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Rethinking the Way Churches Share *The Desire of Ages*

A modern approach to sharing *The Desire of Ages*



WHY SHOULD WE RETHINK THE WAY WE SHARE *THE DESIRE OF AGES*?



As we all know, *The Desire of Ages* is an incredibly powerful book written by Ellen G. White. According to the Ellen G. White Estate, she wanted this book to communicate to others “the light which the Lord has been pleased in His great mercy and love to give me.”

The Desire of Ages has been translated into a multitude of languages and achieved worldwide circulation.

Many churches will purchase these books by the cases to distribute this important message to their local communities.

Therein lies the challenge: Most just hand this book out to anybody and everybody. However, many of these books find their way to individuals who aren't ready to read them and end up covered in dust or, even worse, in the garbage can.

The question is how do you identify who is interested in actually reading this important book? Is there a better way to find individuals in your community who actually want to read it?

We think there is!

What's more, we believe that finding them, when done correctly, can start an ongoing relationship with individuals that goes much deeper than simply passing books out.

When used correctly, Facebook can be an incredible tool in finding those people. In this document, we will provide everything you need to create a Facebook Campaign in your community and find individuals who are open to reading *The Desire of Ages*. In addition, we'll equip you with a follow-up strategy to turn these requests into long-term relationships.

Here is your roadmap to successfully launching a Facebook Campaign to share this book with interested individuals in your community.



ROADMAP TO RETHINKING THE WAY YOU SHARE *THE DESIRE OF AGES*



1

Create Your Facebook Campaign

- Set a budget and timeframe
- Choose your geography
- Finalize your ad creative
 - ✓ Hero Image
 - ✓ Primary Text
 - ✓ Headline
 - ✓ Call to Action
 - ✓ Description
- Create a Facebook Lead Ad Form
 - ✓ Select Form Questions
 - ✓ Set Completion Message
 - ✓ Link to Privacy Policy

2

Monitor Responses

3

Follow Up

- Confirmation Email
- Create Letter to include with *The Desire of Ages*
- 1 Week Follow-up Email
- 1 Month Follow-up Email
- 2 Month Follow-up Email
- 3 Month Follow-up Email



