## 12 Genuine Questions Unstoppable Churches Must Now Consider

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"In all these things we are more than conquerors." Romans 8:37

Story of an uneasy family: I remember getting lost on family trips. One of us children suggested asking for directions. Dad ignored it. Another child suggested, "We need to turnaround." The answer was there, waiting for us to ask, "Can you help us?" We stayed lost longer. Dad and the rest of the family were more uneasy.

Story of the Chicago Cubs: The Cubs lost 7 games in a row. The world series seemed unlikely. Some team members were injured. The players were uneasy. A turnaround was there, but no one asked for direction. The fans were more uneasy.

Story of a church: Grace Church does some things very well, but attendance, giving, and membership are down. The leaders don't know how a turnaround works, and they think it will be difficult and will cost a lot of money, which used to be true. They table the discussion. Leaders and members were more uneasy.

HealthierChurch.org helps churches discover what to do in 45 days, a turnaround or just turn a corner. By working online, we can help several churches at a time, for less investment in money and effort. Genuine questions enable churches, with God's help, create unstoppable qualities in 1-2 years:

- 1. What do we notice weekly that God is doing? Why must a church notice God-sighting? Who needs to be evangelized? What's a genuine question? Must we clean up our language?
- 2. What do unstoppable churches do? When should you hang on and when let go? How is choosing your attitude unstoppable? When are there visible results? How will we know?
- 3. **How do churches ask genuine questions?** What energizes and motivates? Unwrap your gifts and use them?<sup>2</sup> Passion, personality, availability, and personal style? What is sustainability?
- 4. **How do unstoppable churches reframe conflict?** What about organizational health?³ Lose the excuses? Surrender fear and control? How is transformation unstoppable?
- 5. **How can we motivate people?** When do members became responsible? When do you carry your own bag of rocks and when do you let others carry their own? What are holy currencies?<sup>4</sup>
- 6. **How does weekly worship turn your life around?** Is it inspirational? Does it move us from gathering to scattering? How God's grace work in a culture stripped of grace?
- 7. **How do people grow in giving?** How do you connect baptism and vocation? What are your intended outcomes? When does a church need a turnaround before becoming unstoppable?
- 8. **How do unstoppable churches connect the dots?** How well does your church integrate new ideas into existing practices? How does it do so without unnecessary delay or rushing in haste?
- 9. **How do you get 90% of the people to participate?** Take away from those not ready? Practice transformational leadership? Understand discipleship? Enlist people properly?
- 10. **How do you get more members**? Assimilate them properly? Recognize faith-growth? Acknowledge generosity? Clarify why you want them?
- 11. **How do you keep members from leaving**? Always inspirational worship? Turnaround-thinking? Respecting tradition while changing the culture?
- 12. **How do you get 100% of your prayers answered**? all the time —This is not a trick. Embrace the UNs? Shatter the barriers? Be productive? Streamlining ministry?

It doesn't help to go faster if you missed where you were supposed to turn in the right direction.

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Ed Kruse, Unwrap Your Gifts and Use Them

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Eric H. F. Law, <u>Holy Currencies</u> 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Dwight L. DuBois, <u>The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Miroslav Volf, Free of Charge: Giving and forgiving in a culture stripped of grace

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Ed Kruse and Bill Steadman, <u>Wake Up, Church! Opening Your Eyes to Transformational Ministry</u>