

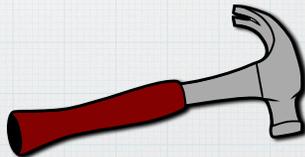
Building Something Grand!

- * Construction work can happen efficiently.
- * Having a vision for the church is a lot like a construction project.
- * The main plan, the mission, comes from the Master, the architect, who has a desire to build something.
- * The story of the tabernacle illustrates this (Ex 39:32-43).
- * But there are 5 Vision Smasher that keep the church from following the vision of Christ.



VISION SMASHER #1 - Fear

- * Fear paralyzes the church... fight or flight
- * What kind of fear? What does it do?
- * But Jesus called us not to be a church of fear but a church of boldness! We are to be risk-takers!
- * Acts 4:19-20:39
- * We need to be bold and pray for more boldness!



VISION SMASHER #2-3 - Ego/Envy

- * Ego and Envy go hand in hand... their twin smashers.
- * This is the condition God found the leadership of Judah and sent Micah. Micah 6:6-8
- * HUMILITY, SUBMISSION, AND OBEDIENCE are key
- * Pride keeps one from clearly seeing God's vision
- * Jesus said... (Matthew 23:12 -Mark 9:35)
- * We need to be humbly walking with our God!



VISION SMASHER #4 - Doubt

- * Doubt a feeling of uncertainty or lack of conviction
- * The worst part of doubt is it spreads faster than the common cold. Doubt erodes faith.
- * Jesus basically said that a little faith goes along way: Luke 17:6; John 14:13
- * James said that doubts is like being blown and tossed by the wind (James 1:6)
- * We need to be faithful and not allow doubt to erode our faith!



VISION SMASHER #5 - Apathy

- * A blurred vision keeps Christians from doing Kingdom work.
- * There are many Christians who have become apathetic and just don't care anymore.
- * The Bible tells us that being unproductive is a sin! (Pr 15:19; Ro 12:11; John 15:2-6)
- * The church that is moving is bold, risk-taking and exciting.
- * We need to be fervent and zealous for the Lord and HIS vision!



It's Exciting!

- * It is exciting to see what God is building but it is even more exciting to be a part of something greater than ourselves...his body...the church.
- * Jesus wants to build something grand from your life and it all starts with making a decision to align your will with God's will.
- * Make a decision for Jesus today!

