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**Imagine Church  
Community Builder Training  
Part 1**

**“Find Community Wherever You Are”  
“One Church. Globally Distributed”  
#imaginechurchdifferent**



# IMAGINE CHURCH

## PART 1 “IMAGINE 101”

### Ephesians 3:20 is the key verse of Imagine Church:

<sup>14</sup> I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I (Paul) pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or **IMAGINE**, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

We believe that God can truly do more than we could ever ask or IMAGINE.

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## VISION

### Vision for Imagine:

IMAGINE CHURCH IS A GLOBAL COLLECTIVE OF LOCALLY LED COMMUNITIES WHO GATHER EITHER VIRTUALLY OR IN A LOCAL VENUE, TO CULTIVATE COMMUNITY AND AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

**Vision Amplified:** - Imagine Church collective of locally led gospel communities called to reach the Over-Churched, Restricted, and Limited.

**Over- Churched** - those who have been wounded, rejected or resistant to traditional church model. This also includes the “Un-Churched” - People who have never really been apart of a church.

**Restricted** - Men and women who are unable to attend a physical church/traditional church model due to life restrictions. Such as, physical, emotional, and mental restriction. This can also include those who are physically restricted to attend a traditional brick and mortar building due to location limitations.

**Limited-** Imagine Church is called to reach those who have lifestyles or occupations that limit them from attending regular community. For example, Military, Pilots/flight attendants, traveling/touring artists, full-time RVers, truckers, etc.

## MISSION

### Mission for Imagine:

**SEE. LOVE. INVITE.**

**SEE - The Possibilities**

We choose to see every city, community, lifestyle and social mosaic as a potential community that can be influenced by the gospel of Jesus.

**LOVE - With Bravery**

We choose to redefine success as bravery. Imagine Church celebrates the steps of bravery and boldness people take to love others with bravery.

**INVITE - Into Community**

We choose to invite everyone into community, centered around authentic and genuine friendship. We provide opportunity for everyone to participate in community with one another and ultimately with Jesus. We believe that having a personal relationship with Jesus is transformational.

## **Mission Amplified:**

**SEE** ALL possibilities around us. The possibilities to share the Gospel with people, the possibilities to start Imagine Communities in places that are unreached or that need an Imagine Community in them.

**LOVE** with bravery ALL people. No matter where they are in life, no matter if they are far from God or close to another god, we will LOVE with bravery. We will take active steps to show and demonstrate Jesus' love to the world around us.

**INVITE** ALL into community. As Community Builders, we will be brave to invite all into our community and ultimately to into a relationship with Jesus. We will be led by the Holy Spirit to ask and invite.

## **MESSAGE**

### **Message of Imagine:**

#### **JESUS & COMMUNITY DISCIPLESHIP**

##### **Jesus**

Jesus is the center of everything we do, say and who we are. We are saved by grace because of His death on the cross and His resurrection, and out of this great love and forgiveness to us we chose to love the people around us. (John 13:35 - "The world will know you are my disciples from the love you have for each other")

##### **Community Discipleship**

The first churches in the book of Acts did not look like the typical church of today. They did not have big programs, big events and professional pastors running everything and trying to disciple everyone all the time. The people in Acts would get a letter from the Apostle Paul and then they would sit around in living rooms to read the letter then they would pastor and disciple each other around what the Holy Spirit was saying through that letter. This is Imagine Church. We believe that community discipleship is KEY to growing in faith with Jesus. Holding each other accountable, encouraging each other, pastoring each other, being open and vulnerable with each other, spurring each other on in faith. This is church!

## Importance of Communities:

**Why are we doing church in Communities instead of a traditional church setting? How is it different? Acts 2:42-47**

We do not believe there is anything wrong with people a traditional church. However, we haven't take notes from the first churches in Acts that were established by Pastor (Apostle) Paul. The churches in Acts met in homes. They did life together, lived by each other, took care of each other and for lack of a better word, those communities "pastored" each other. They did not have a "professional" pastor week in and week out. Acts Church had:

- Leadership (Community Builders) that facilitated discussion
- Letters from Apostle Paul, sent from prison or other places he was ministering.

