

## The Church Jesus Builds

### Summary:

It can be so helpful to pause and look back with gratitude for all that God has done in and through us over the past 8 years: many outreach events, times to develop community, teaching and training opportunities as well as a ministry amongst the poor and looking to touch nations!

As I reflect there are many things that I love about The Crown Church

- Diversity Like Heaven we want a great crowd containing all types of people
- Generosity People enthusiastically invest their times, talents and money in the church
- Big Visions A heart for the Borough, London and the nations is in our DNA
- Faith Believer God for healings, miracles and salvation
- Outreach Commitment to Alpha, events and telling friends about Jesus
- Team Not isolated but working together and supporting each other
- Standards Doing the best because it is all for Jesus
- Volunteers People freely serving in the office and throughout the church
- Worship Passionately living our whole life as a sacrifice of praise – as well as great Sunday morning times together!

If there was one thing that I would want to change or see improved it would be our commitment to corporate prayer.

Basically I only have 1 message: God is great, the church is good so work hard!

Keep on running: We are called to be a people of action. As William Carey said '*We are to expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.*'

Read **Matthew 16:13-20**

Based upon the disciples understanding of who Jesus is we have this foundational declaration – I will build my church!

John Piper

*"World missions is not ultimately dependent on human initiative or human wisdom or human perseverance. It is ultimately dependent on the power and wisdom and faithfulness of the risen and living Christ to keep this promise 'I will build my church.'*

### Application:

Please select from the following questions and do not attempt them all. Encourage people to be honest and make time to pray for one another.

1. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
2. Share with each other what you most love about The Crown Church.
3. If you could see 1 thing changed about the church what would it be and how can you help this change to take place?
4. Write out a 2 sentences definition on 'who is Jesus?'
5. Pray and thank God for calling us together as a family – the church
6. Which team are you serving on and what do you gain from it? (If not on a team which would you like to join?)
7. Pray for God to build His church here in Hillingdon