

Y08 — What's Next

Last lesson. Let us look at what just happened, and then at where this goes - because this course ends, but what you picked up here does not.

Start with the inventory, because it is bigger than you think. A month or so ago, most of you had never told an AI to do anything. Since then you have found a need in your town that adults drove past for years. You built a real website without writing code, by directing an AI like an editor directs a writer. You made a phone call that scared you, with a gift in your hand, and learned that generosity is the best icebreaker on earth. You put something on the public internet, asked for support with honest numbers, and watched a little powered-by line at the bottom of someone else's website quietly point people back to your church. Any one of those is a skill. The stack of them is something closer to a superpower.

So, what next? Three paths, and they are not exclusive.

Path one: keep the ministry running. The call list does not end at ten names, and the next site takes half the time the first one did. Some groups make this a rhythm - a site a month, a wall of tally marks, a reputation around town as the church whose kids do that. The fourth or fifth launch will feel routine, and routine generosity is the rarest kind.

Path two: graduate from the kit, and this is for those of you who felt something click in the last lesson. The kit's own instructions end with three challenges, and I will name them so you know what you are walking toward. Add a whole new page to a site - an events page - which the kit never showed you how to do; you and the AI figure it out together. Build and launch a site without opening the prompt book

once - your own words, start to finish. And the big one: write your own house rules file, from scratch, for a brand-new project of your own - because the person who writes the rules file is the boss of the project, and that person can be you now. Do all three and you are not using training wheels anymore. You are building them for whoever comes after you.

Path three: carry the pattern somewhere new, because here is the secret of this whole course - the websites were never really the point. The pattern was the point. Find someone invisible. Build the gift before you ring the doorbell. Give it free, ask honest, thank everyone. That pattern works on things that are not websites. The team flyer nobody designed, the spreadsheet the food pantry does by hand, the slideshow for the mission trip - you now know how to see the need, direct an AI to build the answer, and hand it over with no strings. Wherever you go next - school, jobs, your own ministries - you will be the person in the room who knows how to do that. There are not many of you. There is about to be a shortage of you, everywhere, for the rest of your lives.

One last word, and then I will let you go. Somewhere in your town tonight, somebody is going to search for that little church, or that barbershop - and for the first time ever, they are going to find it. They will never know your name; you made sure of that, first names only. But it happened because a group of kids decided that having been given good things, the right move was to give good things away. Do not lose that. The tools will change - the AI you use in five years will make this one look like a flip phone. The pattern is forever.

Your last build: pick your path out loud. Around the room, every person says one sentence - the next site, the graduation challenges, or the new place you will carry the pattern. Your leader writes them on the wall under the tally. That wall is no longer a scoreboard. It is a map.