

7 Factors to break barriers to growth

Factor 1 – Focus on Faith and Unity

Pastors Huddle 2 - Faith – You’ve Got Have It

Hebrews 11:6

And **without faith** it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must **believe** that He **exists** and that He **rewards** those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 10:38

Now the **just shall live by faith**; but, if any man **draw back**, My soul shall have **no pleasure** in him.

A. Why is FAITH important when it comes to church growth?

1. Church growth is a miracle, and it takes faith in God to see miracles.
2. What you believe creates passion that leads to action and determination.
3. Faith pleases God and makes you His partner in growing His church.
4. Church growth is God’s dream. God wants His church to grow more than you do.
5. Faith produces unity for the team. (Everyone pushing on the same rock)
6. Clarifies the win.

B. FAITH in what?

1. Faith in God (He is working to build His church)
2. Faith in God’s Strategy (The great commission and the great commandment)
3. Faith in God’s People (Your team)
4. Faith in God’s choices (You, the pastor)

C. What does FAITH accomplish?

1. Faith pleases God and releases the plan of God in your life. (Promises)
2. Faith connects us to God and His dreams for the church. (Partnership)
3. Faith overcomes limitations of the flesh and focuses on the ability of God. (Power)
4. Faith gives clear direction that helps produce a strategy. (Productivity)
5. Faith produces a “nothing is too big for God” fearless attitude. (Passion)
6. Faith gives tenacity that produces a “never give up” commitment. (Persistence)