

VISION BUILDERS SUNDAY

Date: Sunday 22nd June 2025

Key point of this campaign: Vision Builders is who we are. People empowered by the Spirit, continuing the story of Acts by building the Church and bringing the gospel to our city and beyond.

Hi CG Leaders,

Below are some questions for you to use with your connect group over this campaign. Please choose the questions you feel most applicable or best fit for your cg. Thank you and have a fabulous discussion and time together.

With love,

The Connect Team.

Announcements:

Online Prayer	<p><i>If someone in your connect group can't make it to a face-to-face prayer meeting, our Online Prayer Meeting is a great alternative!</i></p> <p><i>Here's the link to join or share: https://c3syd.church/prayer/</i></p>
Foundations	<p><i>Our online Foundations Course is held in the evenings and runs weekly for 5 weeks. Please encourage any new believers in your connect group to attend this significant course to help them establish strong foundations, even if the course runs on your connect group night. Starting at 7pm.</i></p> <p><i>Please stay in touch with them to help them plug into community, gather them to church, answer any questions they may have and then resume attending your cg once the course finishes. (Of course, if your cg meeting doesn't clash with the Foundations course, and the new believer is up for it, they could attend both meetings – Foundations and your Connect Group.)</i></p> <p><i>The Sunday following the last week of the Foundations Course will be a Holy Spirit Baptism Sunday at all Locations.</i></p> <p><i>Here's a link to the website for more information: https://c3syd.church/next-step-foundations/</i></p>

Connect Questions

1. The book of Acts does not have a finish – in Greek it is an incomplete sentence – it is a hanging sentence. It essentially means – YOU FINISH THE STORY! We are called to join the story and preach the gospel. The Church was never meant to hold onto the Gospel message for ourselves, but we have been empowered to be “witnesses” (Acts 1:8) of Jesus Christ and have been given the Holy Spirit to empower us as we do so. The purpose of this gathering is to scatter so that the lives of believers are living as salt and light in their community. Discuss what this means for you and your cg.
2. Do you see yourself as a builder, contributing and expanding upon what the apostles (and Paul) started in Acts? Discuss.
3. What is your next step to use the gifts God has given you to build His kingdom?
4. What do you think being salt and light in the arenas of your life actually looks like? Salt is used to preserve food and light illuminates dark spaces. Is it an attitude, a particular action or task you have seen that does these things?
5. Have you ever had an experience of continuing a project, someone else started? What were the challenges and the blessings?
6. Is there a particular ministry area mentioned at Vision Builders that you feel passionate about? How about committing to pray for that ministry regularly this year or getting involved somehow? Discuss.
7. As we follow Jesus’ command to go into all the earth, how will you be a part of Vision Builders in 2025 and be a mobilised member of the body of Christ?

VISION BUILDERS ARE WHO WE ARE.

Why are we vision builders?

Acts 2:17-21

'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

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Paul is in Rome preaching the gospel as people came to visit him...

Acts 28:31

31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

We are Acts 29...

From the beginning declaration found in Mark to the spread of the gospel to Jerusalem (Acts 1-8), Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth in Acts 28 (Rome), we are called to join the story and preach the gospel.

Mark 16:15 (ESV)

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

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Acts 1:8 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."

We are **vision builders** because the story of Jesus' Church and its impact on the world for the glory of God is not over! We are the continuation of the book of Acts.

WHAT WE SEE FOR OUR CHURCH.

Isaiah 60:1

“Arise and Shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”

*We see a LARGE, HEALTHY, GROWING church in the beautiful city of Sydney;
a church that the people of Sydney love and that loves the people of Sydney.*

We see a multi-generational, multi-ethnic and multi-site church.

*We see a church that makes disciples of Jesus; a church where people are taking their Next
Step to Know Jesus, Find Community and Discover Purpose.*

*We see connect groups in every Suburb across Sydney; groups where people are immersed in
life-giving, Jesus-centered community.*

*We see services alive with the Holy Spirit, youthful in heart, fresh with creativity, helpful to
people, and inclusive of non-believers.*

*We hear a fresh sound of worship that draws the heart of people to Jesus; worship that is like
an observatory between heaven and earth.*

*We see a church that is a beacon of hope with a visible presence and physical permanence
right across Sydney.*

*We see a strong team, bound together by love, working together as one and empowered to
make a difference.*

The best way to enjoy Church is on Team!

We see a multitude of leaders who are humble, hungry and pure hearted.

*We see a church ready to house a GREAT RETURN of sons and daughters and a GREAT
HARVEST of new believers.*

*We see a church that is leaving the imprint of Christ on Sydney.
A church that is focused, mobilized and on mission; a church that hits the mark.*

*We see a church that seeks God with all its heart.
A Church that God trusts and is using to see Sydney a city for Christ.*

We don't go to Church; We are the church!

And as the Church we are building mobilised members of the body of Christ who are here to turn our city upside down with the good news of Jesus.

So we are stepping out in faith with our finances to see the imprint of Christ here in Sydney, in our nation and to the ends of the earth.

*Invite everybody to come down to the altar to be prayed for as they step out (or have stepped out) to be a part of Vision Builders.