We believe that the community aspect is so important. There is no shortage of sermons we can listen to online or worship videos we can watch on YouTube, but people today are longing for community. Imagine Church is not the end all be all, nor does it solve all the problems that people face today, but it does provide people opportunity to build community with one another and be the church. #imagineglobal

### **Acts 2:42-47**

#### **The Believers Form a Community**

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

## COMMUNITY BUILDER

### Requirements of Becoming an Imagine Church Community Builder:

1) **Doctrine and Statements of Faith** - Believe in, adhere to, support and champion the doctrine and values of Imagine Church:

#### **The Holy Scriptures**

We believe that the Bible is God- inspired (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

#### **The Eternal Godhead**

We believe that God is Triune: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:14).

#### **The Fall of Man**

We believe that man is created in the image of God but that by voluntary disobedience fell from perfection, thereby imputing sinfulness to all human beings (Romans 5:12).

#### **The Plan of Salvation**

We believe that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, signing the pardon for all who believe in Him (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

#### **Salvation through Grace**

We believe that we receive salvation when we come to God through faith in the atoning work of Jesus on the cross; salvation is God's gift to us (Ephesians 2:8).

#### **Repentance and Acceptance**

We believe that, upon sincere repentance and a whole-hearted acceptance of Christ, we are justified before God (Romans 10:8-10; 1 John 1:9).

#### **The New Birth**

We believe that a very real change takes place in people who accept Christ as Savior; believers allow Christ's life to be lived through them (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20).

#### **Daily Christian Life**

We believe that it is the will of God for believers to walk in progressive sanctification, growing continuously in the faith (Hebrews 6:1).

#### **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

We believe that baptism by immersion is an outward sign of an inward work (Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:4). We believe in the commemoration of the Lord's Supper by the symbolical use of bread and the fruit of the vine (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

#### **Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers believers and that the Holy Spirit's incoming follows the same pattern that is described in the New Testament (Acts 2:4).

#### **The Spirit-filled Life**

We believe that it is the will of God that we daily walk in the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30-32).

### **The Gifts and Fruit of the Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit has gifts to bestow upon Christians (1 Corinthians 12:1-11), and that we should show spiritual fruit as evidence of a Spirit-filled life (Galatians 5:22-25).

### **Moderation**

We believe that people who follow Christ should avoid the extremes of fanaticism and pursue lives of balance and moderation, demonstrating gentleness and patience (Philippians 4:5, KJV; Colossians 3:12, 13).

### **Divine Healing**

We believe that divine healing is the power of Christ to heal the sick in answer to the prayer of faith (James 5:14-16).

### **The Second Coming of Christ**

We believe that the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Titus 2:11-13).

### **Church Relationship**

We believe that followers of Christ have a sacred duty to identify with the visible church of Jesus Christ and should meet regularly with fellow believers (Hebrews 10:24, 25).

### **Civil Government**

We believe that laws and ordinances come from God's ultimate authority and should be upheld, except when they are in opposition to the revealed will of God (Romans 13:1-5).

### **The Final Judgment**

We believe every person will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive eternal life or death (Revelation 20:11-15; Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

### **Heaven**

We believe that heaven is the glorious eternal home of born-again believers (John 14:1-3; Revelation 7:15-17).

### **Hell**

We believe that hell is the place of eternal torment for all who reject Christ as Savior (Revelation 10:10-15).

### **Evangelism**

We believe that the church's primary responsibility is taking the gospel to the entire world and making disciples (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20).

### **Tithes and Offerings**

We believe the method ordained of God for the support and spread of His cause is giving tithes and offerings to the church (Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7).

**2) Women in Leadership Ministry** - Our Co-Lead pastor and main teaching pastor is a woman and the Foursquare Denomination was started by a woman. A Community Builder must believe in, encourage, support and champion women in leadership ministry.

**3) Background Check** - All leadership (Pastors Justin and Janae, Community Builders, Core Team, Staff, Children's Resource Team, etc.) need to be background checked. This is for the safety and security of Imagine Church, including both the leadership and the members.

4) **Foursquare** – Imagine Church is a part of the International Foursquare Church. A Community Builder agrees and believes in the 4 core foundational doctrines of the Foursquare Denomination: Jesus Christ is our Savior, Healer, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and our soon coming King.

\*Find out all you need to about Foursquare @ [www.Foursquare.org](http://www.Foursquare.org)

### Personal Expectations of a Community Builder:

#### Connection

Stay connected with Pastor Justin and the Community Builder Directors and other community builders on a regular basis and attend the once a month Community Builder meet up. Be as present on the CB Chat Channel on the Imagine App

#### Spiritually Ready

Always be prayed up! Community Builders are leaders in Imagine Church and leadership is the frontlines of the church. This honor and responsibility calls for a deep spiritual covering and protection as you lead your community. You and your family be actively putting on the Full Armor of God through prayer and surrender.