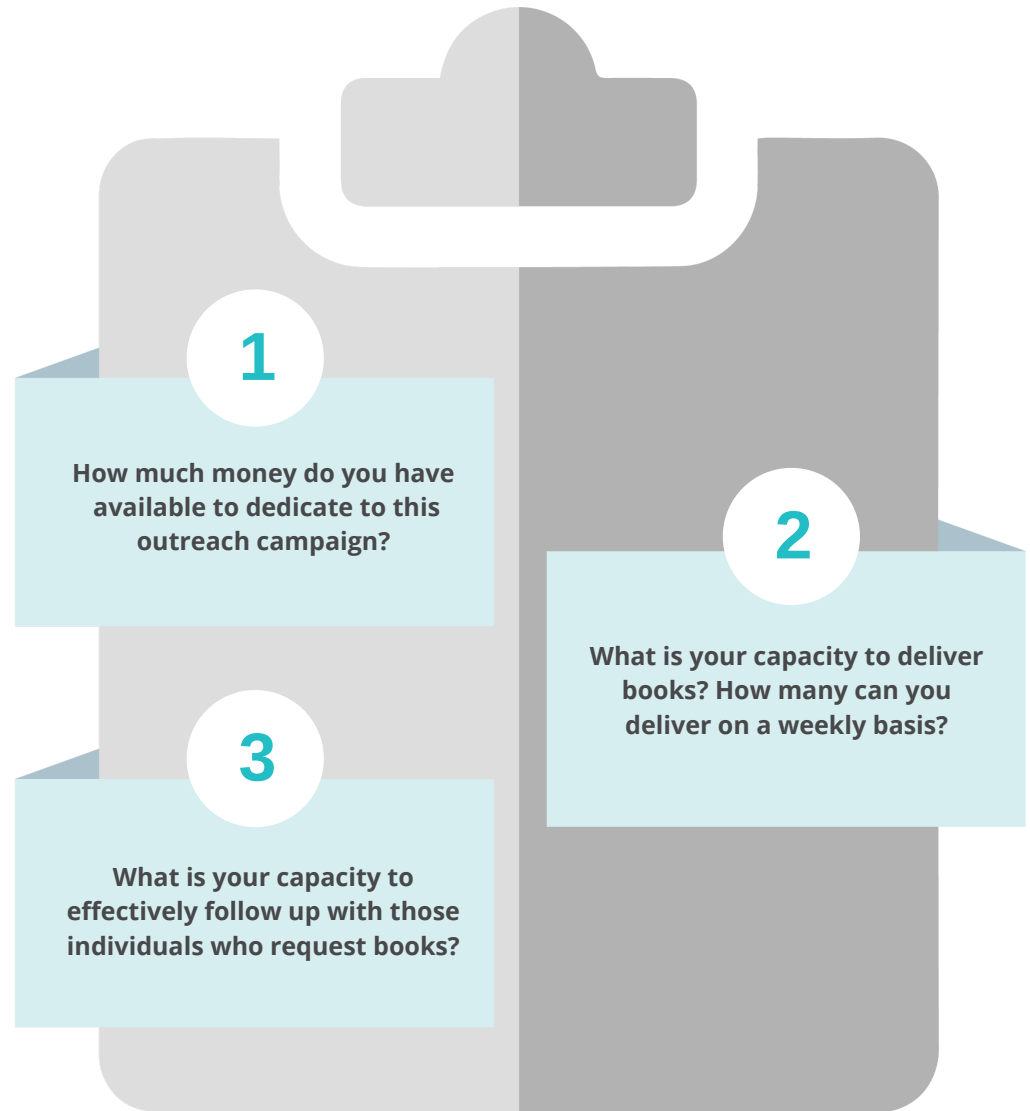
SETTING A BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME



Budget

Before you get too far down the road in launching your *The Desire of Ages* Campaign, it's important to set a budget. Deciding the right budget needs to take into account more information than just how much money you need to spend on the ads themselves, although that is part of the equation.

Here are the factors you need to consider.





Your budget should align with your most limiting factor.

After you have accumulated data based on your specific campaign, you can fine-tune your budget.

Timeframe

After your campaign runs for a while (and if you are focused on a geographic area surrounding your church), you'll notice your cost per request of *The Desire of Ages* will rise over time. This is something to monitor. We recommend setting a threshold once the amount exceeds 50-75% of your average cost per request.

Furthermore, we recommend pausing the campaign for 2-3 months and then turning it on again. At any point in time, there will be some individuals who are interested in this outreach. After running the campaign initially, give it some time and you will find more individuals who are willing and interested.



For example, if you have a \$10 million budget, but you can only deliver 10 *Desire of Ages* books per week, then you shouldn't set your ad budget at \$10 million! Results will vary depending on a number of factors. As a rule of thumb, we would anticipate building your budget around \$10/request. So, if your church has the capacity of delivering 10 *Desire of Ages* books a week, then we would recommend setting aside a daily budget of around \$14.29 (\$100 a week to generate 10 *Desire of Ages* requests/week).



CHOOSING YOUR GEOGRAPHIC REGION



There are a couple factors to think through when deciding on how large of a geographic region you should focus on.

1

Do you plan on delivering the books in person? We believe there is value in this approach, even if someone doesn't see you. It shows that you are local and accessible.

2

How many people are you reaching with your ad? If your church is in the heart of New York City, we would recommend narrowing down your geographic area substantially. If your church is in a small town like Shattuck, OK, then we would suggest expanding that reach to 15-25 miles.



As you begin seeing results, we encourage you to test and change up your approach.

Over time, you will discover your sweet spot!



