



Built to Last, Week 1

In David's last teaching series as senior pastor, we'll look back over his previous three decades of ministry at LCBC and what we can learn about living a life of enduring purpose.

Conversation Starter: *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- Share a time you were part of an exceptional team or organization.
- What object (car, appliance, keepsake) did you have that was built to last?

Key Scriptures: *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Matthew 25*

Discussion Questions: *Pick a few questions below to guide your time.*

Starting Sharing: *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- In your opinion, what makes a great manager?
- Share a time you had to leave something you loved.
- How do you live with a sense of urgency in introducing people to Jesus?

Start Thinking: *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- Name some ways our church takes risks to reach others.
- What makes setting up successors for success a sign of healthy leadership?
- Why is indifference so dangerous- especially regarding the church's mission?

Make it Personal: *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- Who is someone you want to know Jesus? What can you do to help make him known?
- What is one thing you hope to leave better than you found it?
- How are you doing at managing what God has entrusted to you?

Next Steps: *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Follow Jesus-** Don't stop at knowing what Jesus says; instead, do what Jesus instructs as we allow him to be the leader of our lives.
- **Pray-** Pray for David and Ruth as they end this season of leadership at LCBC. Ask God to give us a renewed passion for our mission and unity as a church.

Prayer: *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us strong leaders who do their best to follow your lead. Please help us to be people who don't grow indifferent toward your mission. May we continue to be a place that introduces people to Jesus and together fully follow him.