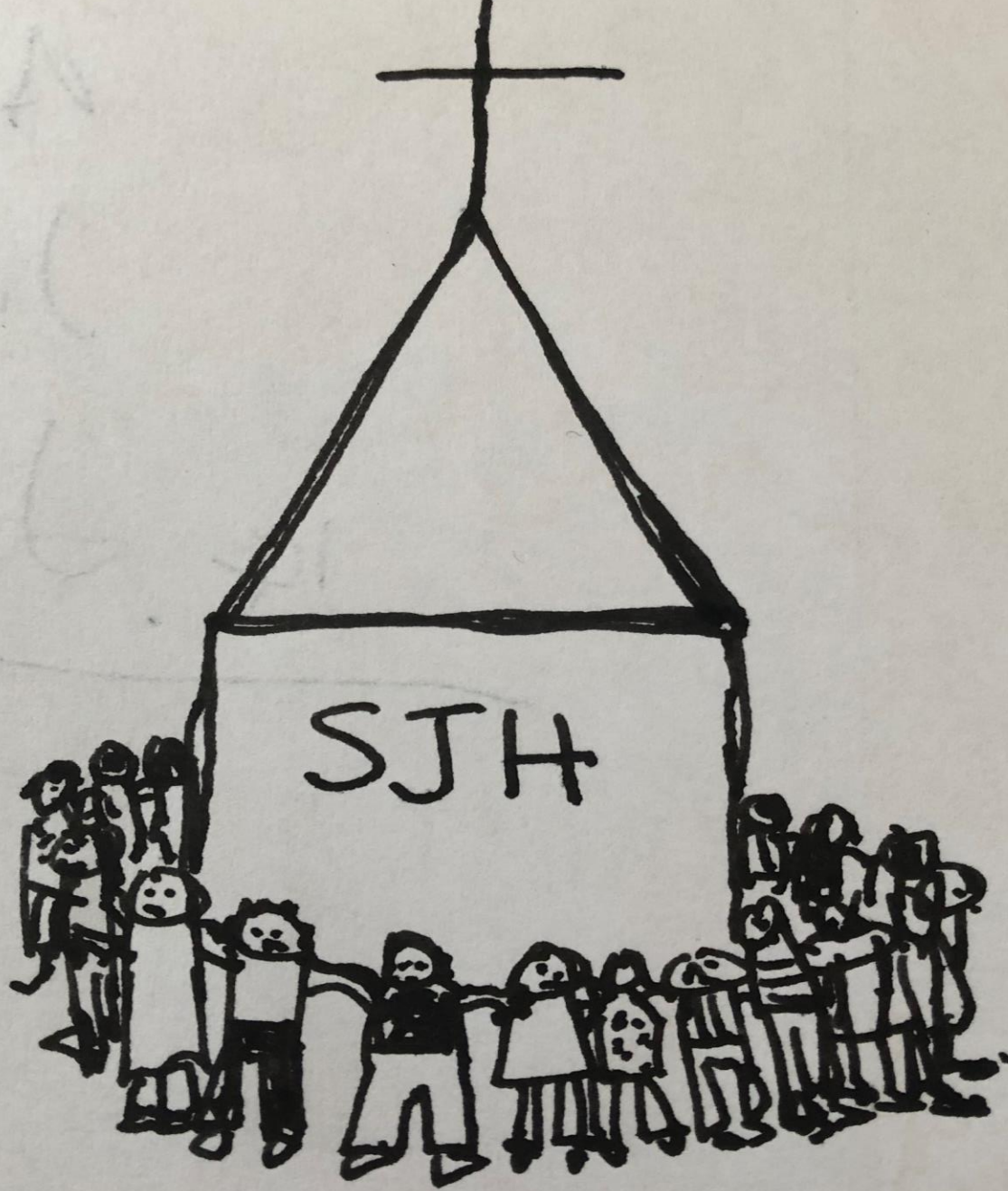




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“For I know the plans I have for you”, declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me, and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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***‘...So I summoned Eliezer, Ariel,
Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan,
Nathan, Zechariah and Meshullam, who
were leaders....’***

Ezra 8:16

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1. Everyone PRAYING

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‘There, by the Ahav Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions.’

Ezra 8:21

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***‘So we fasted and petitioned our God
about this, and he answered our prayer.’***

Ezra 8:23

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2. Everyone GIVING

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'I weighed out to them the offering of silver and gold and the articles that the king, his advisers, his officials and all Israel present there had donated for the house of our God.'