FINALIZE YOUR AD CREATIVE



Next, we need to create your actual Facebook Ads.

But before we get started, please verify that your church has the following:



1. Facebook Page

If your church doesn't already have a Facebook Page, you will need to create one. [Facebook has a great resource center on how to do this.](#)

2. Facebook Business Manager Account

In addition to a Facebook Page itself, you will need a Facebook Business Manager Account. If you don't have one, [here is how to set it up.](#)

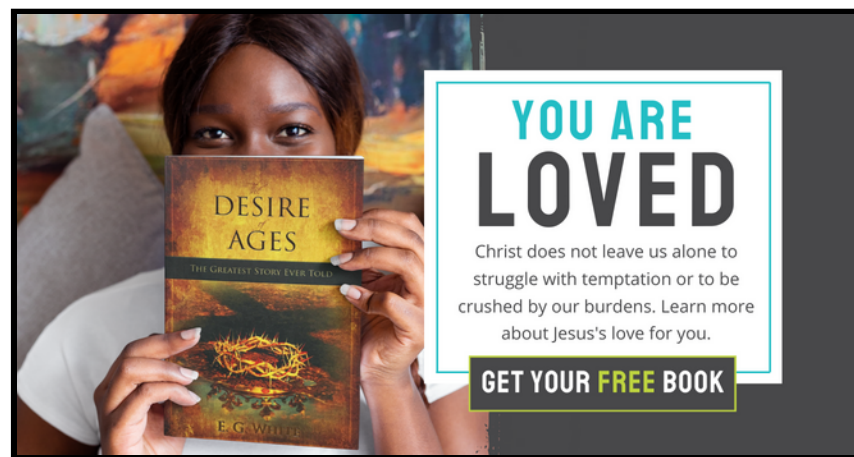
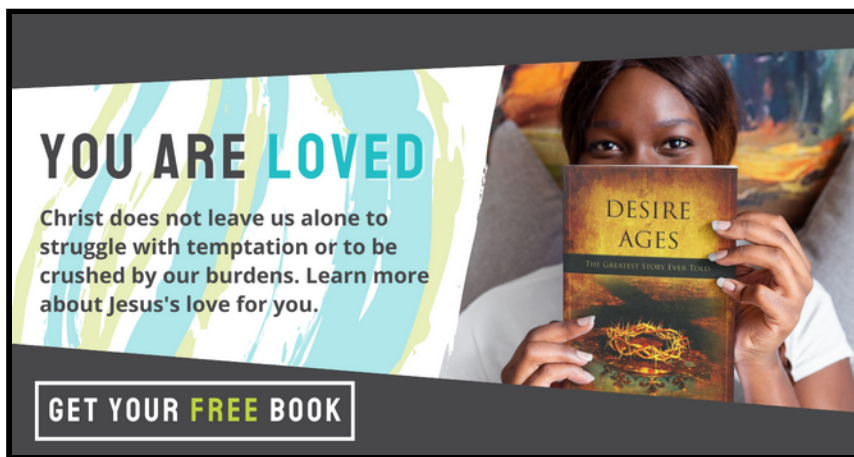
3. First Ad?

If this is your first time setting up a Facebook Ad Campaign, [here is a link to a helpful resource.](#)



Creative Templates You Can Use

Here are four standard Facebook Ads. If you are an existing Delmar or Rethinking Evangelism customer, just submit a request and we will get them updated for you right away. You can use these templates as is, or if you have someone with an understanding of Adobe Illustrator, you can easily add your church's logo. We recommend using them all and seeing which ones perform the best in your community.





FACEBOOK AD CREATIVE

Version 1

Version 2



Name of Your Organization

Posted by First Name Last Name
Feb 15

Primary Text

This classic devotional tells the life story of Jesus Christ. It takes Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and brings them to life in chapter form. By vividly describing events of those times, it leads the reader to feel more like an eyewitness to Christ's ministry.

