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Dt 26:1-15 –

“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, put some of the first produce from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for His name to be honored. Go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, ‘With this gift I acknowledge to the Lord your God that I have entered the land He swore to our ancestors He would give us.’ The priest will then take the basket from your hand and set it before the altar of the Lord your God.



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Dt 26:1-15 –

He brought us to this place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey!  
And now, O Lord, I have brought You the first portion of the harvest You have given me from the ground.’ Then place the produce before the Lord your God, and bow to the ground in worship before Him. Afterward you may go and celebrate because of all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household. Remember to include the Levites and the foreigners living among you in the celebration.



Dt 26:1-15 –

“Every third year you must offer a special tithe of your crops. In this year of the special tithe you must give your tithes to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows, so that they will have enough to eat in your towns. Then you must declare in the presence of the Lord your God, ‘I have taken the sacred gift from my house and have given it to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows, just as You commanded me. I have not violated or forgotten any of Your commands. I have not eaten any of it while in mourning; I have not handled it while I was ceremonially unclean; and I have not offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the Lord my God and have done everything You commanded me. Now look down from Your holy dwelling place in heaven and bless your people Israel and the land you swore to our ancestors to give us—a land flowing with milk and honey.’



Approximately 25% of Jesus' teachings were on the topic of money.



MATTHEW 6:21

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”



# How Rich Am I?

Find out how rich you are compared to the rest of the world – are you on the global rich list?

Country: **United States of America** (Select your country)

Income: **80000** USD (Enter your annual **post-tax** household income in USD)

