THE CHURCH MUST
LEAVE THE BUILDING

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ELVIS DIED WHEN I was eleven years old. He was known as the king of rock and roll. Funny thing is, I still remember the reaction of our nation. It was truly befitting of a king. Everyone was in shock. The world, at least the world I knew, seemed to stop for a moment to catch its breath.

Even with all of today’s technology, rock stars still can’t top the energy or excitement of a live Elvis Presley show. Even after his show ended, people refused to leave. They would remain in the auditorium and scream his name, hoping for an encore. After several minutes, in order to get fans to leave the building, the announcer would proclaim, “Elvis has left the building.”

That’s what The Sending Church is all about. No, it’s not about Elvis leaving the building; it’s a plea for the church to leave the building. Sadly, like starstruck Elvis fans, the local church doesn’t seem to want to leave the building. I’m not talking about going home to eat lunch after the gathering on Sunday; I’m talking about leaving
the building to join Jesus in the incredible mission of disciple making.

In his book *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A. W. Tozer said, “What comes to mind when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” What we believe about God will determine how we work at our jobs, how we treat our families, and how we spend our money. What we believe about God will determine everything about our lives.

I believe the same is true for the church. What we believe about church is crazy important because it will determine how we spend our money, what we promote, what we preach, and what we challenge our people to do.

In the Old Testament, God’s Spirit hadn’t yet been poured out (Joel 2:28) on His people because Jesus had not yet atoned for the sins of those who surrender to Him. So, God’s presence dwelled among His people in a place called the Holy of Holies, in the innermost part of the tabernacle. All the religious activity revolved around the tabernacle or temple. If people wanted to meet with God, they went to the temple. If people wanted to offer sacrifices for their sins, they went to the temple. Every aspect of the people’s relationship with God revolved around going to a place.

In the Gospels, the presence of God dwelled in a person—Jesus. Then, from the book of Acts onward,
after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit invades the lives of all whose heart’s He captures (Acts 2). The presence of God now indwells all believers.

This reality should radically change our concept of church. Church is no longer a building we go to; it’s a community of people redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus and commissioned to the task of going out of the building to take the gospel to the nations.

In order to obey the commands of Jesus, the church must leave the building.

The church in Acts “got it.” They gathered to magnify the goodness of the exalted King, but they understood their task was to leave the building. At first, they didn’t go across the ocean; they were focused on going across the street. Their lives were so radically transformed by the gospel that they didn’t see their faith as connected to a place; it was life. As a result, the church grew exponentially.

This book is an attempt to challenge the church to leave the building. We must move beyond Sunday. If we hope to make a difference in a hopeless world, our people must go and the church must send.

This is the story of how God transformed my church into a Sending Church and followed the King out of the building.
Chapter 1

Unstoppable

*And thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else’s foundation, but as it is written, “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”*

(Romans 15:20–21)

LIKE MANY OTHER FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD boys, Whit didn’t come to LifePoint to study the Bible and find Jesus; he came to ride his skateboard and find a girl. Every Wednesday night, hundreds of teenagers flock to LifePoint like hippies to Woodstock. Some come because
they love Jesus, and others because they love to have a good time. Whit didn’t come because he loved Jesus. But that soon changed.

Whit was surprised when he found himself asking questions about the Bible and drawn into the stories of Jesus. He got involved in a small group with a leader that began to pour into his life. Through this relationship, Whit realized that life was about more than adrenaline and cute blondes. God invaded Whit’s heart and drastically transformed his life. Rather than chasing after the heart of a girl, he began to chase after the heart of God.

By the time Whit was in college, he knew that God had created him for something bigger than the American dream. At a time when most students are trying to position themselves to get all they can out of life, Whit was positioning himself to give his life away.

