

## **J.D. Greear**

J.D. Greear is the pastor of The Summit Church, in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. The Summit is characterized by its gospel focus and sending culture.

Depth in the gospel also leads to width in the mission. Under Greear's leadership, the Summit has grown from a plateaued church of 300 to one of nearly 10,000, making it one of Outreach magazine's "top 25 fastest-growing churches in America" for many years running.

Seating capacity, however, is not the church's primary metric for success. Sending capacity is. Greear has led the Summit in a bold vision to plant one thousand new churches by the year 2050. In the last ten years, the church has sent out more than 650 people to live on church planting teams — in North Carolina, across the United States, and around the world.

In April 2017, Greear preaching ministry expanded to include Summit Life, a daily half-hour radio program on Moody Radio and Truth Network stations across the country.

Greear has authored several books, including *Gaining by Losing: Why the Future Belongs to Churches That Send* (2015), *Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary* (2011), *Stop Asking Jesus into Your Heart: How to Know for Sure You Are Saved* (2013), and *Jesus, Continued ... Why the Spirit Inside You Is Better Than Jesus Beside You* (2014).

Greear completed his Ph.D. in theology at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Veronica, live in Raleigh. Together they are raising four ridiculously cute kids: Kharis, Alethia, Ryah and Adon.