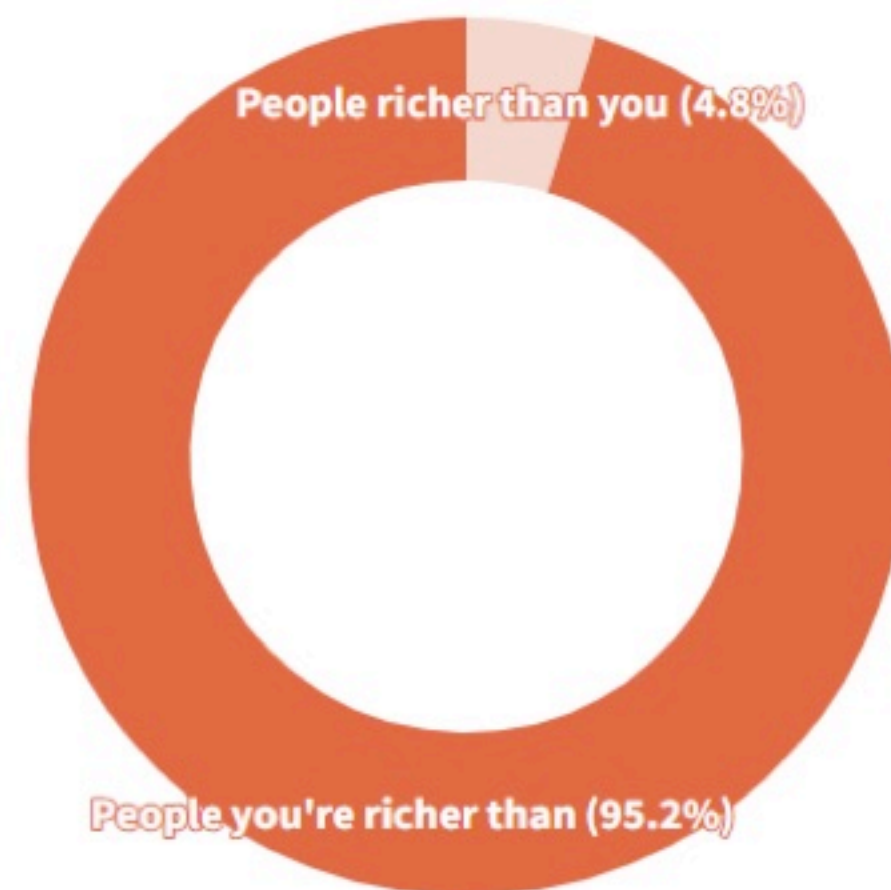
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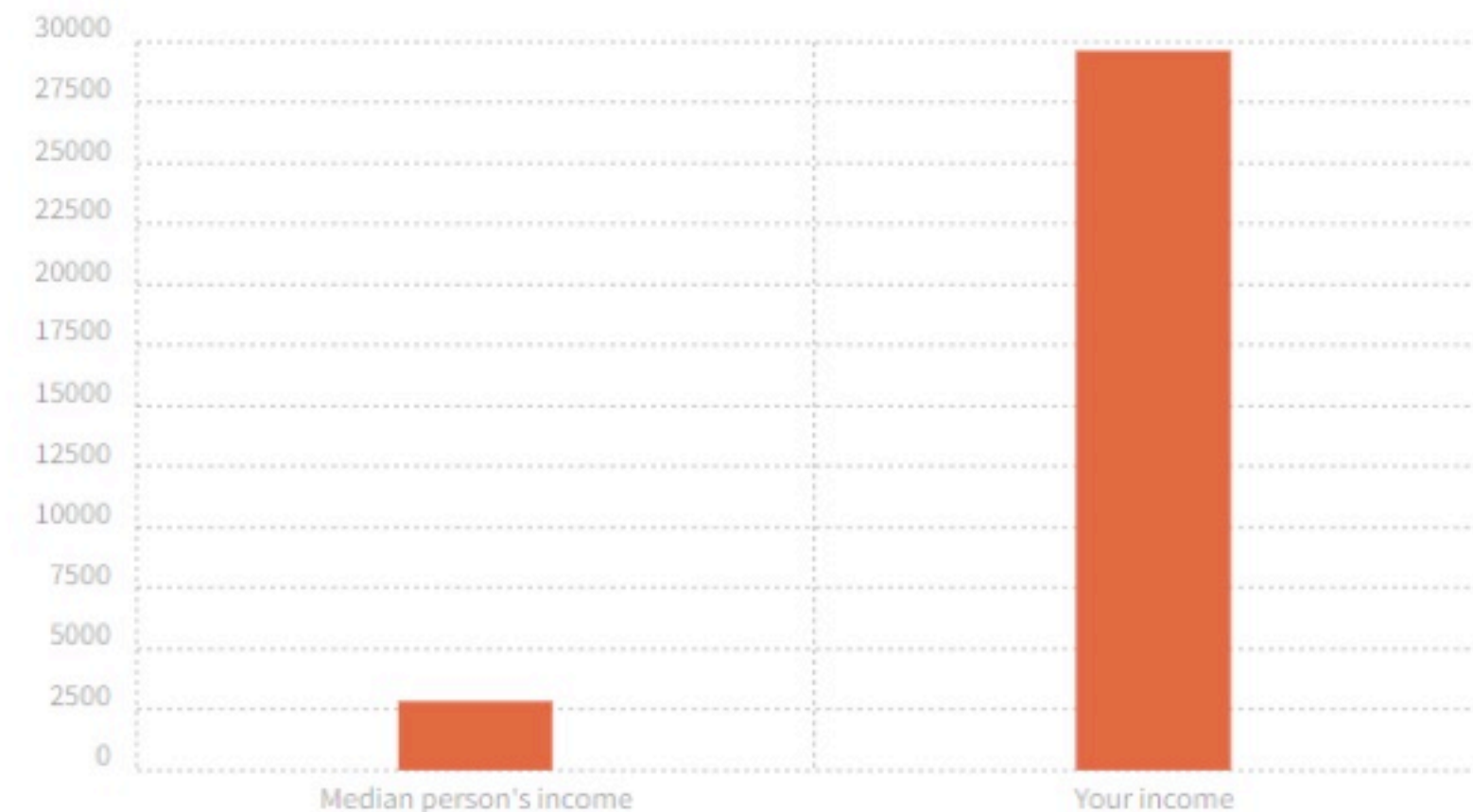
**CALCULATE**

## If you have a household income of \$80,000

(in a household of 2 adults and 2 children)



You are in the richest **4.8%** of the global population



Your income is more than **10.5** times the global median

Income shown in household-equivalised international dollars (IS)



## MATTHEW 6:24

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.



## MATTHEW 19:23-24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I’ll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!”



