



Enormous Opportunity

Acts 28:28, 30-31

About *Enormous Church*: How Church is Supposed to Be

Two thousand years ago, a gathering of people in a Middle Eastern city began a movement that would circle the globe and leave its mark on individuals and cultures on every continent. This movement eventually became known as The Church. The church isn't a place; it's a movement. And ... it's still moving. Whether you consider yourself a church person or not, *Enormous Church* seeks to reveal the story and meaning of the earliest gatherings of Christians.

Bottom Line

The Gospel leaves no believer complacent. The Gospel leads us into more.

Introduction

The church is a movement, not a building. The church is a people, not a place. The church has lasted thousands of years, and it has brought us here today.

Even through much persecution, the church stood confident in Christ, trusting that His Spirit would lead the way until Christ comes again to bring His church home.

Some people say the church is winning, while others declare the church is losing. The church has surely scaled back in boldness with the gospel. **What if the fate of the church were dependent on your boldness for the gospel?**

Struggle

We are afraid of what it means to be bold for the gospel.

We are unsure of what it means to be bold for the gospel.

We are uninterested in what it means to be bold for the gospel.

Truth

To be bold for the gospel, you must first be *convinced* of all that the gospel entails for the believer. **Convinced people convince people.**

The Gospel gives courage for the fearful, confidence for the uncertain, and compassion for the indifferent.

The Gospel leads us into *more* – exceedingly, abundantly more than we could ever ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20-21). **What if we stepped into the 'more' that the Gospel has invited us**

into? This requires being bold for the Gospel both in our church and in our community, just as the early New Testament church was.

Conclusion

South Bay Bible Church must live with boldness in our serving, our generosity, our prayers, and our witness. All of this goes to the glory of God, the building of His church, and the good of our communities.

Next Steps

- Memorize Ephesians 3:20-21.
- Join a serve team in the church.
- Pray for a stranger this week.
- Share the gospel with a relative, co-worker, or neighbor.