

# SERMON NOTES

## PASTOR WILLIAM V. GREEN

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“We use our resources, tangible  
and intangible, to minimize  
human suffering and enhance  
human well-being.  
This is godliness to us.”

### *The Neighborhoods God Uses*

*“Our commitment is this: We will pursue growth, but we will not worship it. We will count people, but we will not reduce them to numbers. We will expand our reach, but we will not lose our mission.”*

*“When God is centered, growth becomes fruit—not a false god. And when people are valued, not used, the church becomes a place where real transformation can take root.”*

*“Tabernacle of Glory is measured in sending capacity, serving capacity, and healing capacity. Because God measures faithfulness by how we treat people.”*

Luke 1:46 *“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”*

Luke 2:40 *“And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.”*

Luke 2:52 *“Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man”*

**The Neighborhood God Uses: Humans Becoming by Teneice Kirby**

- *It is a consulting and educational development organization rooted in dignity, equity, and belief that every person is always becoming.*
- *We build the structures and systems that produce real and lasting success for neurodivergent individuals designing environments that recognize, support, and celebrate the way they think, learn, and grow.*

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#### **The Neighborhood God Uses: Village 360 by Kourtney Boulton**

- *Help churches identify the people, gifts, and resources already present within their communities and knit them together into sustainable networks of care ensuring no family walks through crises alone.*
- *Knitting the village that grows families. Every family needs a village.*

#### ***A Healthy Congregation’s Ecosystem Includes Every Brain and Every Generation:***

- *children learning in different ways*
- *youth navigating identity and development*
- *adults managing stress, attention, and emotional load*
- *elders adapting to cognitive changes*
- *families seeking support*
- *leaders modeling compassion and flexibility*

**The Neighborhood God Used: 12005 Soika Ave, Cleveland, OH** — where greatness was planted before anyone could see it.

**The Neighborhood God Used: 8932 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland, OH Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church** *flourish or wither*

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**The Neighborhood God Used and is Using: Tabernacle of Glory formerly known as Pilgrim Emmanuel**

*Good things don't just come from here. Good things grow here. Good things thrive here. Good things begin here.*

*People don't grow from a moment; they grow from a movement.*

*People don't grow from a program; they grow from a pattern.*

*People don't grow from a Sunday; they grow from a system.*

*We are the system; the adults, elders, parents, mentors, leaders, and church.*

*We are the ecosystem; the soil where people either flourish or wither*