LifePoint developed a partnership with a ministry called Community Servants (www.communityservants.org) at a local housing community full of first-generation refugees. We received several rent-free apartments. In exchange, we helped college interns move in. These interns would have a continual ministry presence in the community by developing after-school programs, ESL classes, and other mercy ministries for the residents.
Whit was one of the first students to move in, roll up his sleeves, and get busy. God used this experience to capture his heart for His glory among the nations. So, when many college students are spending their daddy’s money to lie on a beach during summer break, Whit raised money so he could serve the poorest of the poor in the “favelas” of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

“God has shown me why I have a mouth to speak, a heart that pumps blood, and lungs to breathe air,” Whit recently said. “I exist for the sole purpose of being used as a tool for God’s glory. I was not saved to be silent.”

Whit found that, just as Jesus taught, giving your life away is the only way to find real life. After returning from a summer serving in the slums of Brazil, Whit moved to Brussels, Belgium, to serve as a year-long intern at LifePoint Brussels. He is so passionate about making God famous that he is willing to take online classes so he can help plant churches in a place where the gospel is as scarce as water in a dry desert.

Whit is definitely living a sent life. I don’t know where Whit will end up next; neither does he. But, I know what he will be doing when he gets there—giving his life away to make God famous.
When Do I Leave?

Bret never left the United States until he was forty-four years old; he didn’t even have a passport. The first time he left the country was when he traveled to San Paulo, Brazil, to serve in the same slums that Whit served during his summer break.

Like most people, Bret went to Brazil thinking he would get the opportunity to help hurting people. Also, like most people, Bret came home with a different perspective. He did amazing things for a lot of people in great need. But, these people did much more for Bret than he could ever do for them. Like Whit, God used this experience to explode Bret’s heart for God’s glory among the nations. Over the next four years, he sacrificed his vacation to personally lead twelve mission trips to Brazil. Bret didn’t want to just take up space; he wanted to get busy.

Although you would never know it because of his humble lifestyle, Bret was making a six-figure income with five-figure yearly bonuses working for a commercial construction company. He was such a valued employee that his company wanted to promote him to vice president. Most men wouldn’t have to think or even “pray” about it. (Talk about a no-brainer!) But, then again, Bret doesn’t think like most men.
Bret doesn’t live for position or possessions; Bret lives for something greater, something bigger. He didn’t exactly know why at the moment, but Brett said, “Thanks, but no thanks, it’s not what I want to do with my life.”

His boss was shocked. Only a fool would turn down that kind of promotion and money. He was right—Bret is a fool . . . a fool for Christ. Bret didn’t know exactly what it was, but he knew God was leading him to something greater.

On his next mission trip to Brazil, Bret became restless and frustrated. He was tithing and giving a lot of money to missions. He was serving locally and globally. He was teaching and serving on LifePoint’s Board of Directors. His whole life revolved around the things of God. So, why was he still so restless?

In his frustration, Bret went out on a mountain beside our mission house in Brazil and cried out to God, “Lord, I give money. I go. I teach. What do You want me to do? Do You want me to give more?”

What a question! This is every pastor’s dream—a guy making a lot of money asking God if he should be giving more. Do cops love donuts? YES! Seriously, don’t blow by that question. The question most people ask is, “God, when do I get more?” Bret asked, “Lord, do You want me to give more?” The questions we ask often reveal the
condition of our heart. On that hill, surrounded by the brokenness of the world, Bret sensed God say, “I don’t want your money. I want your life.”

Bret came home, sold his house, quit his job, and moved to Brazil. His life was no longer about building buildings for a paycheck; his life was about building relationships for God’s glory. He left behind success, friends, home, and aging parents to live a sent life for the global glory of God.

“Yes” on the Table

After a year in Brazil, Bret and Susie returned to the States for a visit. As Bret and I debriefed their work in Brazil, Bret shared that he felt God leading them to go to a place where the gospel was not known.

I asked Bret if he was open to anywhere. He didn’t hesitate. He said “YES,” as if to say, “Why do you even have to ask?” So, I shared our vision of sending a team to Bangkok, Thailand, to reach the millions of unreached people in that city and region for the gospel and asked Bret if he would pray about being the team leader for LifePoint Bangkok.

I’ll never forget Bret’s response. He said, “God has directed me to go to unreached people. Your question is the answer to my prayer of where. When do I leave?” Bret
had laid his YES on the table before he even asked the question.