*Ephesians 6*

#### Lifestyle

Have a daily devotional lifestyle. As a church we will always promote and suggest the SOAP format. We love that no matter where people are in the world all Imagine people reading and journaling on the same scriptures everyday. This provides unity in devotions and unity amongst all of the communities.

*Joshua 1:8 - Study this Book of Instruction continually. **Meditate** on it **day and night** so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper **and** succeed in all you do*

#### Multiply Yourself

Always be looking for the next Community Builder that can: 1) Take over your community so you can start a new one or 2) Multiply out to start their own community.

*Matt. 28:19 - Therefore, go and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

#### Living Above Reproach

Community Builders and leaders, technically all Christians, should be living a life that is above reproach. A life that is transparent, open and honest. A life that cannot be questioned by the people around us. This means making good choices when it comes to what we do and don't do. All of us are leaders and we all have followers and followers watch and learn from us because more is caught than taught. Overall, what leaders do in moderation, the followers will do in excess.

*1 Tim 3:2 - So a church leader must be a man whose life is **above reproach**. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, **live** wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach.*

## **Tithe**

A Community Builder has a lifestyle of giving and tithing to the local church. As a leader, a Community Builder chooses to view Imagine Church as their home church, sending their tithes to the Imagine.

*Malachi 3:10 - Bring all the tithes **into** the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put **me** to the **test!***

## **Community Builder Church Expectations/Duties:**

### **Weekly Commitment**

You and your family decide what day and time of the week works the best for you and stick to it. Meet on the weekly basis, same time, same day. Obviously, there are exceptions to the rule, for example, if you are out of town someone else can lead the community.

### **Admin**

Fill out the weekly report, which is a small form on the website that will take about 5-10 min or less to fill out. For example:

*How many people total?*

*Any salvations?*

*And cool things happen you want to share with us about?*

*Any problems that we need to be aware of?*

### **Imagine Conference (IMGN CON)**

Plan to attend the annual Imagine Conference. Also support and encourage your community to attend with you. Every year at IMGN CON we will have special Community Builder sessions and parties to make sure our Community Builders know each other and feel like family.

### **Time Frame**

Please stick to the 2-hour time limit, even if food is involved. You can always plan BBQ's or game nights where people can interact for hours upon hours, but we need to keep the service times to a 2-hour max. This allows people to plan their schedules and busy lives accordingly. We want to be respectful of people's trust, so we will be sure to honor our time frames and keep to the scheduled Community Time.

We believe and want the Holy Spirit to work and lead in our Communities. This means, that sometimes a prayer time or community time will go over the scheduled timeframe. To help give cushion and grace to this opportunity, we suggest planning your gathering night to be 1 hour and 45 min. This allows for a cushion of time for flexibility.

### **Tithe**

Encourage everyone in your community to practice the Biblical principle of tithing. Tithe and giving happens on the Imagine App and Website only. *NO IMAGINE COMMUNITY TAKES CASH OR CHECKS.* This protects you legally and places all weekly responsibility of bookkeeping and deposits on The Imagine Global Offices. Yay! :) Please note, that if you have people in your community that do not like using debit cards or transactions online, they can mail checks to the Imagine Offices. (Malachi 3:10)

