

UNSTOPPABLE VISION

Park West's mission: TO LEAD PEOPLE TO BECOME FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.

Shape, Sharpen and Share-vision

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for Him! The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth. And then all people will see the salvation sent from God. Luke 3:4b-6

WE HAVE A VISION FOR A CHURCH WHERE

1) EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. Revelation 22:17

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. John 4:28-30

WHAT 3 PEOPLE CAN YOU INVITE TO CHURCH NEXT WEEK?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

3) _____

2) EVERYONE IS NEEDED.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... 1 Cor 12:21-22

3) EVERYONE IS CHANGED.

...Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:13

The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you in power...and you will be changed into a different person. 1 Samuel 10:6

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

UNSTOPPABLE IDIOTS

It was (God) who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of ministry... Ephesians 4:11-12a

- **GOD DOESN'T CALL THE PREPARED, BUT HE PREPARES THE CALLED.**

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13

***idiotes** (id-ee-o'-tace); an ignoramus, an ignorant or unlearned person, an idiot.*

IDIOTS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH JESUS

- 1) **GIVE THEIR WHOLE LIVES TO HIM.**

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"... Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. Luke 5:8, 10b-11

- 2) **BECOME UNSTOPPABLE.**

Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. 39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." Acts 5:38-39

- **HOW DOES GOD WANT TO USE YOU TO PARTNER WITH OTHER BELIEVERS AT PARK WEST CHURCH?**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Questions

- 1) We talked about how God doesn't call the prepared, but He prepares the called. Describe a time used you to make a difference even though you felt unqualified.
- 2) Are you "all-in" spiritually? If not, what are you holding back from God?
- 3) How does God want you to partner with others at Park West Church?
- 4) Have you ever been somewhere and didn't feel welcome? How can you help people feel welcome at our church?
- 5) Who are the three people you are going to invite to church next weekend?
- 6) Describe a time when God used you to make a difference? How are you using your gifts at church? (If you're not serving at church, where are you going to serve?)
- 7) How has God changed you in the last year?