**Living for the Pleasure of God**

Ashley is another example of living a sent life. She came to LifePoint as a college student and quickly connected to a small group. She saw other college students serving as interns at the same housing project where Whit was serving. Like Whit, she was captivated by others who were living a sent life.

She wanted to get involved, but she was afraid of what she would have to give up. So, she decided to wade in the shallow end by spending an occasional afternoon serving in the community. As with Whit, Ashley was hooked. She found herself giving more and more time and life away. She finally jumped in the deep end and moved in to serve daily as an intern.

After graduating from college, most young men and women are ready to tackle life and start making money. But God had transformed Ashley’s ambitions. Her friends were getting jobs and moving into nice apartments. But Ashley couldn’t bear the thought of moving out of a community that she had given so much of her life to—and that had given her so much more back in return.
So, rather than getting a job and moving into a “nicer” neighborhood, Ashley followed a countercultural career path. She took a job as a ministry assistant in our student ministry and rented an apartment in the housing project so she could continue to live a sent life.

Ashley now spends her time teaching adult ESL classes to international refugees in order to help them have the needed skills to survive their new world . . . but that’s not really why she does it. She simply uses ESL as a platform to build relationships through which she can share the gospel.

Ashley chose to give her life away by serving those who have grown up in a world very different from her own—a world filled with war, hate, and persecution. She serves those who once feared daily for their lives in their home country and have lost countless loved ones.

Recently, she told me about a conversation with a twelve-year-old boy in the community. He told her that if he were still living in his home country, he would be forced to be a soldier and carry a gun. She was profoundly moved.

Here is a glimpse into Ashley’s heart:

When people ask me why in the world I would choose to live in such a place, I just look at them and smile. What they don’t realize is that I can’t
imagine living anywhere else. Being a missionary doesn’t always mean dropping everything and moving halfway across the world. Sometimes it just means being intentional in building relationships with the people you encounter every day. It’s not about being perfect, but it is about following God. It is about serving others even when you’re tired and don’t feel like it. It’s about putting others first and giving up your own desires so that you can love on people.

Many nights, Ashley comes home exhausted from a long day at the office. The last thing she wants to do is spend two hours teaching English. Like every other single girl her age, I’m sure she’d like to go out with friends or just relax at home. But, rather than her own pleasure, she’s committed to living for the pleasure of God.

Whit, a college kid living his “glory years” when most kids try to get all they can out of life, is giving his life away by living for the glory of God among the nations. Bret didn’t kick off the second half of life by buying a red convertible or trading his wife in on a newer model. He turned down a promotion, sold everything he had, left behind his aging parents, and moved to another culture to make disciples and plant churches for the glory of God among the nations. Ashley gave up the American dream
in exchange for experiencing the riches of God’s pleasure. All three have one thing in common: they make up the unstoppable church.

**The Unstoppable Church**

Most people today, both inside and outside the church, have no clue why the church exists. But, by reading these stories of the incredible life-change experienced by Whit, Bret, and Ashley, I hope you get a clue.

Their value system has been completely revolutionized. Their distaste for things that most people in our culture love feels, at times . . . un-American. Ambitions no longer make sense. Goals shift. Passions evolve. Why? All for Jesus, His mission, and His glory.

When I describe the church as “unstoppable,” the conversation changes. What does *unstoppable* mean?

**Unstoppable:** not capable of being stopped; extremely forceful

Jesus didn’t establish the church to be weak and defeated. Excuses for our lack of effectiveness must die. He designed and empowered the church to be unstoppable. What I love about the definition is that there is no mention of defense; it’s all offense . . . “extremely forceful.”
We are not an anxious band of wounded warriors trying to hold our ground against an evil enemy. We are created to advance the mission of God. The churches that really get this cause the demons in hell to literally shake in their boots.