## MATTHEW 25:44-46

“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help You?’ “And He will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these My brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help Me.’ “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”



ACTS 20:35

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”



# THE PARADOX OF GENEROSITY



GIVING WE RECEIVE, GRASPING WE LOSE



## Generous people are:

- Happier
- Healthier
- Live longer
- Stronger sense of purpose
- Lower levels of depression and anxiety
- More interested in personal growth
- Better long-term relationships
- Stronger presence of love



“People rightly say that money cannot buy happiness, but money and happiness are still related in a curious way. Happiness can be a result, not of spending more money on oneself, but rather of giving money away to others. The data examined here shows this to be not simply a nice idea but a social scientific fact.”



“It is known that actually helping others and being generous to them increases happiness,” [Phillipe Tobler, associate professor of neuroeconomics and neuroscience at the University of Zurich] says.

“I would still consider that the primary route to boost happiness; however, making a commitment to help others is a first step to follow through.” (*Being Generous Really Does Make You Happier*)



## I TIMOTHY 6:9-10

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.



I TIMOTHY 6:9-10

And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.



The advertising cartel seeks to assimilate us to a higher and higher standard of living by reclassifying luxuries as necessities.









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## Boho Table Runner

\$11 AT AMAZON





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## Solar Sunflower Lights

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## Corduroy Throw Pillow Covers

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## Fall Tea Towels

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NOW 11% OFF

\$17 AT AMAZON



## Inadequacy Marketing

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"Tell your audience the world is dangerous, they lack what they need, they don't quite fit in. Then offer the magic cure -- your product. Our marketing forefathers developed this powerful storytelling language that casts a brand as the hero come to rescue the consumer - the damsel in distress."



## Deuteronomy 26:1-15

1. Priority of Generosity
2. Price of Generosity
3. Posture of Generosity
4. People of Generosity
5. Power of Generosity



## I. Priority of Generosity

Before I save or spend, I give.



## Dt 26:1-2 - Principle of First-fruits

“When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you as a special possession and you have conquered it and settled there, put some of the first produce from each crop you harvest into a basket and bring it to the designated place of worship—the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored.



## 2. Price of Generosity

More than you think you can.



## 10% is not the Biblical standard

- Lev 27:30-33 mandates 10% of all produce and flocks be given to Lord annually.
- Dt 14:22-29 mandates another 10% of produce and flocks to be eaten at central sanctuary annually.
- Dt 14:29 commands every third year, another 10% given to immigrants, orphans, and widows.
- “Pro-rated annually, these added up to a 23.33% gift.” (Craig Blomber, NT scholar)
- This doesn't take into consideration additional giving laws like Sabbath years, Jubilee, gleaning, and their culture of hospitality.



# Comparative Complacency



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“One of the great mysteries of life to me is how a family in the [\$96,000] bracket, before taxes, or even [\$115,000], can meet all its obligations and still educate its children.”

(Judd Arnett, *Philadelphia Enquirer*, 1974)



“To the vast majority of the world’s people, such statements would be unintelligible—or dishonest. To be sure, we do need [\$96,000-\$115,000] or even much more each year if we insist on having two cars, an expensively furnished, sprawling suburban home, a million-dollar life insurance policy, new clothes every time fashions change, the most recent ‘laborsaving devices’ for home and garden, an annual three-week vacation, and so on. Many North Americans have come to expect precisely that. But that is hardly life at the edge of poverty.”

(Ron Sider, *Rich Christians In An Age of Hunger*)



**3. Posture of Generosity**  
**Gratitude**



## John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for Him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples (the one who was about to betray Him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of My burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."



**Dt 26:5-10, II**

You must then say in the presence of the Lord your God, “My ancestor Jacob was a wandering Aramean who went to live as a foreigner in Egypt. His family arrived few in number, but in Egypt they became a large and mighty nation. When the Egyptians oppressed and humiliated us by making us their slaves, we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors. He heard our cries and saw our hardship, toil, and oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and powerful arm, with overwhelming terror, and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey! And now, O Lord, I have brought You the first portion of the harvest You have given me from the ground.” ... Afterward you may go and celebrate because of all the good things the Lord your God has given to you ...



## Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



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so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.



4. People of Generosity  
The Priest and the Poor



## People of Generosity

v.2 – “bring it to the designated place of worship”

v.3 – “go to the priest”

v.4 – “the priest will then take the basket from your hand”

v.11 – “Remember to include the Levites and foreigners living among you”

v.12 – “offer a special tithe ... to the Levites, foreigners, orphans, and widows”



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## THE STANDARD

Before I spend more than I should  
Or save more than I need,  
I give more than I can  
To the work of the “priest”  
And to the care of the “poor”  
With an attitude of gratitude  
For the love of Jesus.



Luke 7:42 – “Who do you suppose loved him more after that?”

Luke 7:47 – “A person who is forgiven little shows only little love.”



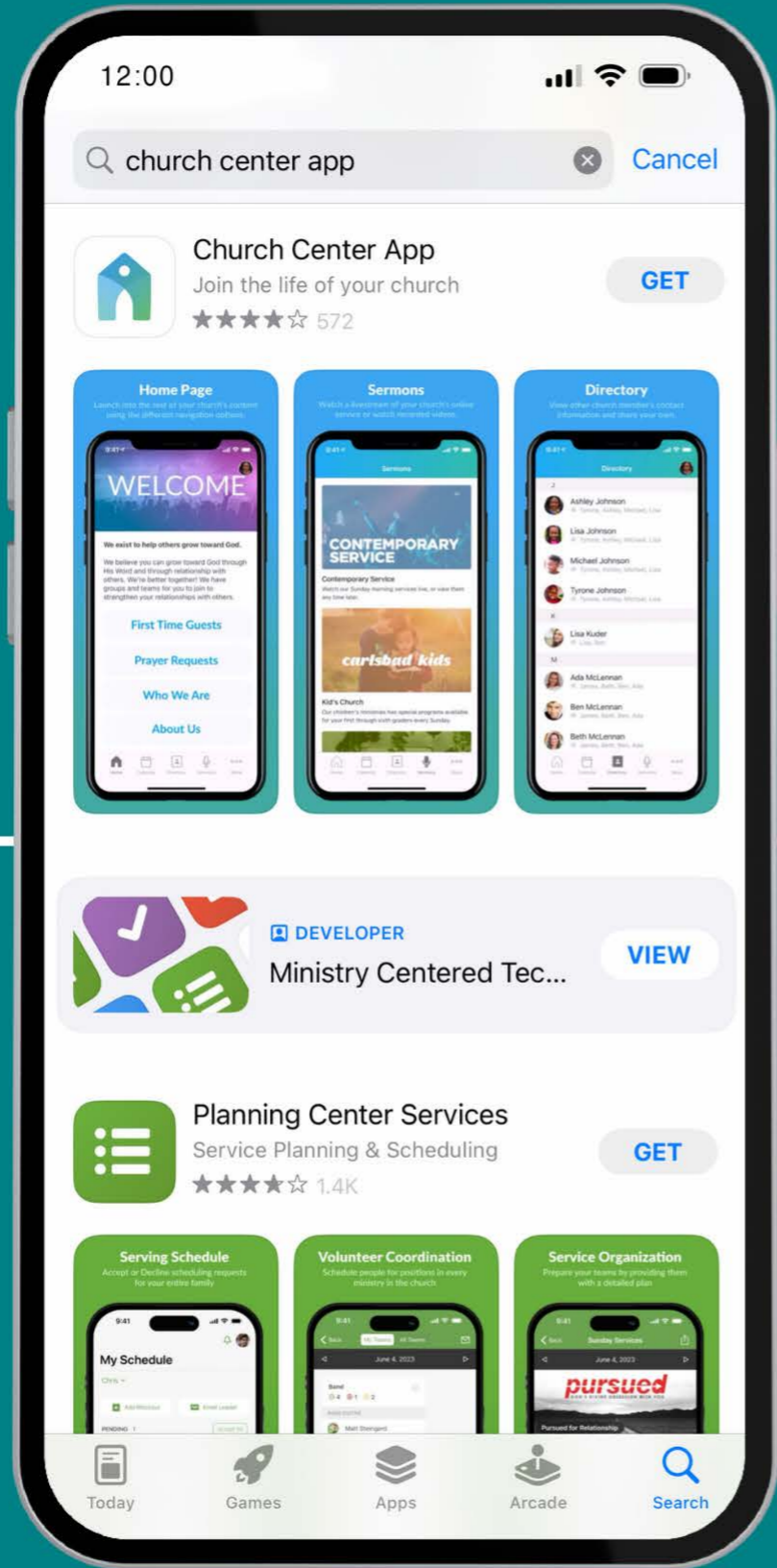
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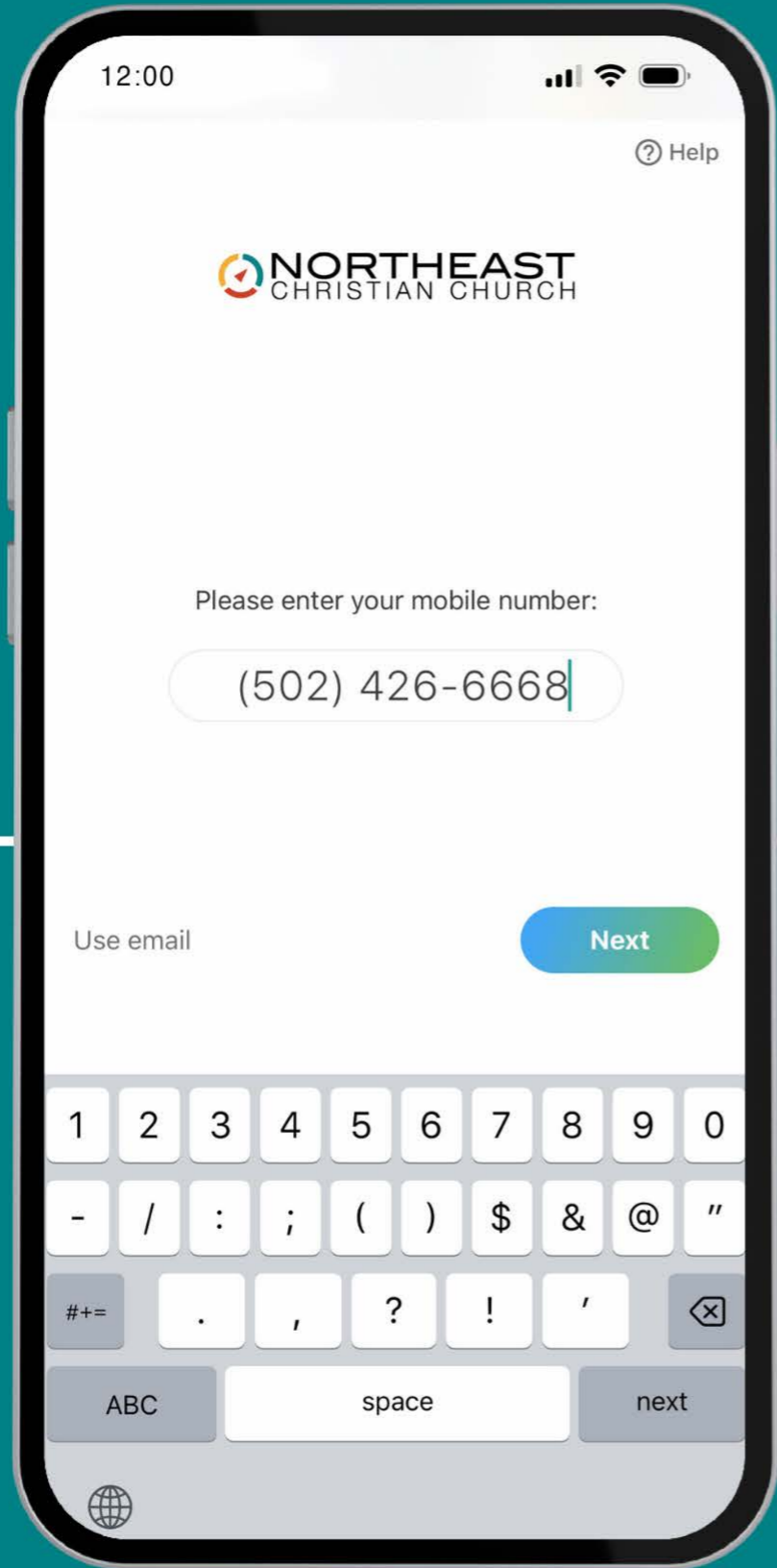


