

The Church Unleashed Part 3

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When “Average Joes” adopt a biblical and awesome view of God and the Church, they are unleashed by faith to fulfill their purpose in God’s awesome mission.

- An Awesome View of God – Unleash from “Tiny God Syndrome”
 - God is in control
 - God is with you
 - God is worth it all
- An Awesome View of the Church – Unleash from “Church, Inc.”
 - A Church with a mission
 - A Church made to multiply
 - A Church unleashed
- An Awesome View of God’s Work in You – Unleash from “McChurch”
 - You are ready

- You are set

- You are sent

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Read Acts 8:1-4. Try to put yourself in the shoes of those who were scattered. What emotions might they be feeling? What plans might they be making? What fears might they have? What hopes might they have?
3. What do you think it means when Luke tells us the refugees “preached the word wherever they went”? What might this have looked like?
4. In your own words, describe “consumer Christianity” and some of the dangers that come with it?
5. Read John 20:21. How did God the Father send Jesus into the world? In what ways is our sending similar?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. Who is someone who functioned as an “ambassador for Christ” in your life? How did this person represent Christ to you?
7. What are some practical ways we can resist a “consumer mentality” with regard to church and grow as contributors to God’s work and ambassadors for his kingdom?
8. 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5. In what ways are you tempted to feel unqualified, unworthy, or unprepared to serve Jesus or to share Him with others?
9. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:8. How did Paul’s ministry resemble the ministry of Jesus? What are some ways this would have looked like practically?
10. Who is someone you can pray for and invest in that God has put in your path?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Read John 20:21, 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5, 1 Corinthians 12, 2 Corinthians 5:16-20, Ephesians 4:11-16

Memorize Acts 8:4

Read “Learning to Make Disciples of Jesus: The Calling of Every Believer” – <https://bit.ly/learndisciples>

Find resources for sharing and multiplying your faith at www.evantell.org and www.dare2share.org

Read “The High Cost of Consumer Christianity” – <https://bit.ly/consumerchristian>

Read “Sent into this world” – <https://bit.ly/sentintoworld>

Take this spiritual gifts assessment

– <https://bit.ly/spiritualgiftsassess>

Listen to “Send Me” – <https://bit.ly/sendmesong>

Read *I am a Church Member* by Thom Rainer

Read *The Body* by Charles Colson