As people’s lives are radically changed by the grace and mercy of Jesus, the advance goes viral. I love the implications of what Jesus told His disciples before He left them, as recorded by Luke in the book of Acts:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Notice, Jesus predicted three things would happen as the unstoppable church was birthed. Jesus’ disciples would:

1. Receive power
2. Become His witnesses
3. Advance the gospel to the end of the earth

In Matthew 28:19–20, we read the commission of God described by Jesus:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19–20 aren’t just for spiritual superstars; they give a picture of what should be normative for every believer and every church.

Every believer has been indwelled by the Holy Spirit and empowered to go be His witnesses in every domain of life. As believers obey these commands, the church will be impossible to contain to a building, city, country, or a continent. The church will be an unstoppable force.

**Current Realities**

The American church does not seem unstoppable today. When we look at the effect of the culture on the church, it’s obvious that we have become marginalized. We seem to be missing the vision of Jesus as to what the empowered, unstoppable church should look like. As a result, it’s sexy for people to claim to love Jesus, but not His church.

I hear it all the time, especially among younger generations. They describe the church as: hypocritical and judgmental, just wanting people’s money, more focused on bigger buildings than on the needs of hurting people,
more interested in the condition of people’s clothes than the condition of their hearts, and too narrow-minded. The list could go on for pages and pages.

I understand that the institutional church is what critics are normally describing, not necessarily the church that Jesus established. I also understand that we who lead churches are partly responsible for creating these bad vibes, and that makes me sick. By our action and inaction, we have vastly underachieved as His church.

Because the church is made up of individual believers, the problems most critics bark about are personal obedience problems. Would critics have wind in their sails if those who claim to love Jesus actually lived like it? Would people think the church is irrelevant if church members worried more about people’s hearts than their appearance?

Would the critic cry foul if the church actually went to the world rather than expecting the world to come to us? How would the reputation of Jesus’ bride change if the church worked harder proclaiming what we are for than what we are against? What would happen if, rather than fighting for personal desires and preferences, church members fought for the glory and fame of God?

As a result of their disenchantment with the institutional church, many of the “love Jesus/hate the church” crowd have even tried to redefine what the church means.
Some define church as simply plural for “Christian.” If a few believers get together over a cup of coffee, that’s church. But, I believe if church is anything you want it to be, then church is nothing—or just a creation of Christians searching for a support group.

Many new church planting movements are birthed out of discontentment with the current realities of modern church culture. The new movements are not necessarily bad, but we can’t let them become a Trojan horse filled with consumer Christians. It takes a lot less money to buy a homeless man a bicycle than to send a missionary family to Thailand to live among the poor. Designer Christianity based on the opinions of a small group at Starbucks is no different that the “Six Flags over Jesus” megachurch. Both can fall victim to “Have It Your Way” Christianity.

Multiple forms of church can support and multiply biblical Christians—I believe that. But biblical Christianity includes self-denial. Biblical Christianity also includes ethnic, economic, and social diversity, not just a group of cookie cutters sitting in a coffee shop (or church building). The early church lived in community and shared everything they had. Read the book of Acts. There was nothing easy or comfortable about the church being the church in a Christless culture.
Unstoppable DNA

Although the church is encoded by Jesus to be unstoppable, we are losing influence in the world. Estimates say only 17 percent of Americans attend a “Christian” church on a given Sunday, and the number will drop to 14 percent by 2020. The term Christian in the research is given a much broader designation than most of us would agree with. In that same seven-year period an estimated 55,000 churches will close.²

Less than 20 percent of churches are growing and only 1 percent are growing by reaching lost people. The other 99 percent are growing by gaining people from other churches.³ That doesn’t sound very unstoppable to me.

Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi once started training camp by holding up a football and saying, “Gentlemen, this is a football.” To discover the “unstoppable” strain in the church’s DNA, we have to return to the basics. I’m going old-school Lombardi on you:

Ladies and gentlemen, this is a church.

The first time the word church is used in the Bible is by Jesus in Matthew:

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him,
“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt. 16:16–18, emphasis added)

This passage clearly describes the church and the offensive juggernaut that Jesus has empowered us to be.

