

FAQ: IMAGINE

What is the IMAGINE initiative?

IMAGINE is a 2-year initiative to launch the next phase of Epic's vision. IMAGINE is where we as a church are going to **pursue** our community and let everyone know that God is for them. We are going to **serve** people's needs by expanding our Care and Counseling Ministries. We are going to build a permanent home where we can gather people in small groups and large groups to **teach** them how to live in a life-changing relationship with Jesus. We want everyone who calls Epic home to pray, engage, and give in new ways during this season.

How is the IMAGINE initiative different than our For Flagler initiative?

IMAGINE captures what we want to be in this next season, specifically related to pursuing our community in greater ways, serving our community by promoting our Care and Counseling Networks to be available to everyone, and building a permanent home. For Flagler helped us increase our staff to help serve the next generation, to begin the Care and Counseling Networks, and then to buy the property for the future home of Epic. Both of these initiatives are a continuation of our mission, which is to lead people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. We will never change our mission but these initiatives provide the vision for the next season that God is calling us towards together.

What are Epic's goals for IMAGINE?

- 100% engagement of all who call Epic home
- To raise a total of \$8.4 million or more over the next 24 months
- \$3.4 million will increase our operational budget over the next two years and enable us to reach our goals in pursuing our community at a greater depth and through expanding our Care and Counseling ministries so they are available to our community (operational and initiatives)
- \$5 million will help us build phase 1 of our new permanent church home where we can teach people how to live in a life-changing relationship with Jesus

Why does IMAGINE last two years?

Actually, it doesn't! We'll always be imagining what God would have us to do next, but two years is a helpful timeframe for two reasons. First, it helps people take a step because it allows individuals and families to have a realistic timeframe to take a next step in generosity. Predicting personal finances gets difficult for longer timeframes. Second, it lets us plan and communicate the vision effectively. Two years is a good length of time to plan and carry out the vision.

How long is my commitment?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year (24 month) commitment. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with our Commitment Weekend of October 15, 2023 and end October 1, 2025.

How long is my commitment?

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him and then listen to what He says. Talk to your spouse, community group, or others about what this commitment will mean for the next season of your life. We are asking you make a sacrificial commitment to generosity—whatever it is that God leads you to do. Finally, we ask you watch what He will do through your giving and our collective commitments. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, October 15, 2023.

Why is Epic Church asking me to fill out an Intention Card? Why does this card matter? Isn't my giving between God and me?

This card helps each person or family pause and reflect on what God is asking them to give over the next two years. This card captures the intention of each giver and helps the church staff plan and see if the initiatives can be accomplished. If this information is not captured, then it could lead to some very bad and costly financial decisions for everyone at Epic.