



## **Built to Last, Week 4**

*In David's last teaching series as senior pastor, we'll look back over his previous three decades of ministry at LCBC and what we can learn about living a life of enduring purpose.*

**Conversation Starter:** *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- In school, did you prefer group assignments or solo work? Why?
- Share a time that you thought was a setback God used as a setup for something great.

**Key Scriptures:** *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- Acts 18:27-28, Romans 16:1, Ephesians 2:10

**Discussion Questions:** *Pick a few questions below to guide your time.*

**Starting Sharing:** *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- Do you tend to get jealous in personal or professional matters?
- Who is someone you have learned from by watching their example?
- What do you want to be known for?

**Start Thinking:** *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- What makes comparison so rampant in our culture?
- When can comparison be healthy or productive? Where is the line between constructive and destructive comparison?
- How do the passages above change the way we might think about greatness or legacy?

**Make it Personal:** *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- Where can you uniquely contribute to helping others?
- What would change in your life if you stopped comparing yourself to others and instead sought to serve others?
- Who is someone you look up to in a healthy way? What about that person do you admire?

**Next Steps:** *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Follow Jesus-** Don't stop at knowing what Jesus says; instead, do what Jesus instructs as we allow him to be the leader of our lives.
- **Pray-** Pray for David and Ruth as they end this season of leadership at LCBC. Ask God to give us a renewed passion for our mission and unity as a church.

**Prayer:** *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

Heavenly Father, thank making us unique with a specific plan and purpose for our lives. Please help us not get caught in unhealthy comparisons but by your grace, do the work you prepared for us.