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CHURCH



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I LOVE THE VISION OF THE CHURCH

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ICEBREAKER

Do you like the snow? Or do you prefer summer?



Introduction

- The Church is to Love God and Live Life in such a way that we cause a thirst in others, and that we shine a light so bright onto Jesus that we compel people to live for God! The Bible says in Ephesians 3.10 - through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known... How are you helping make it so God might now be made known?
- How did God write two groups of people in conflict with one another? What can we learn from this example?
- What are some misconceptions you have or have had with the church and how did you work through it?

God is a God of Order and Structure

- If you get into studying biology, anatomy, or the earth sciences, you will see the ordered nature of God in His creation! How does it make you feel to know that God brilliantly designed your very cells?
- Colossians 1:16-17 reads, "For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things, and in him all things hold together." How does this scripture affect how you live?

- Disorder can also be confusion. What in your life are you feeling confused about? Can you think of what God's will is verses the enemy and remove the confusion or disorder?

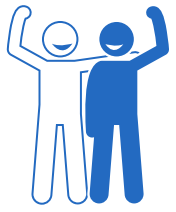
The Vision of our Church has Order and Structure

- Our vision is to "Lead People to be fully devoted followers of Jesus!" How are YOU directly involved in that?
- What have you experienced or seen that proves that LifePoint has been built on the rock?
- We have a four-step plan for our vision as a church! Where are you in our vision? (Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference)
- You have talents and gifts, you have a story of pain and triumph, and God can turn all of that around for good and for God! Would you allow Him to use every part of who you are for divine purpose? Is God asking you to get out of your comfort zone and what does that look like?

Join the Vision of Your Church

- Pastor Mike listed ten areas of personal growth we can use to help achieve the vision of LifePoint. Pick one area you agree is the one you struggle with the most and discuss. What can you do to improve?
- What are some ideas that your family, small group, or self can start today by helping build God's church? How can we use the resources Lifepoint has given to help spread the Gospel?
- How can we encourage each other to stay "on fire" for the vision of God and Lifepoint?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

We are reminded that everyone has a gift from God. You may be gifted to sing, to lead worship, to teach kids, to disciple teenagers, to run a camera, to be an extravagant giver, you may be gifted to preach and teach, you may be gifted in prayer... EVERYONE has a gift from God.



ASK

Ask the Lord what your role is in building His church? Where can you improve in making a difference in the church? Can you identify the chaos and the roots of the chaos in your life? Are you 100% on board with the mission and vision of Lifepoint?



CHALLENGE

Pastor Mike challenges us to be about the Church that GOD is all about! To be about advancing the Gospel and the church that God is so passionate to build and GO ALL IN!!! If you have not already, we invite you to GO ALL IN with your church. Attend regularly, pray regularly, serve regularly, and give regularly. Find an area you could improve on and GO ALL IN!!!

Prayer

Lord, we love you and we thank you for the church. We thank You for allowing us to continue to build Your church. Jesus we thank You for coming and establishing the rock on where and how You want to build the church in and through each of us. We ask for us to be sensitive to your Spirit and allow us to be used for Your glory. We ask that You help us be made aware of the chaos in our lives and help us discern if it is You agitating sin or if it is simply not from You. We thank You and we ask all of this in Jesus name- AMEN!!