



For Small Groups Meeting the Week of March 7th

BIG IDEA: JESUS WANTS TO BUILD AN UNSTOPPABLE CHURCH

CONNECT with God's family: (15 minutes)

1. Go around the room and share some of your “favorites”.

- My favorite movie of all time
- My favorite pet or animal
- My favorite possession
- My favorite vacation idea

2. What do you enjoy most about Palm Valley Church?

GROW in Christ: (45 minutes)

God has a plan for you in our church family. This week our focus is on what the Bible says about being an unstoppable church.

Read aloud the following passages from the Bible.

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church—about three thousand in all. [42] They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer.

[43] A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. [44] And all the believers met together constantly and shared everything they had. [45] They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need. [46] They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— [47] all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)

So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.

Luke 14:23 (NLT)

This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other equally.

1 Cor. 12:25 (NLT)

Discussion Questions.

1. According to vs. 42 what were some of the things the members of the first church were devoting themselves to?

2. What were some of the results of that in vs. 43-47?

3. In the Jerusalem church had the purposes of God at work

Evangelism *(the Lord added to their group those who were being saved)*

Fellowship *(shared their meals with great joy and generosity)*

Discipleship *(they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching)*

Worship *(they worshiped together at the Temple),*

Ministry, *(they sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need.)*

Which Purpose is your strength and which one are you weak in right now?

How do you think those five things together make the church more fruitful?

SERVE others: (10 minutes)

Review the main points of this week's message by Pastor Greg.

In an "Unstoppable" Church...

1) Everyone is invited.

I want to be a part of building God's Kingdom. I believe there are people in my life that I could invite to come to church with me. I am going to pray for and invite these people:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

2) Everyone is cared for.

3) Everyone is contributing.

RESULT: Everyone is changed.

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1 Cor. 12:25 (NLT)

1. **Each of us serving makes for a harmonious and caring church. Are you taking advantage of opportunities at Palm Valley to be equipped to serve? As a group, think of some things Palm Valley offers that would equip you to be more fruitful.**

SHARE Christ: (10 minutes)

Memory Verse:

So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'
Luke 14:23 (NLT)

1. **Where does the master ask the servant to look for guests to invite, and what kind of people does he say to invite?**
2. **Do you think we are sometimes more selective than God is in our inviting? How would it help if we let people say no for themselves rather than assuming they will, and then not asking?**

WORSHIP

Prayer helps us plug into God's power for service. Who does God want you to invite?

People I am praying for this week:

If you're having trouble thinking of who to invite, think through your five circles of influence. Each person already has five circles of influence in their lives where they are interacting regularly with people. God placed you where you are on purpose and He has already put people in your life that he wants to impact.

Five circles of influence

Fun. (hobbies, clubs, interests) _____
Firm/Factory (where you work) _____
Family (immediate, extended) _____
Fellowship (people you've met at church) _____
Friends (neighbors, kids, sports, etc.) _____