As you delve into the pages of this book, you will discover the secret of Jesus's happiness and peace. Christ does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation or to be crushed by our burdens. He's waiting at the door of your heart ... won't you let Him come in?



You are Loved - Get Your Free
Devotional Today!

Get Offer

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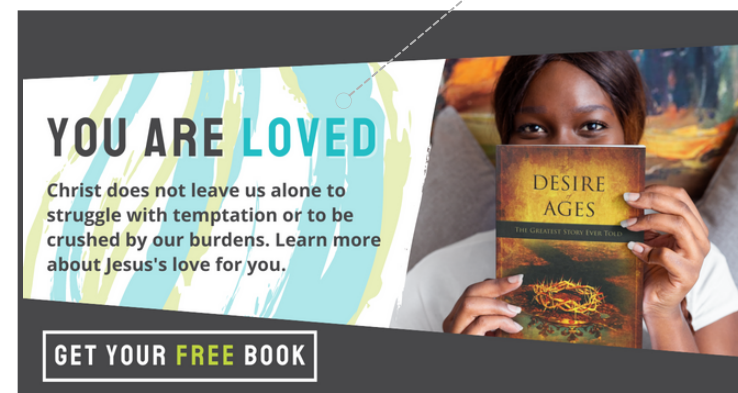


Name of Your Organization

Posted by First Name Last Name
Feb 15

Headline

Christ does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation or to be crushed by our burdens. Learn more about Jesus's love for you.



You are Loved - Get Your Free
Devotional Today!

Get Offer

Call To Action



CREATE A FACEBOOK LEAD AD FORM



Greeting

Headline

Description

Custom Question

Form Fields

YOU ARE LOVED

Christ does not leave us alone to struggle with temptation or to be weighed down by our burdens. Learn more about Jesus's love for you.

LOGO GOES HERE

Name of Your Organization

How to Get Your Free Book

We just need to collect a few details in order to provide you with your free copy of *The Desire of Ages*.

Would you like to be updated by text message in the future?