**Unstoppable Jesus**

Peter’s confession, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” put Jesus as the unstoppable force driving the local church. Paul explained:

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness
of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Col. 1:15–20)

A biblical understanding of both Jesus and the church is mission critical because the biblical church is all about Jesus. And, because Jesus is unstoppable, so is His church.

**You Can’t Love Jesus without Loving the Church**

Do you remember when Saul was trying to stop the church by persecuting Jesus’ disciples? He was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians when Jesus struck him blind and asked, “Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” Sounds strange at first read because the Bible doesn’t say Saul was persecuting Jesus:

“And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem.” (Acts 8:1, emphasis added)

“But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord.” (Acts 9:1, emphasis added)
Jesus asked Saul why “He” was being persecuted because the church belongs to Jesus. Remember, in Matthew 16, Jesus said, “I will build my church.” LifePoint doesn’t belong to its pastor or the people who attend. It belongs to Jesus. So, if you mess with the church, you mess with Jesus. Think about that the next time you decide to “hate on the church but love Jesus.”

Love them both or hate them both, but you can’t love one without loving the other because the church belongs to Jesus. He established the church, loves the church, and purchased the church with His own blood.

Immediately after Jesus celebrated Peter’s answer, He told the disciples He must go to Jerusalem and die. Peter said, “Not on my watch.” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me” (Matt. 16:23).

Doesn’t that sound crazy? Peter was praised by Jesus one moment and scolded the next. Satan is a master of disguise. He will do anything to stop the church, or at least distract the church from her mission.

As Peter learned, we’re either on God’s mission or the enemy’s mission. When we do what we want instead of what Jesus wants, we’re on the enemy’s mission. When people are more concerned with their personal preferences and interests than the heart of God, they have
switched sides. If someone attacks the doctrine or direction of the church that is in alignment with the will of God as revealed in Scripture, they’re on the enemy’s mission.

**The lordship of Christ is the first pillar of the church.**

Jesus said, “I will build My church.” How does Jesus build His church? He builds His church by making disciples. The word *petros* is translated “Peter” and means “pebble.” The word for rock was *petra*, which means a rock bed.

So, basically, Jesus was saying, “I’ll build My church on those who surrender to Me.” Peter later affirmed, “You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house” (1 Pet. 2:5).

There are some who think Peter became the first pope at this moment. Yeah, and every boy becomes a man when he turns eighteen.

Jesus is the cornerstone of the church, not Peter. Jesus taught that the first pillar of the church is people who profess Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” The church isn’t a group of people who gather to listen to good music and hear a good motivational speech. The church isn’t necessarily those who have been baptized and signed
on the dotted line of membership. As a matter of fact, I’ve heard estimates that 50 percent of church members aren’t true believers, and I think that’s being generous.

The church is the assembly of people redeemed by Jesus because they believe He is God in flesh and lived a perfect life to die as their substitute. The church consists of people who surrender to Jesus as Lord. So, the church isn’t for spectators. It’s for people who have “died to self.” In other words, they’ve died to their own agenda, passions, ambitions, and dreams in order to live for the glory and fame of God.

After Peter confessed Jesus as Lord, Jesus blessed him and said, “Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 16:17). In other words, “Don’t think you answered correctly because you have a higher IQ than the other disciples. The only reason you got it right is because God opened your eyes to the truth.”

Paul later said, “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3). We cannot enlighten ourselves any more than we can transform ourselves. So, the first pillar of the church is those who have been redeemed by Jesus, live transformed lives.

Reciting the sinner’s prayer doesn’t make someone a Christian any more than reciting the Pledge of Allegiance makes someone an American. No magical incantation is
powerful enough to change our eternal destiny. Salvation is about total surrender to the lordship of Jesus that transforms you into the image of Jesus.

**The authority of Scripture is the second pillar of the church.**

Many people think spiritually maturity is determined by how much Bible you know. But, knowing the Bible doesn’t equate spiritual maturity. The enemy knows more of God’s Word than any preacher or seminary professor on the planet, and he’s going to spend eternity begging for ice water.

