

## We Have Been To Church



*Awesome, Blessing, God's work.* Those words to me echoed a theme of the Genesis' *Evening of Stories* (EOS) dessert funding event we just celebrated! Our annual fall EOS was a great blessing, encouragement, and amazing success. God's redemptive work in the lives of people was on glorious display in our various counseling and training ministries. Nearly 400 people came and heard the redeeming message of God's story, which is the story that touches those we serve. We met our corporate faith stretching goal of \$100,000, so many people donated and pledged! Many businesses and churches also stepped up to support this work to hundreds annually seeking our care. All of our Genesis board, staff, and volunteers have such a huge heart of gratitude to the Lord, and all those that helped support and financially

give to this work.

Dr. John Ortberg, our keynote speaker, deeply engaged our audience in powerful spiritual truth, playful humor, and direct application to real life. We are truly appreciative of his passion to bless us. He challenged us to trust God's many *doors*"-to individually say faith. Our special singer was voice was so moving that it Each person that shared their videos, and all the many people simply a blessing to our Genesis

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call and “go through the yes to God-as we walk by Cami Bradley, and her resonated with our souls. stories, the compelling participating were team.

Carol, one dear friend, best captured the impact of the entire night for me when she excitedly said: “I know this was the big funding event for Genesis ministries, *but it felt to me as if we have been to church.*” With great enthusiasm she shared her heart about the rich blessing it was to be present that night. With the redemptive stories, the music, and the transparent speakers she felt it gave something good to all of us. I told her that was a deep desire that each person would experience a rich spiritual blessing, which the world does not provide.

When Dr. Ortberg and I left that night, he quickly commented on how engaged the audience was with the evening and Genesis ministry. “I enjoyed myself! I could tell this group has deep buy-in to your ministry of the heart. It was so good to see and be with you all.” Thank you to all who joined us. These pictures offer a glimpse of our good evening. Perhaps like Carol, you too experienced a bit of going to church.

Warmly in Christ,

**Dave**

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