

## **The Unstoppable Church – “How to build an unstoppable church”**

Why do we tend to associate the word “church” with buildings and not people? What changes when you associate God’s presence with actual people rather than a physical space?

Dig In!

### **Set the foundation on Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 3:11)**

- Which of the five “non-negotiable” foundational claims about Jesus Christ is hardest for people to accept? (Virgin Birth, Virtuous Life, Vicarious Death, Victorious Resurrection, Visible Return). How might a lack of faith in any of these areas weaken the ministry of the church body?

### **Framing around the pillar of unashamed adoration (John 4:24; John 11:2)**

- How can you tell if you’ve limited your worship to a particular place, time or style rather than worshiping in spirit and truth? Why do we need to worship in both spirit and truth without emphasizing one over the other?

### **Framing around the pillar of unapologetic preaching (2 Timothy 4:2)**

- What happens if the church alters or avoids preaching messages that are challenging to the prevailing cultural perspective? How does God prepare us to face hostility from those who oppose the message he’s given us to share? (2 Timothy 4:17-18)

### **Framing around the pillar of unafraid witness (Ephesians 6:19-20)**

- Pastor Todd shared three ways we can witness boldly: 1. Come and see. 2. Share your story. 3. Explain the Gospel. Of these, which do you tend to do more? What happens as you share boldly in this way?

### **Framing around the pillar of unceasing prayer (Ephesians 6:18)**

- Are we giving priority attention to our prayer time as a group? What tends to hold people back from praying in a group setting? How do we make and keep our group a place of ‘unceasing prayer’.

### **Cap it off with uncommon community (1 Thessalonians 1:3)**

- What do you get to (hope to?) experience in this small group that is hard to find among friends who don’t share your faith? How do faith, hope and love play out practically in this small group setting?

### **Establish it’s glorifying purpose (Matthew 28:19-20)**

- The purpose of the church is to make disciples without discrimination over nationality, culture or status. So, how do you involve yourself in filling this purpose? Who do you feel responsible to disciple?

Break Out!

- Pray for people who don’t feel free to express their love for God openly. Pray for confidence in the message of the Gospel. Pray for boldness in our witness. Ask God to cultivate uncommon community among you. Ask God to lead you to more people he wants you to bring into his church.