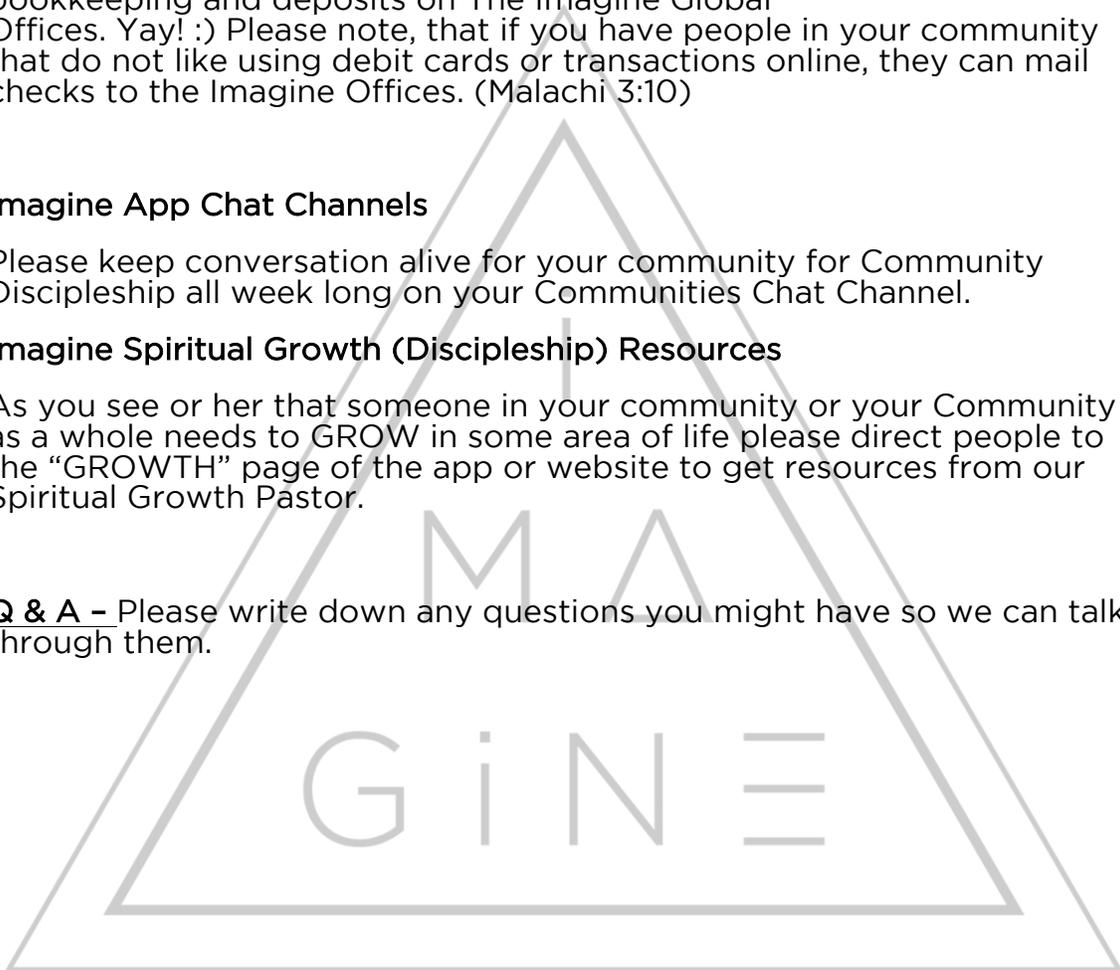
### **Imagine App Chat Channels**

Please keep conversation alive for your community for Community Discipleship all week long on your Communities Chat Channel.

### **Imagine Spiritual Growth (Discipleship) Resources**

As you see or hear that someone in your community or your Community as a whole needs to GROW in some area of life please direct people to the "GROWTH" page of the app or website to get resources from our Spiritual Growth Pastor.

**Q & A** - Please write down any questions you might have so we can talk through them.



**HW Assignments** – Due by end of training:

Listen to/watch the following teaching series and just jot down a few notes (Questions, concerns, things you do not like or understand and things you like) as you listen so we can talk about it when we review (Fast Forward through updates, just listen to teachings and it will take about 9 hours. Do in any order you want)... FIND VIDEOS @ [WWW.IMAGINE.CHURCH/TRAIN](http://WWW.IMAGINE.CHURCH/TRAIN)

1) **3 Circles Culture** – 5 Parts - Here at Imagine Church we want to always be protecting and cultivating a culture of GRACE. This series is key in how we talk to and respond to everyone in our church.

2) **CIVILITY. PRAYER. MISSION.** – 2 Part series - In this highly political climate, this series will give you an overview on Imagine Church's stance on political issues. recorded during the Trump/Biden election season. We all need to be unified in this Biblical stance as we lead our Communities, no matter our political party affiliation.

3) **LIVING BEYOND BLESSED** – 4 Parts - God is the owner of all we have. We are only the manager/stewards. This series we watched is a series done by Pastor Robert Morris. It teaches us how to shift our minds to a Godly/Biblical perspective of how we are to steward all that God has given us to manage. It is so good. It changed Pastor Janae and My thinking as well as so many people in Imagine when we watched it.

4) **SEE. LOVE. INVITE.** – 3 Part – The Mission of Imagine Church Global

5) **GLOBAL VISION** – 4 Parts – This series is all about the preferred vision of Imagine Church Global.

6) **“Never Stop Starting” Teaching** – #2 of the “Insta - A Series of Dm's” - This teaching details the tool that Imagine Church uses and teaches for a strong daily devotional life.

