

## **BUILD THE HOUSE**

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## **MESSAGE NOTES**

### ENCOUNTER GOD, ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER AND ENGAGE THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.

And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him ... — Hebrews 10:21 – 22 (NLT)

### · Tear down the walls with prayer

"The most powerful positions leaders assume is when they kneel." — Henry Blackaby

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. — 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18 (ESV)

#### Build the house with the Word

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. — Romans 1:16 (ESV)

#### Open the front door with invitation

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

— Hebrews 10:24 – 25 (NLT)

#### Close the back door with friendship

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... — 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain ... — Psalm 127:1 (ESV)



# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Discussion Starter: Tell your group what one feature you would build into a house if you were building one from scratch.
- Read Psalm 127:1. In what ways do you see God "building His House" at ENCOUNTER?
- What key truth did you take away from the teaching this Sunday?
- In the New Testament, the word for "household" is "oikos." It is the 9 to 15 closest people in your life from your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Who are the people in your household right now? Pause and pray for a few of them by name as a group.
- In the Gospels, we always find Jesus on His way to pray, praying, or coming back from prayer. Why is prayer so important for us as the people of God? Share some of the people you are you praying for and reaching out to with the message and love of Christ.
- Read 1 Peter 4:10. What are some of the gifts and talents that you see in one another? Take a moment to share in your group the gifts, talents, and passions you see in one another.
- Read Hebrews 10:24 25. What are some of the principles God is teaching through this passage?
- Why is it such a celebration to gather as one church family all together at the same time? Close by giving thanks for ENCOUNTER and praying for our mission and future as we ENCOUNTER GOD, ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER and ENGAGE THE WORLD for Christ.

