

The National Big Church Read



Discussion Starters Session 1 Introduction

1. How well do you know the book of Acts? What are you hoping to get out of these sessions?
2. Do you think that people are more open to the Gospel now than they were before the pandemic?
3. What kind of Church does the UK need as we look to rebuild socially and spiritually?
4. How do you feel about the idea of Church becoming less of a set meal and more of a buffet?
5. Where in our lives do we feel restrained? What would it look like, what would we need to do in order to be fully unleashed for God?



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Session 2 Unleashed Power

1. Would you describe yourself as brave? What scares you most?
2. Have you had any moments in your life when you've felt the presence of the Holy Spirit or seen the Holy Spirit move and do something miraculous?
3. What part of this section of the book challenged you the most?
4. What do you think about the idea of us needing to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit rather than it being a one-off event? Do you pray regularly for the Holy Spirit to empower and unleash you? If so, what has been your experience?
5. What area in your life would you like to be more brave, more unleashed to serve God and your local community?



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Session 3 Unleashed People

1. Gavin & Anne write about the Holy Spirit enabling us to love one another sacrificially. Has anyone ever blessed or served you in a sacrificial way? How did it make you feel?
2. In our individualised society, loving sacrificially is so counter cultural. How might we show sacrificial love to those around us? What impact might that have on our communities?
3. As you read about the Bruderhof community and how the early Church shared everything, what's your reaction? Would you want to live like this?
4. Who are the people in our lives that we aren't blood related to that God is calling us to love? Think about how you might respond, perhaps you could commit to pray for them or serve them in some way, even if it is sacrificially.



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Session 4 Unleashed Presence

1. Could you commit to regularly praying for individuals by name to come to know Jesus?
2. Gavin & Anne quote Charles Spurgeon "There is a power in God's gospel beyond all description." Have you seen God move in power in your own life or the lives of others?
3. Do you feel spiritually awake to hear what God might be leading you to do and how to respond and love those around you?
4. In the video Anne shares her story of praying for a Mum at the school gate. Where in your life might there be opportunities to share the Gospel? Do you pray for those moments?



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Session 5 Unleashed Potential

1. Philip was operating in a very fruitful space in Samaria. Is it fruitful where you are? In what ways might your Church be more fruitful?
2. How would you feel if the Lord called you into the desert? Have you heard God's call in the past? What did that mean for your life?
3. Are there places you feel called into but would rather not go?
4. Philip had no idea what that appointment with one individual would lead to: the Gospel going to Africa! Are there individuals in desert places that Jesus is showing you that you need to reach out to?
5. Do we underestimate what God is doing in the small things of our lives? How do you find trusting that God has a higher level view and is working out His plan in our lives?



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Session 6 Unleashed Participators

1. What does corporate prayer in your church? Is it a powerhouse of prayer?
2. Are decisions made out of a place of prayer? Significant moves of God always have prayer at the very core.
3. How can our Churches be places where people can find freedom? What might we need to change in what we are doing to help those struggling?
4. What part of *Unleashed: The Acts Church Today* impacted you the most? How will that change your life moving forwards?

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