

What is the Church

Unleasher

Big Idea:

This is our heritage. This is our DNA. We must shift our culture from the creation of places to hide and start developing fearless and bold Christians who are passionate about the mission of the church.

Thought Exercise:

- What is the biggest step of faith you have taken in your life?
- What was your relationship with God like in those moments?
- Describe the range of emotions that exist around these moments.

Items for discussion:

Leading leaders

- How many Apostles are tracked through the New Testament?
- Most of our scripture and teaching comes from leaders who were trained and rose to accept the call.
- Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, Titus, other church leaders mentioned in letters – they were all trained and raised to lead the church.

Too Comfortable

- You were designed to live by faith. This is where we find peace and fulfillment.
- There is always more of God to know. How is comfort a barrier to experiencing God's presence?
- Ephesians 1:17-21

Contentment ... It's Complicated

- Matthew 18:3
- Contentment in the flesh allows us to pursue knowing God to the deepest depths.
- Fear of failure often keeps us from seeking more.

Training

- Compare and contrast secular training and training in the early church.
- Developing confidence in the Spirit is taught, not instinctive.
- When you imagine the Spirit of God moving in our church, what makes you excited?

Live in the light of eternity that is coming very soon. We live with a hope and a vision for what the church on earth can be, but we also live with a very real sense of urgency.