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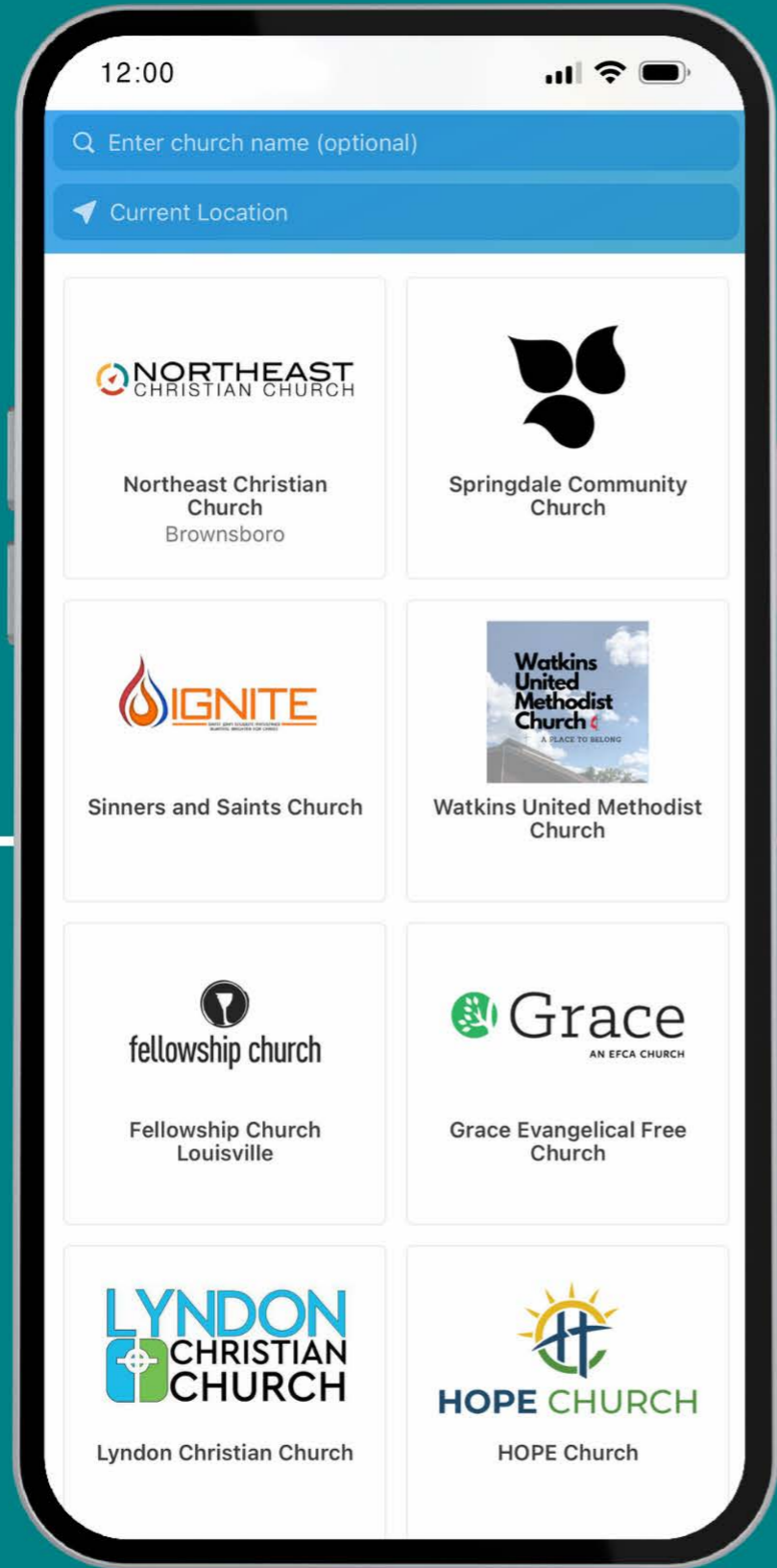
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