



## Mike Thibodeaux's First Facebook LIVE Event

### Heal Our Land Prayer Gatherings

On March 26th and June 11th, Simplicity Ministries® held nation-wide prayer gatherings over Zoom. The purpose was simple: to gather ministry partners in prayer for our nation during this difficult season.

Aaron and Tiffany Zavala from Equip Worship (equipworship.org) joined us for the June 11th event and led us in worship. It was a very special time. Even though those in attendance did not all know each other, the shared connection of faith in Christ and partnership with Simplicity Ministries® made it feel like a close-knit group.

Debbie said, "Our ministry is supported by so many wonderful partners in a huge variety of locations. To be able to meet together face to face for prayer was a wonderful time of fellowship, connection, and simply doing the work of the church in these critical times."

Watch for upcoming announcements as we plan our next prayer gathering!

#### Upcoming Ministry | Our Prayer List

- **August 30** Open Door MOS Vision Meeting  
5:45 PM
- **August 31** Gresham MOS Vision Meeting  
6:45 PM
- **September 13** Open Door MOS Launch  
5:45 PM
- **September 14** Gresham MOS Launch  
6:45 PM

Mike will resume traveling ministry as soon as it is possible to do so.



*Mike Thibodeaux and Pastor Gilbert Chavez testing for Facebook LIVE Event*

2020 will be a year of strange "firsts." Because of the uniqueness of the events that have been happening, we are all constantly being pushed outside of our comfort zones into new experiences.

Every Wednesday night in May, Mike had the opportunity to preach at Fairview Baptist Church in Austin, Texas—but he never left his office. This event was done completely online through Facebook LIVE broadcasts. This is not something he had done before and it presented many challenges. Not only did Mike have to prepare his messages, but he also had to learn how to work with the technology that would enable him to preach online.

Another unique factor in preaching online is the lack of a live audience. Mike said, "It has been challenging to preach without seeing an audience, but the Lord has been faithful to enable me to preach His Word."

After the event, Mike was able to post the Facebook LIVE messages to the Simplicity Ministries® Facebook page so that more people would be able to watch them and be encouraged. Not only that, but others who watched the messages also shared them on their personal Facebook pages. One lady who did said, "Everyone needs to watch this message... I hope many will take the time to listen." It has been amazing to see how God is still reaching people in the midst of the difficulties we're facing this year.

## 2020 Launch: Men of Simplicity

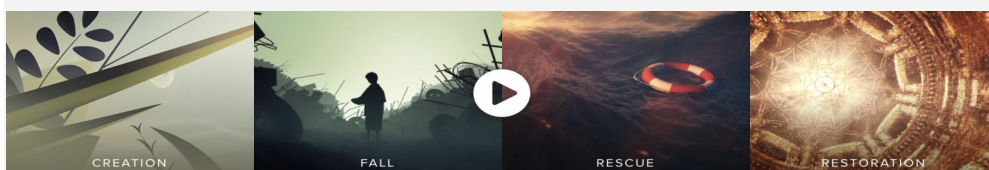


Men of Simplicity (MOS) is coming up fast—and so is the number of men planning to join this fall. Last year, three churches and one multi-church group were participating with about 65 men in attendance. This year, 5 new churches and one more multi-church group will be joining! That means that MOS will have 10 different churches/groups attending this fall, more than doubling what we've had in the past. Mike is kicking off the new year of MOS with a vision meeting that will allow men who are interested in MOS to discover the goals, purpose, and meeting format of the program. He is expecting to have about 100 guys come to the vision meeting and is hopeful that these men will commit to participating in the MOS journey this year.

MOS challenges men to live simply and purely devoted to Christ. One of Mike's goals for MOS is to help men grow in relationship with God and in friendship with other Christian men. Men will learn what it means to lead as a godly man, husband, and/or father.

The 2020 MOS vision meeting will be held online, via Zoom, on August 31 at 6:45pm. Please pray that many will come and that they will commit to being a part of the Men of Simplicity discipleship journey. Pray that the participating churches will see great growth in their men over the next nine months.

**Share the Story** - You are invited to join Simplicity Ministries' share The Story evangelistic outreach group: <http://JoinGroup.org/Simplicity-Ministries>. Click the link, click "join the group," create a free account, and then click "share." As you share The Story on social media, emails or texts, you'll be able to see the metrics of our group's Gospel Reach. Together, we could share the Gospel with thousands!

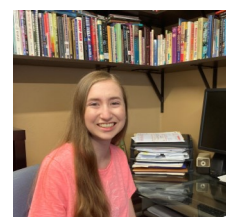


## Intern Perspective

### Reflecting on My First Week

I've certainly hit the ground running during my first week as the new Simplicity Ministries® Intern. With Men of Simplicity starting next month, I have already been doing and learning so much. I think I've seen more spreadsheets this week than I have in the last year! I didn't realize the level of organization that has to go into a multi-church project like MOS. I am so grateful to have the chance to learn how my dad does it and to see all the ins and outs of how to do something like this. I am seeing firsthand the time, effort, and whole-hearted dedication it takes to lead well. I am also experiencing the planning, attention to detail, and knowledge that it takes. A true leader has to have both sides—the desire to do the task and the skill to do it well. My dad has that perfect combination, and I feel so blessed to be able to come alongside him and help.

**Jordan  
Thibodeaux,  
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I want to thank everyone who is supporting my internship. This is such a special opportunity for me, and I couldn't do it without your generosity. Through your one-time gifts and commitments to monthly giving, I was just able to make my fundraising goal! God bless you as you continue to give toward His Kingdom.