He and his wife Margaret live in Molalla, and have 3 adult kids.

Fantastic Dessert Celebration, Upcoming "Calling Lab"

2021 CATALYST CELEBRATION DESSERT POTLUCK! – NOV. 6 at GRACE CHAPEL

80-90 volunteers, donors, and even some recipients gathered together to celebrate all the wonderful things that happened as a result of Catalyst's Restoration Projects throughout the 2021 project season. It was a very special evening of fun & games, inspiring testimonials, photos & videos, and scrumptious desserts! It was really encouraging to be together, and we were truly touched by the evidence of God's work among us. Having all types of people there come together to interact and share their experiences with each other was really powerful. We heard from Wali Wahed, one of this year's project recipients, who read a touching speech of heartfelt thankfulness for the roof replacement we did at his home this Summer. He has been struggling for several years with a life-threatening, debilitating disease; and shared that the project we did for his family, at no cost, changed their lives and restored his faith in God. After that, Naomi Federiuk stood up and shared how important it was for her and her family to volunteer with Catalyst, highlighting the experiences of her children as they have volunteered together on several projects. Naomi is shown here with her husband Isaac and their two kids.



"CALLING LAB" – COMING IN EARLY 2022

As part of our partnership with Underground Network, we are adapting a powerful tool they have developed to help people grow in their unique, God-given identities. Right now, we are going through the material with our own staff; and early next year we will offer our first public "Calling Lab," available for anyone who wants to come delve into an experience of self-discovery and reliance on God's inner voice.

The idea of a believer's "calling" has been discussed countless times over the centuries, especially during these last few decades. The 'Who am I?' postmodern worldview shapes much of our thinking, and the Christian's thoughts aren't exempt. We, especially those in their twenties, often return to the question: "What was I made to do?" So pervasive is this question, some call it the quarter-life crisis. Modern life inundates us with "could do's" and "should do's," and some of us can become so overwhelmed by competing agendas and obligations that we can feel pulled in many different directions at once. Others tend to steer clear of involvement and vulnerability, and instead adopt a very passive role in the world around us.

Fortunately, these questions and feelings of purpose aren't outside of God's plan. In fact, these longings and considerations come into our mind because they are a vestige of God's original intention for humanity. We see this most clearly as we survey the pages of scripture and notice the repeating theme of calling throughout the entirety of the Bible. It is clear scripturally that there are many aspects of Kingdom life that are universal / generally applicable to every believer; however, it is also clear that we are all created as unique members of the multi-faceted Body of Christ.

The Calling Lab has been designed as a tool to assist followers of Jesus in discerning the voice of God amidst the other voices demanding attention. Participants will work through various aspects that will enable them to understand the unique calling God has for them, focusing on such things as personality and vocational assessment, worship and listening prayer, life experiences and opportunities.

What does it look like when followers of Jesus are equipped to function within their divine callings, creatively impacting the world around them in ways that shine light in darkness and bring new people into his family? THAT is the question we long to see answered through the Calling Lab!

Praises & Prayers

- **CALLING LAB FRUIT** – As our staff goes through the Calling Lab in the next several weeks, please be praying that God will use these exercises and experiences to inspire them and equip them for even greater impact as they learn more about who they have been created to be in Christ. Please also pray for this same type of result as we prepare the first public Calling Lab for early next year.
- **CARE NETWORK** – Plans are underway to reignite the "Care Network", a ministry of providing ongoing emotional / spiritual support for clients we have served in the past. We have some special things planned for the holiday season to extend God's love to people. Please pray that these efforts will be met by receptive hearts, and that people will "see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).
- **NEW FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED** –the missionary-support of Catalyst Network (the "Church Side") needs some bolstering. Please pray that God will raise up new supporters. If interested in helping with this, or with any questions, please email Shawn shawn@catalystnw.org

CATALYST NW VISION

We envision a reality where followers of Jesus are valued for their kindness and generosity toward people in their communities; demonstrating God's presence in ways that transform neighborhoods, equip ordinary people to become His heroes, and draw new people into His family.