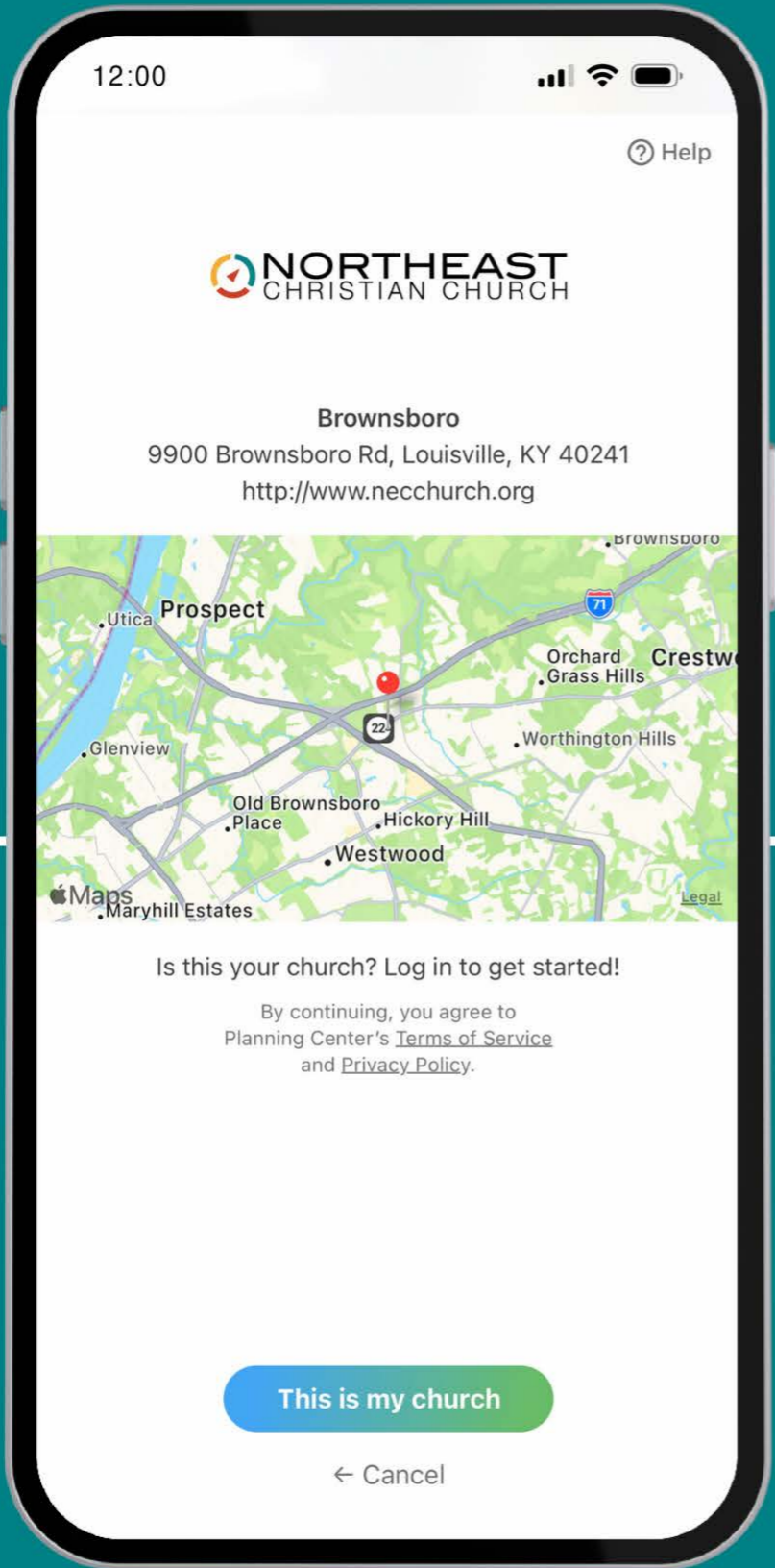






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