# THE CHURCH UNLEASHED

## Life Group Discussion Guide

| WEEK 1 | A CHURCH UNLEASHED |
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| **KEY SCRIPTURES**<br>Acts 1:1–11, Ephesians 2:1–10 | **MAIN IDEA**<br>God calls us to move beyond simply attending church and instead live as empowered witnesses, relying on the Holy Spirit to be the church in our everyday lives. |

**30-MINUTE GUIDE** · Use the questions as a guide, not a script. Prioritize honest conversation and the next step God may be inviting each person to take.

### 1. START HERE — CONNECT

- When you hear the phrase “be the church,” what comes to mind? How is that different from just “going to church”?

### 2. DIG IN — UNDERSTAND

- Read Acts 1:1–11. What stands out to you about how Jesus prepares His followers for their mission?
    - Why do you think Jesus tells His disciples to “wait” for the Holy Spirit before moving out on mission?
- The sermon emphasized that Jesus is alive and still at work through His people. How does this change the way we view our daily lives and purpose?
- In Acts 1:8, Jesus lays out a mission: to be His witnesses “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” What do these locations represent for us today?

### 3. GO DEEPER — REFLECT

- “God never calls believers to accomplish a supernatural mission with natural strength.” Where do you find yourself trying to follow Jesus in your own power, and what are the results?
    - How might inviting the Holy Spirit into those areas change things?
- The sermon challenged us to move from consumer-style attendance to everyday allegiance to Jesus. What does “everyday allegiance” look like for you, especially in your work, home, or relationships?
- The idea of being a “witness” was central. When you think about being a witness to Jesus, what fears or obstacles come up for you? How might God be inviting you to trust Him with those?

### 4. RESPOND — APPLY

- One practical prayer from the sermon was, “Holy Spirit, I need You.” How could making this a daily prayer shape your attitude, decisions, or relationships this week?
- Think of one person in your daily life – at work, in your neighborhood, on your kid’s team, or elsewhere – who may need to experience the love of Jesus. What is one way you could “be the church” to them this week?

### MY NEXT STEP

Take a moment and ask God: “What is one step I can take this week to live as an empowered witness for Jesus—at home, at work, or in my community?”

Share your step with the group if you’re comfortable, or write it down to pray over this week.

## 5. PRAY TOGETHER

Close by praying for:

- A fresh awareness that Jesus is alive and with us.
- The Holy Spirit’s power to love, serve, and witness in everyday life.
- Courage to take the next step, especially in relationships or situations that feel challenging.
- That Calvary would truly be a church unleashed—living out God’s mission here, near, there, and everywhere.