Sure

No, Thank You

First Name Last Name

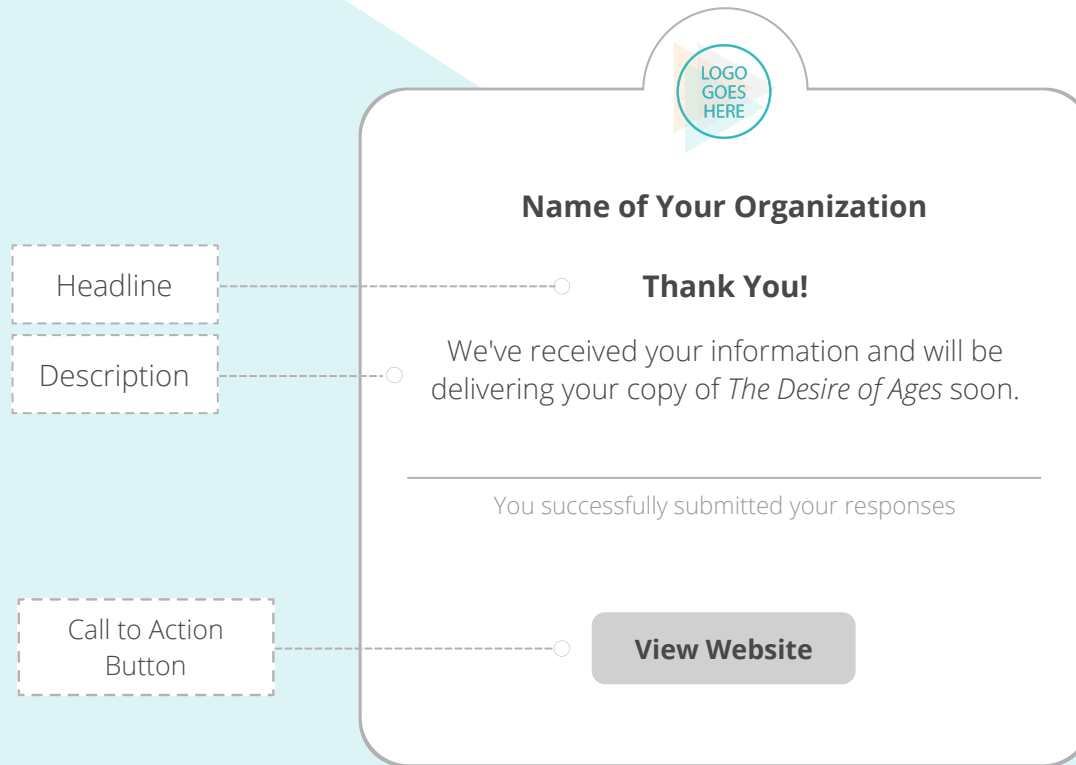
Phone Number Email

Street Address City

State Zip Code



Completion Message





FOLLOW UP



Confirmation Email

Subject

Content

New message

To

Cc Bcc

Subject **Thank you for requesting The Desire of Ages**

Hi {{ contact.firstname }},

Thank you for requesting your copy of *The Desire of Ages* on Facebook. I will leave it on your doorstep (((((((this afternoon around 2:00)))))).

God bless and have a great day!

Email Signature

A

Send



Letter to include with *The Desire of Ages*

Content

(to be put on Church
Letterhead and included with
The Desire of Ages when
delivered)

Hi {{contact.firstname}},

I'm a member of the {{church name}}, and I'm really excited about giving this book to you! It tells the life story of Jesus Christ by taking Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and bringing them to life in chapter form. By vividly describing events of those times, it leads the reader to feel more like an eyewitness to Christ's ministry.

As you delve into the pages of this book, you will discover the secret of Jesus's happiness and peace. I've been blessed by it, and I sincerely believe it's going to be a blessing to you as well.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this book or even the Bible. I'd love to hear from you.

Enjoy your day!

Contact information

{{First Name}} {{Last Name}}

{{Church Name}}

{{Church Phone Number}}

{{Church Email}}

{{Website}}

{{Church Address}}

Follow Us

Facebook.com/{{Church Facebook Address}}

Instagram.com/{{Church Instagram Address}}

Twitter.com/{{Church Twitter Address}}

LinkedIn.com/{{Church LinkedIn Address}}



1 Week Follow-Up Email

Subject

Content

New message

To

Cc Bcc

Subject







How are you?

Hi {{contact.firstname}},

How have you been enjoying *The Desire of Ages*? I wanted to let you know I have been praying for you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email or call me.

I hope you're doing well!

Email Signature

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Send

1 Month Follow-Up Email



To	Cc Bcc
Subject What are some things you have enjoyed about the book?	
<p>Hello {{contact.firstname}},</p> <p>I pray you are doing well! I wanted to check in to see how you are doing and how you have been enjoying <i>The Desire of Ages</i> book I dropped off.</p> <p>What's awesome about <i>The Desire of Ages</i> is that it shows us how to have Jesus in our lives and teaches the secret of His happiness and peace. One of the many things I enjoyed about the book is that it doesn't take time away from the Bible, but instead points us back to the Bible as a wonderful supplement.</p> <p>What are some things that you have learned so far or have found interesting from reading some of the chapters? I would love to hear your thoughts on it and possibly answer any questions you may have.</p> <p>Please feel free to reach me at this email. I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Blessings, Email Signature</p>	
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3 Month Follow-Up Email

Subject

Content

New message

To

Cc Bcc

Subject

Did you enjoy the book?

○

Hello {{contact.firstname}},

I hope *The Desire of Ages* is providing important answers to some of your most challenging questions. I would love to learn what has piqued your interest.

Feel free to reach out any time.

Blessings,
Email Signature

A

Send



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