



## 12 Genuine Questions for Becoming Unstoppable Churches

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1. How do Unstoppable Churches **notice what God is doing?** – Why we need God-sightings. We discover what we notice.
2. How do Unstoppable Churches **behave without meetings?**<sup>2</sup> – God’s compelling message. When to hang on, when to let go. Six critical organizational health principles.
3. How do Unstoppable Churches **ask genuine questions?** – What motivates churches. Unwrap your God-given gifts and use them,<sup>3</sup> passion, personality, availability, personal style.
4. How do Unstoppable Churches **reframe conflict?** – Lose the excuses. Surrender fear and control. How Spirit-led transformation is unstoppable.
5. How do Unstoppable Churches **motivate others to be responsible?** – When members become responsible, they also let others carry their own God-given rocks. Six holy currencies.<sup>4</sup>
6. How does Unstoppable Churches worship **inspire church attendance?** – Why worship is inspirational. The Holy Spirit moves us from gathering to scattering,<sup>5</sup> grace works in any culture.<sup>6</sup>
7. How do Unstoppable Churches **increase giving?** – Connect baptism and vocation. Choose your church’s best intended outcomes. Financial giving is the easiest.
8. How do Unstoppable Churches **connect people?** – Integrate new ideas into existing practices. Avoid unnecessary delay or rushing. Measure results – part 1
9. How do Unstoppable Churches **get others to participate?** – Drop those who are not ready. Practice transformational leadership.<sup>7</sup> Enlist people the right way.
10. How do Unstoppable Churches **get more members?** – Assimilate them properly. Recognize faith-growth. Acknowledge generosity. Why members matter and why they are disingenuous.
11. How do Unstoppable Churches **keep members from leaving?** – Think turnaround. Respect tradition while changing the culture.
12. How do Unstoppable Churches **get their prayers answered?** – Embrace the UNs<sup>8</sup>. Shatter the barriers. Expect productivity. Streamline ministry. Measure results – part 2

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<sup>2</sup> Patrick Lencione, [The Advantage](#).

<sup>3</sup> Ed Kruse, [Unwrap Your Gifts and Use Them](#)

<sup>4</sup> Eric H. F. Law, [Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries](#)

<sup>5</sup> Dwight L. DuBois, [The Scattering: Imagining a Church that Connects Faith and Life](#)

<sup>6</sup> Miroslav Volf, [Free of Charge: Giving and forgiving in a culture stripped of grace](#)

<sup>7</sup> Ed Kruse and Bill Steadman, [Wake Up, Church! Opening Your Eyes to Transformational Ministry](#)

<sup>8</sup> UNs are – Uninvolved, Under-involved, Uninvited, or Uncomfortable

## **Guided Questions for Becoming Unstoppable Churches**

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Story #1. Our family got lost twice on the same trip.<sup>10</sup> Ron asked, *“We need to ask for directions.”* John said, ***“We need to turn around.”*** We were uneasy. A sign “appeared.” 😊 Our turnaround began with living like conquerors.

Story #2. The Chicago Cubs lost 7 straight games. We agreed, ***“We need a turnaround.”*** I checked today’s scoreboard, “Cubs lose again.” Did we lose again? Jim said, “The scoreboard isn’t current.” 😊 Later the message was “Cubs won!” Our turnaround began with living like conquerors.<sup>11</sup>

Story #3. Grace Church’s health survey reported, “Decreased participation, attendance, and giving.” Carl said, ***“We need a turnaround.”*** Oren said, “It will cost a lot of money and it will take too long.” Carl replied, “How long will it take if we don’t do it?” 😊 The turnaround began with living like conquerors.<sup>12</sup>

What does “living like conquerors” look like? Saying “Yes” to the signs on the road. Saying “Yes” to update the scoreboard. Saying “Yes” to Carl’s vision, with God’s help. That’s what living like conquerors looks like. 1 Kings 19:12<sup>13</sup>

God-sightings are often unnoticed. When we notice God-sightings together we discover where to begin – and with gratitude. Results begin online early in our agreement. The Spirit makes it happen in real time.

The “12 Genuine Questions” on the first page are 12 guided conversations. Churches sign up for 12 months or 24 months.

### **Comments from participants:**

***“...helped our congregation view the gospel in new ways to mobilize us to concrete action in the world.”***

***“It helped us turn around when we noticed where to turn.”***

***“We liked the ways of teaching ‘12 Genuine Questions.’ The ‘fill-in-the-blanks’ gave us hope.”***

***“Learning new ways of speaking and behaving changed my life.”***

***“...was a godsend in facilitating conversations that kept us even keel and headed in the right direction.”***

***“A church we visited in Texas was near closing but wanted to grow. We recommended HealthierChurch.org and they are now participating in an online initiative to help them grow.”***

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<sup>10</sup> We missed the road sign, turned off the next exit, then missed the street sign, and turned around on a great trip.

<sup>11</sup> They turned it around and conquered the opposing team and won the world series

<sup>12</sup> This Wisconsin church signed the contract, dropped the ball, and still had a turnaround that conquered three enemies.

<sup>13</sup> “God wasn’t in the wind, the earthquake or the fire... but in a gentle and quiet whisper.”