Spiritual maturity is not determined by how much Bible you *know*; spiritual maturity is determined by how much Bible you *do*. That’s why James said, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

Spiritual maturity is determined by transformation not information. How much do you love what God loves, and hate what He hates? How much of God’s Word are you willing to obey, no matter the cost? Those questions will help you determine if God is at work, transforming you into His image.

Show me a church committed to these two things—lordship and biblical obedience—and I will show you a
church that is making an impact in their community and around the world. I will show you a church that is living out the vision of Jesus as seen in Acts 1:8.

**Offense, Not Defense**

Jesus said the “gates of hell will not prevail” against the church. The phrase “gates of hell” is a euphemism for death. Death will not prevail against the church. In other words, contrary to the naysayers and church critics, the church will never die. Beware of people who are not afraid to die. They are unstoppable!

Many people read this phrase and think the church is on defense against the attacks of hell. But, the church isn’t on defense; it’s on offense. Notice, Jesus said, “The gates of hell will not prevail.”

Think about that phrase. Gates aren’t offensive—they’re defensive. They keep people out. In other words, Jesus is saying hell cannot stop the church from advancing. Jesus’ church will ultimately accomplish what He established us to do . . . make disciples of all nations.

Jesus’ disciples learned that they were created to play offense, not defense. After Jesus was crucified and buried in a borrowed tomb, His disciples went into hiding. They were on defense, holed up until the heat died down
(John 20:19–20). Sadly, this is a familiar picture of many churches today.

But, after Jesus defeated death and spent forty days teaching His disciples, He told them, “I’m going back to heaven to be with the Father, but you stay in Jerusalem until you receive the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2 tells the story of the Holy Spirit invading the lives of those who surrendered to Jesus. Suddenly, the church had peace, purpose, and the Holy Spirit. That’s all it needed to quit playing defense and start playing offense. As a result, history will never be the same. Although they were jailed, boiled, beheaded, and crucified upside down, they were unstoppable.

We talk about Jesus today because those fearful disciples were transformed into fearless soldiers, empowered to keep on marching. Even death did not slow them down. That’s why we must be a Sending Church. We must send people into homes, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, social circles, and to the ends of the earth because people are counting on us to be unstoppable for Jesus!

**Far from Perfect**

As I think of the incredible God stories, like the three in this chapter, I feel blessed. I’m living every pastor’s
dream; I’m watching men and women of all ages give their lives away. I’m blessed to lead a group of people that don’t want to just “play” church or “go” to church; they want to “be” the church.

We still have our share of knuckleheads. We have Christian consumers who are more interested in what we can do for them than what they can do for the church. We have husbands who lose their minds, leave their wives, and run out on their kids. We have people who want to sing “Onward Christian Soldiers” every Sunday but run away from the battles in their own lives during the week. We have people who love to sing “Amazing Grace” but never give grace to their neighbors.

My point is, we’re far from perfect. Like any church, we’re made up of people who were born totally depraved as a result of the Fall. But, we’re blessed to have a large group of people who don’t see the church as a building we attend—but as a people who are sent.

This wasn’t always the case, and getting here hasn’t been easy. But seeing people run hard after the heart of God as part of His unstoppable church makes it more than worth it.
Unstoppable

**LifePoints . . .**

I first felt led to missions when I was a senior in high school. Since that time I have done four out-of-the-country mission internships through LifePoint in Brazil, Haiti, West Africa, and Thailand. LifePoint has so many opportunities to serve those locally and globally. I now understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ and what it means to disciple others. —Erica

LifePoint has cast that vision that “Life Is Missions.” It’s not just a summer abroad in Brazil or a one-week trip to China. It’s life. It’s every day. Missions happens at work, school, and the grocery store. When loving God and loving others is the priority in your life, then your life embodies missions. —Brittany

God has truly used LifePoint to get me off the sidelines. A lifelong church attender/member, I was mainly satisfied with my “I’m here, feed me” lifestyle as a believer. LifePoint consistently reflects a bias toward action, a willingness to change, and a commitment toward making God famous in the world. —Tim
Moving Forward . . .

1. What is your biggest fear about putting your “yes” on the table for Jesus?
2. How could you address that fear more effectively?