

UNHINDERED

→ Unhindered, Lesson 2 - To Renew the City of Chicago...

The Vision of Park Community Church

To be a biblical community where the Gospel of Jesus Christ transforms lives, renews the city, and impacts the world.

As part of seeing the city renewed, we believe God has called Park to see 1% of the city of Chicago (29,000 people) walk across the line of faith.

Time is short...

How should this change the way we live?

Does it change the way you live and think? If so, how?

PRAY

This past week we began an exploration of our vision statement as we studied the language and history of Acts 28:30-31.

Read Acts 28:30-31

What are the 3 parts to the verses in relationship to Park's vision statement?

The Kingdom of God reveals that the city becomes something very different from what it is today.

Describe some of the contrasts you see in the city?

Describe some of the tensions that you see in the city?

Has the city increased your experience of community?

Has it diversified your friendships?

The city gathers us closely together so we care deeply about each other, that we might even begin to bear the weight of each other's lives, yet some grow more ambivalent.

How does the kingdom of God change the way we see and live in the city?

How does it change how our church should engage the city?

The teachings and the life of Jesus reveal that the cross is effective for our salvation and for our vocation -- it is both our means to life and our example of how to live it well.

The early church understood the cross to be as much about personal transformation as it is about cultural transformation. Some argue that a church is either in the business of saving souls, or it is in the business of social justice. The early church was in the business of both, because Jesus was in the business of both.

How have you seen the cross make personal transformation? Cultural transformation?

How does the Gospel help us to understand our beginnings? The beginning of life? The Beginning of Sin?

How has the cross been a turning point for you in your own personal history?

Pray for your role in this vision. Pray that God would increase your heart for the city and specifically your neighborhood. Pray with expectation for what God can do through a church unhindered its potential because the Great commission promises God will be with us as we carry forward this vision.

What is one challenge you had from Jackson's piece on **IMPACTING THE WORLD**?

Where is the first place in the Bible where we get the idea God has heart for the nations? (Genesis 12)

Read Genesis 12:1-3

- What does this passage tell you about Abram?
- What does this passage tell you about God?
- What does this passage tell you about God's plan for the nations?

Read Matthew 24:1-14

- What will be the signs that Christ is close to returning?
- How is verse 14 encouraging for us as followers of Jesus?
- How much of the capital C church should be involved in this work?

Jackson said that there are only two responses to this work:

You will go or you will be apart of sending others who are going.

Here are a couple of pointed questions.

- Why wouldn't you go to the nations? Why not leave what you are doing and go?
- What are ways you can tangibly (sp) be apart of sending someone else?

Take a moment and pray for some of the nations around the world. Here are some suggestions:

- Pray for Park missionaries.
 - John & Ivette, East Asia
 - MeriKim Hime, Turkey
 - Justin & Anna and , Middle East
 - Jack & Laura Friend and kids, Romania
 - Alicia Ingles, Bolivia
 - Yesu Bandela, Gospel Association for India
 - Tim & Julie Sigman, New York City
- Pray for the nation that your clothing was made (your shirt, your shoes, etc.).
- Pray for Israel and the conflict in the Gaza strip.
- Pray for the Park's work going on in Istanbul - In the Middle East - In East Africa - In Mexico.



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