



**Church of the
Good Shepherd**

Breaking the strongholds in our Church and in our community

Stronghold Busters

Group 1

Stronghold buster - church

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:15-20

Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew: 8-10

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 2 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:22-25

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God. Psalms 43:5

We renounce our indifference and apathy.

We announce that with You Father God, we will keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to walk the walk and talk the talk.

We want to renew our minds each day so that we may recapture our first love.

Help us to stay focused on You each day. Your Joy is my strength I rejoice in you today.

Group 2

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Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
Psalm 51:10-12

I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.
Revelation 2:4,5

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Revelation 3:15-18

We renounce our independence from God and the fact that we seek comfort in other things. We confess we have lost our first love.
Renew a right Spirit within us and create a pure heart in us. Make us hungry for God. We give permission for our lives to be turned upside down for the sake of the Kingdom. We want to be more like Jesus so that the world may see him in us and be transformed. We announce that we will be bold and strong standing up for Truth in the power of the Spirit. Amen

Stronghold buster - community

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’ Romans 10:14

as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. Acts 17:23

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour. Isaiah 61:1-3

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’ Isaiah 49:6b

We renounce our fear and the inability to share our love for Jesus. We announce that we will start where people are. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us and we have the authority to be people of peace, bringing reconciliation and hope. We will see our community through ‘Jesus tinted’ glasses and with passion and compassion we will feel his pain for the lost. We renounce the hypocrisy of our lives and we announce that we will live on the foundation of truth all that we do and say. We will live in tune with the Holy Spirit and we will not miss opportunities to talk about the experience of Jesus’ love in our lives.

Group 3

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“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. *Matt 24:36*

We renounce the lie that is it OK to be apathetic and will be ready for God to move us in any direction at any time
We announce that we will be prepared and ready to answer God's call and serve Him faithfully

We renounce the lie that there is no God and that God is irrelevant, and declare that Jesus is Lord.
We announce that we will be active in declaring the Gospel to the people of Crookhorn.

Stronghold buster - community

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? *Romans 10:14*

But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ *Luke 19: 25,26*

We renounce the lie that we have limited time to witness to the community.

We announce our commitment to be timely and passionate in sharing the good news with the community of Crookhorn.

Group 4

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Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. Revelation: 2: 4,5

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. Luke 14: 34,35

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Romans 12: 11

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20

Father God, In the Name of Jesus we renounce the lies of the enemy that have convinced us that;
we're not good enough,
we're too busy,
somebody else will do it.

We announce that with all our heart we want to let you, Jesus, into our lives. We want to be a people that make a difference. We want to be as effective as salt in stopping decay.

We ask that you will give us a fresh anointing so that we will be enthusiastic for you, Lord. We will not be lazy as we work for you. We want to love you and our neighbour just as we did at first. Instil in us a fresh passion to save the lost.

We declare that we will preach the full Gospel. Help us not to water down your Word. We want to promise that we will remain in You.

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If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15: 7

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd. Matthew 25: 32

He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. Matthew 25: 45, 46

We renounce, in the Name of Jesus that we reject the lies of the enemy about our community;
that people don't want to know about you,
that people won't listen to us,
that sharing the Good News is somebody else's job,
that we don't have the authority of Christ on our lives,
that we don't have enough knowledge to help others.

We announce that we want to speak for You to our neighbours. That we do have Your authority to speak for You, that Your Holy Spirit will guide us and give us the words. We ask that You will give us all the love and grace and strength we need to be Your faithful messengers.

Group 5

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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. *2 Chronicles 7:14*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. *Psalm 91:11*

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. *1 John 1:7*

We renounce the lie that we are unable to worship You with our whole heart and that we are not passionate for You lord.

We announce that you Lord are with us. Your rod and staff guide us and keep us. We are Yours, therefore we humble ourselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from our ways of doing things, which have not honoured You.

As we walk in Your light, confident that you will guide us with wisdom and discernment, no harm will come to us as we put on the whole armour of God daily.

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So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. *Genesis 1:27*

He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. *Ephesians 1:5*

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. *Job 33:4*

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. *1 John 2:20*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: the righteous will live by faith. *Romans 1:16,17*

But the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. *Luke 9:11*

We renounce the lie that we can not impact our community here in Crookhorn and they will not hear of Your love for them.

We announce that they are all Yours, created in Your image and adopted by You. We breathe fresh life and fresh passion into the community of Crookhorn. We, as Your Church will go out in the power of Your Holy Spirit and anointing and bring the Good News of Your gospel to the community of Crookhorn. By faith we receive Your forgiveness and healing over our lives and the community of Crookhorn in the name of Jesus.