

**INTERVIEWER Questions: Erica Weir, Beck Wiley, Katie Kobler, Beck Neale or Laura R**

*Welcome to this special Builders of Hope Interview. We have asked Ps Mark and Ps Darlene to share their heart about the Why Behind the What of our Annual Building and Mission Offering Campaign.*

*So welcome to you both and thanks for taking time out to do this.*

*Today we will focus specifically on the Building side of our Giving and next week we will be focused on the Local and Global Mission aspect of what we are doing as a church family...especially through our Hope Global Foundation.*

*Can you firstly both define the idea behind the Builders of Hope series we are doing at the moment?*

*Mark you have been teaching the whole church about Going on the Adventure of Faith to set up the church for the generations to come? One Biblical example has been that of King David and Solomon. Can you unpack that story for us?*

*Darlene, you are often commenting about the generosity of our church home. Where do you see that giving heart making a difference at the moment?*

*You have both been here now for eight years and so much has grown and developed in that time. What do you feel when you look back at all that has happened?*

*Can you describe for us some of the highlights of that journey?*

*You both have been taking a lot about Legacy and Stewardship. What do these concepts mean and why are they important at the moment ?*

*Mark, a question specifically for you....you have been greatly inspired by the power of The Seed that we all possess.*

*Can you explain how that idea applies to the area of our Church Home, Buildings and Facilities?*

*Darlene, one thing you are always reinforcing as a Value of our church, is that there is a place at the Table for everyone. Why is this so important to you?*

*And what would you love to create in the future to reach our community even more effectively?*

*Both of you have a real passion for both a spirit of Excellence and our church team having an Excellent Spirit? When it comes to hospitality and church facilities, where do you believe we can grow and develop for the future?*

*A common question that people might have about the Builders of Hope campaign is How do I get involved?*

*I guess we are asking what should people pray about and do, to invest their seed financially for the future Legacy of Hope UC and our local facilities?*

*Are there different methods of Giving ...for example some might want to give a one off donation and some might prefer to give a Faith Promise on a weekly or monthly basis?*

**What Legacy are we wanting to build as a local church home?**

**One final question...what is your dream outcome for our church facilities in our current locations?**

## **KEYPOINTS TO COVER AS PER THE Life Group Notes-**

### **Discuss the power of Legacy and having an Invitational Culture**

of inviting someone to church, and what their reactions are to it. Discuss what makes church warm, friendly and hospitable ?

### **DISCUSSION POINT**

Why are our Buildings and facilities so important both for Sunday worship and our week long Community Engagement? Discuss what experiences and programs matter to you...

#### **1. We should treat our church facilities with a Spirit of Excellence**

Read thru 1 Kings 7 and discuss the way that Solomon built both his own palace and also the House of the Lord, the Temple? What do you see as the biggest challenge to our friends and neighbours coming to church and finding a spiritual home there?

#### **2. We should continue to develop a servant hearted leadership team with an Excellent Spirit**

Read and discuss 1 Kings 10 where we see the arrival of the Queen of Sheba, and her subsequent amazement at the culture of Excellence that applied to all the team and all that happened in leadership of Solomon.

### **DISCUSSION POINT**

What are each of us called to bring to our church family to make it such a heavenly encounter?

#### **3. Generosity and excellence is a spiritual service rendered to our True Master. So the way we set church up matters greatly and helps people to have a spiritual change.**

Consider this moment for example...

*"When the queen of Sheba perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her." 1 Kings 10:4-5 NASB*

**Reflect:** What is our more likely response to those who request money from us...Generosity or Fear? How can we change? Discuss the Concept of Equal Sacrifice V Equal Giving...

#### **4. Exceptional Generosity was part of the establishment of the very first Tabernacle as well:**

*"Everyone whose heart stirred him and everyone whose spirit moved him came and brought the LORD'S contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments." Exodus 35:21 NASB <http://bible.com/100/exo.35.21.nasb>*

**And then it continued** *"They received from Moses all the contributions which the sons of Israel had brought to perform the work in the construction of the sanctuary. And they still continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. And all the skillful men who were performing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work which he was performing, and they said to Moses, "The people are bringing much more than enough for the construction work which the LORD commanded us to perform."'" Exodus 36:3-5 NASB. <http://bible.com/100/exo.36.3-5.nasb>*

### **PRAYER POINT:**

Please take a moment to pray in your groups for those who are yet to come to church that are on our hearts, and also that our Building and Mission Offering will bring a fresh and powerful legacy to our community.