



FORWARD

WEEK OF APRIL 23RD, 2023
WHEN GOD IS UP TO SOMETHING NEW
Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette

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ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been in a situation that was so awkward, it was funny?
— Please share!

Introduction

- When did you join the LifePoint story? Where do you see yourself going forward in the story?
- Pastor Mike shared the quote, “The God who never changes is always up to something new.” How do you respond when God changes things up for you?
- What are fundamental truths about God that you lean on, even when everything around you is changing?
- Have you ever been faithful to live out your calling even when you don't see change? How do you continue to persevere with what God has called you to do when circumstances aren't ideal?

God is Doing Great Things!

- Luke 19:10 says, “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” The Father’s business is going to happen and God is going to keep doing great things, whether you’re on board or not. Are you choosing to participate? What does that look like for you? What does the Mission of God look like in your life?
- What distracts you from being a part of God’s mission? How can you realign those distractions to be less important than The Father’s business?
- If we believe that God is great and does great things, why are we always tempted to take control of our own lives? What keeps us from truly believing God to do great things?

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LifePoint Church is Doing Great Things with God!

- The Mission of LifePoint Church is to lead people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. What does this look like in your life? How are you a part of this mission, both personally and corporately?
- And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20) Why do you think that Jesus said He has all authority but gives us the Great Commission?
- In your current assignment, how is your mission in life in line with God’s mission? How are you still a part of the Great Commission?

We are Partners in Mission with God!

- How do you grade yourself on the five takeaways statements of what God wants from us: Attend faithfully, Pray consistently, Serve with Gladness, Invite people to your church, Give generously and sacrificially?
- Where are you most resistant to going “All in”?
- Does inviting people to church intimidate you? Why?
- God’s will is that every Christian serve in their local church. What is your posture towards serving?
- What are you missing out on by not serving?
- What does giving sacrificially look like to you? Why is it so hard?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

The Mission of God is always to seek and save lost people. Jesus was only about the Father's business, so as Christ followers, we're about what Jesus is about. The mission never changes. Everything we do is to help lead people to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. It's what drives us to do new things. It's easy to keep things the same and get comfortable, but God didn't call us to be comfortable. He's called us to go and make disciples. So ask Him to show you how you're going to help in the building of God's House.



ASK

- What excites you the most about the Forward campaign?
- What will be your part in helping with the Forward campaign? What can you do now in preparation for the new campus?
- This is an all-play for our church. What would it look like to get your whole family involved with the campaign?



CHALLENGE

Take a look at the five takeaway statements of what God needs from us: Attend faithfully, Pray consistently, Serve with gladness, Invite people to your church, and Give generously and sacrificially. Which areas do you need to get serious about? For the next two weeks, get bold and dangerous and pray: "Lord, everything I have belongs to you already! How would you like me to give away YOUR money?" Ask the Lord to show you how He wants you to join our three-year FORWARD campaign.

PRAYER

How blessed are we that we get to serve the God who never changes and is always up to something new! God, we thank You for the opportunity to be on mission with You. Thank You for the people who are on the way. Soften their hearts and give them the desire to pursue You like never before. God, we want to be about our Father's business. Speak to us and move us to do something big. Stretch us and bring us out of our comfort zone. Give us eyes for those who are missing. Nothing belongs to us, so Lord, we pray boldly and dangerously for You to show us how You want us to give away Your money and resources. This isn't about us, it's about making Your name and love known to those who need it. Use us in Your mission. We're ready. Amen.