

**WhyDoBe Series  
Build My Church  
Newport News Campus  
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**Opening**

-weeks I am trying to expand what you believe...

- **(expanding circle)**

-weeks I am trying to change what you believe...

- **(different circle)**

-tonight is about challenging you to live up to what you believe...

- **(full circle)**

**Recap**

-let's recap from two weeks ago...

**-(show new mission slide)**

-Amos 3:3

**-(show missions diagram slide)**

- Reference Colossians 1:27

***-The way Jesus always intended for His Church to be built was by building Himself in people...as they gathered together in community!***

-in two weeks, we'll talk more about how that happens...how the character of Christ forms in us, what discipleship looks like here at City Life...how the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit works in conjunction with the **PROCESS** of Discipleship.

-But is there something more to Building His Church?

## Introduction

***-The Holy Spirit is the POWER...Discipleship is the PROCESS...and Church is the PLACE where it all comes together!!!***

-(explain The Church as “a person” as in Bride of Christ vs. The Church as “a place” as in geographic identity etc. etc.)

-Apostle Paul had one of the most dramatic conversion experiences in the entire NT... and he devoted his life to what...establishing churches...

-Look at this list **(NT books...)** exist because Paul devoted his life to establishing local churches, spiritual families...because he understood how vital they were to both the **POWER** and the **PROCESS** to have a **PLACE** to impact people!!

***-Church: every entity in the first century that warranted the title “church” had a specific geographic identity, a recognizable organizational structure, an identifiable membership, an agreed to leadership, a weekly corporate worship service, the collection and distribution of financial resources...with its members actively engaged in ministry according to their giftings and callings.***

## Workers

-Matthew 9:38

-Luke 9:57-62... (connect “follow” to My Why your Why and to Do)

-Luke 14:16-20...same buckets restated...**NONE ARE BAD THINGS!!!!**

***If we don't have a Kingdom work ethic then we are out of step with the character of Christ.***

- The Time Bucket...not time, but how you spend it
- The Money Bucket...not money, but how you spend it
- The Emotional Energy Bucket...same...
  
- Not about neglect...
- Not about demeaning wealth or enjoyment...
- If no room for building the church, out of alignment!

**-are you living up to what you believe?**

-Are you making enough room in your time bucket for building your church?

- Are you present more than you are absent? Is there a ministry where you serve? (pop a balloon, replace with...)

-Are you making enough room in your money bucket for building your church?

- Are you tithing? Are you practicing priority percentage giving? Are you giving to missions monthly? (pop a balloon...)

-Are you making enough room in your emotional energy bucket for building your church?

- Are there people in this room who building you? Are there people in this room you are building? (pop a balloon...)

## **Band**

### **Encounter, Embrace, Engage**

-Luke 7:18-23

-Jesus is teaching us that outcomes matter.

- Say good student...let's see your grades
- Say good employee...tell me about your productivity
- Say good husband...let's see your wife's countenance

-Encounter, Embrace, Engage...these are outcomes for us here at City Life...

*-Are people encountering God's presence? Are people experiencing God as a living presence and an active voice? Is there a sense of growing intimacy between God and people who call City Life home?*

*-Are people finding an appetite and a passion for church community? Are people building meaningful relationships with others here? Are people who have been disappointed and hurt by churches in their past trusting church community again?*

*-Are people being inspired to believe that God created them with unique abilities, spiritual gifts, and life experiences to build His church? Are people getting a vision for telling people about the Heaven that awaits us? Are people devoting their lives to an eternal purpose?*