Ezra 8:25

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If you have not yet given...please GIVE

If you have given.....now give GENEROUSLY

If you've given Generouslygive SACRIFICIALLY

If you've given Sacrificially.....give EXTRAVAGANTLY

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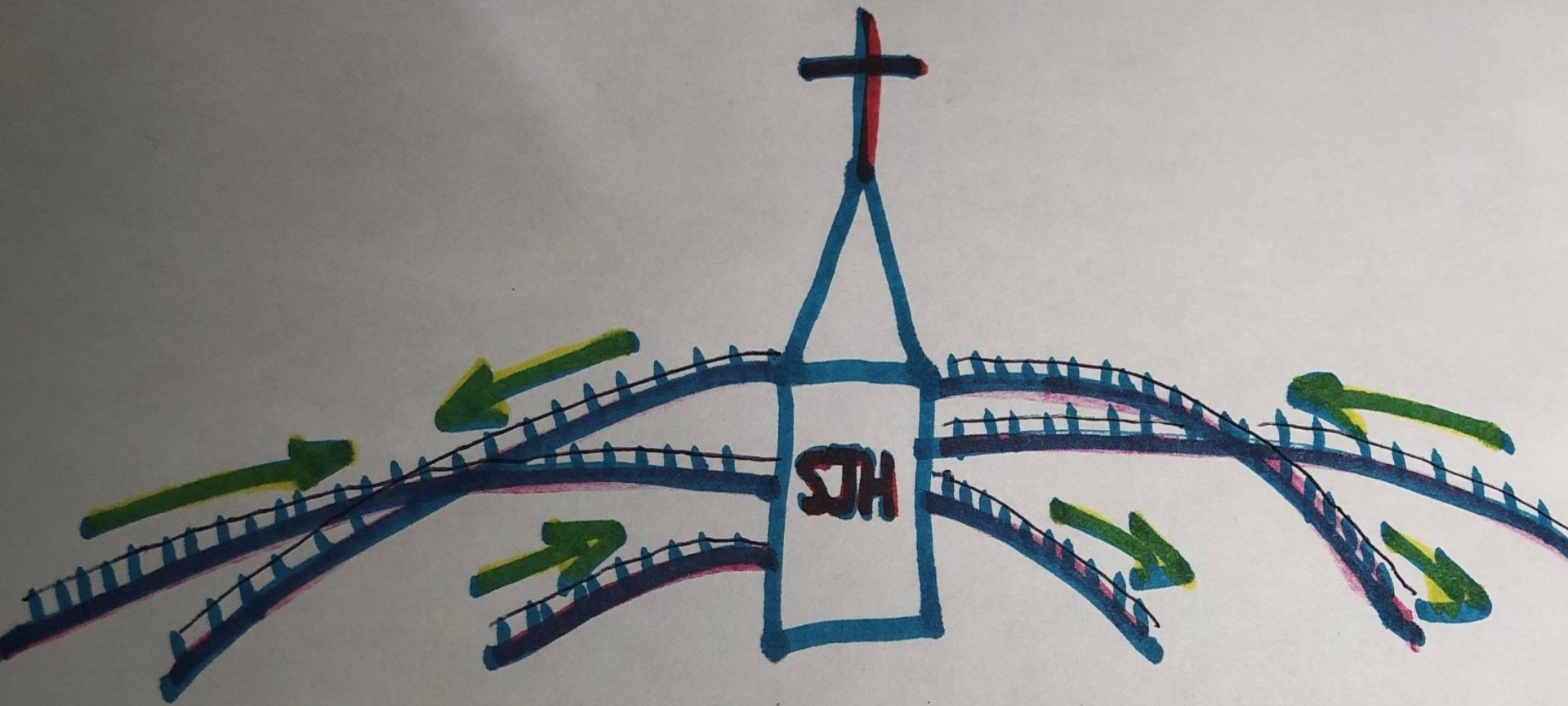
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‘Then the exiles who had returned from captivity sacrificed...They also delivered the King’s orders to the royal satrap and to the governors of Trans – Euphrates who then gave assistance to the people and to the House of God.’

Ezra 8:35-36

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**A heart for God,
our city,
and the nations**

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St John's Harborne Mission Statement

- 1. To reach non-Christians in Birmingham and beyond with the Good News of Jesus in an accessible, contemporary style.*
- 2. To provide a church home which can relate to and meet the needs of believers in the Harborne area, including resourcing them for life and mission.*

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3. To be a large church in the Harborne area which unites the spiritual and the rational aspects of the gospel while maintaining a small-church family atmosphere.

4. To establish, when appropriate, missional communities sent out from St John's to help reach people with the Good News of Jesus.

5. To pursue and demonstrate unity within ourselves and within the larger body of Christ.

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‘It was not so much the fact that they had intermarried, but the fact that they had ‘polluted’ themselves (9:11) with the ‘detestable practices’ (v 1) of the nations around. The leaders and officials had led the way in their unfaithfulness.’

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‘When I heard this, I tore my tunic and cloak, pulled hair from my head and beard, and sat down appalled.’

Ezra 9:3

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'I am too ashamed and disgraced my God, to lift up my face to you, because our sins are higher than our heads' and our guilt has reached to the heavens. From the days of our ancestors until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we.. have been subjected...to humiliation.'

Ezra 9:6-7

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‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.’

Matthew 6:8

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