



**Matt Atkins** the primary teaching pastor and visionary of Mosaic Church of Bellingham, which he was part of starting twelve years ago. Prior to founding Mosaic, Matt served in a number of different ministry capacities in both NW Washington and British Columbia, Canada, as well as traveling extensively teaching and speaking. While in Canada, Matt attended Regent Seminary with an emphasis on Pauline Theology. During this time, he also became very committed to being bi-occupational. As a result, in addition to working with Mosaic, Matt has been in the business community since the late 90's, initially in marketing and sales, and then owning a training consulting company. During this time Matt rediscovered a past love of investment management and got licensed as a financial advisor. Matt is currently the Senior Financial Advisor with a private capital management company in Bellingham.

I have traveled to extensively in the US, Europe, Mexico, Canada, Central America, the Caribbean, Australia and Asia speaking in YWAM schools and conferences for the past 32 years. I have been and am a frequent speaker at YWAM Montana, Maui, Belize, Germany and Costa Rica, speaking in the Discipleship Training School, School of Worship and the Leadership School. In the past couple of years, as my responsibilities with the investment company have increased, I have limited my speaking and traveling to a few weeks per year. I am also one of the presenters at the Northwest University Youth Leaders Forum this Fall.

Matt and his wife, Laura, of more than 35 years, enjoy spending time with their children (5 + spouses) and three grand-children (soon to be 4), serving their community, taking vacations to warm places and working on their yard and garden (well sometimes he enjoys this part). Matt is an avid golfer, loves fly fishing and reads constantly.

"The greatest joy, and yes, one of the greatest challenges, of my life is being a father. When I die, I want it to be said of me, 'He was a father to his children, a father to the fatherless and a father in the faith.'"