

### Message.

The Church: “the called-out ones”. We, the Church, have been called out of darkness into the light. We stand upon the revelation that He is the Christ, the Promised One, the Redeemer. The Church is unstoppable, because it is *His* Church, called to carry out *His* plan. We are called to bring glory to God and serve His purpose.

God has assembled His Church and we exist for His glory as bearers of His light in us. You have a part to play. Each one of us who have been called out of darkness has been given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has given each of us gifts to be used for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom. This is bigger than you and me. This is a God-sized mission and if we accept the gracious salvation offered, we must also accept Christ as Lord, Leader, and make Him our priority. This is the Gospel and a church anchored in the Gospel is unstoppable. *Eternity hinges on the answer to Jesus’ question to Peter, “Who do you say that I am?” #bccBIGidea.* The unstoppable Church is made up of people whose lives are anchored in their ability to answer this question.

### Prayer.

Lord and Father,

You are eternal. You are unstoppable! Everything You set in motion will come to be. You are my Lord and I am Your willing slave. Lead me by Your Spirit, so I can be a productive part of Your Church and fulfill Your unstoppable mission.

Amen.

### Scripture.

Matthew 16:13-19

1 Corinthians 12:18-20

### Self-Reflection.

The disciples were very aware of what others were saying about Jesus, but what mattered most to them as “sent ones”, was who they said Jesus was.

- In our world today, who do people say Jesus is?
- Who do you say Jesus is?
- What is the Gospel message and how does it anchor the Church/your own faith?
- How does your life prove your answer to the questions above? (Think about your experiences with God – the good and the bad. Think about how you’ve been shaped by these experiences. How has your life has been shaped by the message of the Gospel?)
- What changes do you need to make for your life to be anchored on the Gospel?

It’s difficult to not allow worldly influences to affect our understanding of the Church and what its suppose to be and do. But one of BCC’s core values is “We Start with Scripture”.

- According to Scripture, who is the Church?
- What is the Church called to do?

Looking at 1 Corinthians 12:18-20, consider your gifts.

- What role have you been given to play in the Church?
- What about outside of the Church? What role have you been given to play in growing God’s Kingdom in your city, in your neighborhood, in your household?

How will you practically anchor your thoughts, beliefs, and actions to your answer to Jesus’ question, “Who do you say that I am?”