



UNSTOPPABLE

Becoming the Church God Had in Mind

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Week 1

1 of 4

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Bottom Line: Jesus said, "I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18

Icebreaker: What's a difference you want to make in your own life in 2020? In what area would you like to help make a difference in your world or community?

Key Verse: *Where there is no vision, the people perish.* Proverbs 29:18 KJV

Focused energy has great power. An unfocused church loses power, but a church that narrows its focus to a laser-like Vision can cut through insignificance and meet needs. Focusing requires courage. It is saying "no" to many good things so you can say "yes" to the best. You must resist complexity and pursue simplicity. You choose what potentially works over your present system. Our potential as a church to make an impact is directly related to our willingness to narrow our focus.

In 2020 we will focus on three values we need to lift up powerfully and live out passionately:

- 1. Reaching an ever-increasing percentage of eastern Ohio and beyond with the gospel.** God is saying we are not yet finished as a church—there are thousands of people who matter to Him who are not yet in the family. God is counting on the witness of this church to be salt and light. If we charge into this with all of us committed, the kingdom advances one life at a time. Our strategy is to actively pray over our prayer lists and to invest and invite.
- 2. Moving every Christ-follower toward spiritual maturity.** Once a person has received Christ, the challenge is not over. Our mission is not only to get people saved but to help them realize their full potential in Christ. We want everyone to pursue intimacy with God, become involved in community, and influence their world.
- 3. Investing a greater percentage of our lives, knowledge, and resources with those in our world.** God always thinks, acts, loves, and redeems globally. We have the responsibility and the opportunity to take on the world: regionally, nationally, and internationally.

The world is waiting, hoping, and depending on us. In God's scheme of things, you are here for such a time as this. You need to vote for us to become the church God had in mind. Vote with your mind, your heart, your hands, your mouth, your time, and your checkbook.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

I want to make a difference with people who want to make a difference, doing something that makes a difference. How does that resonate with you?

The church is not here to meet our needs. We are here to meet the needs of the world. Reflect and discuss.

A church unfocused is harmless. How have you experienced or seen that?

What might it mean to "remove every nonessential barrier facing those who seek God but have not yet found Him"?

What are the biggest barriers to you personally in using a prayer list, investing, and inviting?

We must see lost people as God sees them. How does He see them? How real is that to you? Explain.

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Where have you grown most since salvation? 1) pursuing intimacy with God? 2) involvement in community? or 3) influencing your world? Where do you currently need to grow most?

You will not be fully whole in Christ until you experience community on a consistent basis. What does that mean to you? Agree or disagree?

What do you consider to be some of the practices, relationships, and experiences you need to move toward spiritual maturity?

How do you believe you personally need to invest more in the world?

What does it mean for you to vote with your mind, your thoughts? With your heart, your emotions? How do you vote with your hands and your spiritual gift? How can you vote with your mouth, your time, and your checkbook?

NEXT STEPS

1. Ask God to help you think personally, but also in community, about this adventure to which God is calling us.
2. Commit to voting through an intentional choice by using your spiritual gifts, praying for your obedience and success, rearranging your schedule to participate, and giving a full tithe to support.
3. Begin now to build a salvation prayer list and invest and invite.

EVALUTION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 GNT

Tuesday: John 13:34-35

Wednesday: John 15:2

Thursday: John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9

Friday: Romans 1:16

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)