

# Building the Kingdom

*You will need: Octons made from cardboard [see Appendix 1], marked with particular words [see Appendix 2], and the equipment to play a particular song [also Appendix 2].*

I don't know about you, but I'm at a stage of life where I know a lot and I want to apply what I've been taught.

A lot of us have been in church for years. We should be aware that God seeks to build His Kingdom through us.

So what does that look like in practice? What kind of work, what process is involved? Let's see what you make of this.

## **Activity 1**

Firstly, here are some Octons, marked with verbs and one noun from a particular song about God building His Kingdom. These are examples of what God does; things that we can join in with. Put them in the order you think they should be, so that they form a journey or a process.

*Facilitate if necessary, or discuss why the Octons are in this particular order after they have been arranged*

## **Activity 2**

Now, try to make a sculpture out of those Octons while I play some suitable music. It's up to you – I'm not going to lead this activity. You may need a leader. You may need to listen to each other or to the Holy Spirit!

*Play 'Build Your Kingdom Here' by Rend Collective.*

## **Reading 1**

"Using the grace God gave me, I laid a foundation, like a skilled master-builder; and another man is building on it. But let each one be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Yeshua the Messiah."

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (CJB)

As well as telling stories and being good at what we do, believers need to make His work, and its relevance, visible. It's trial and error at times!

Leadership is good, too: having an idea and following it through. Leadership gives shape to what we build.

*Give examples.*

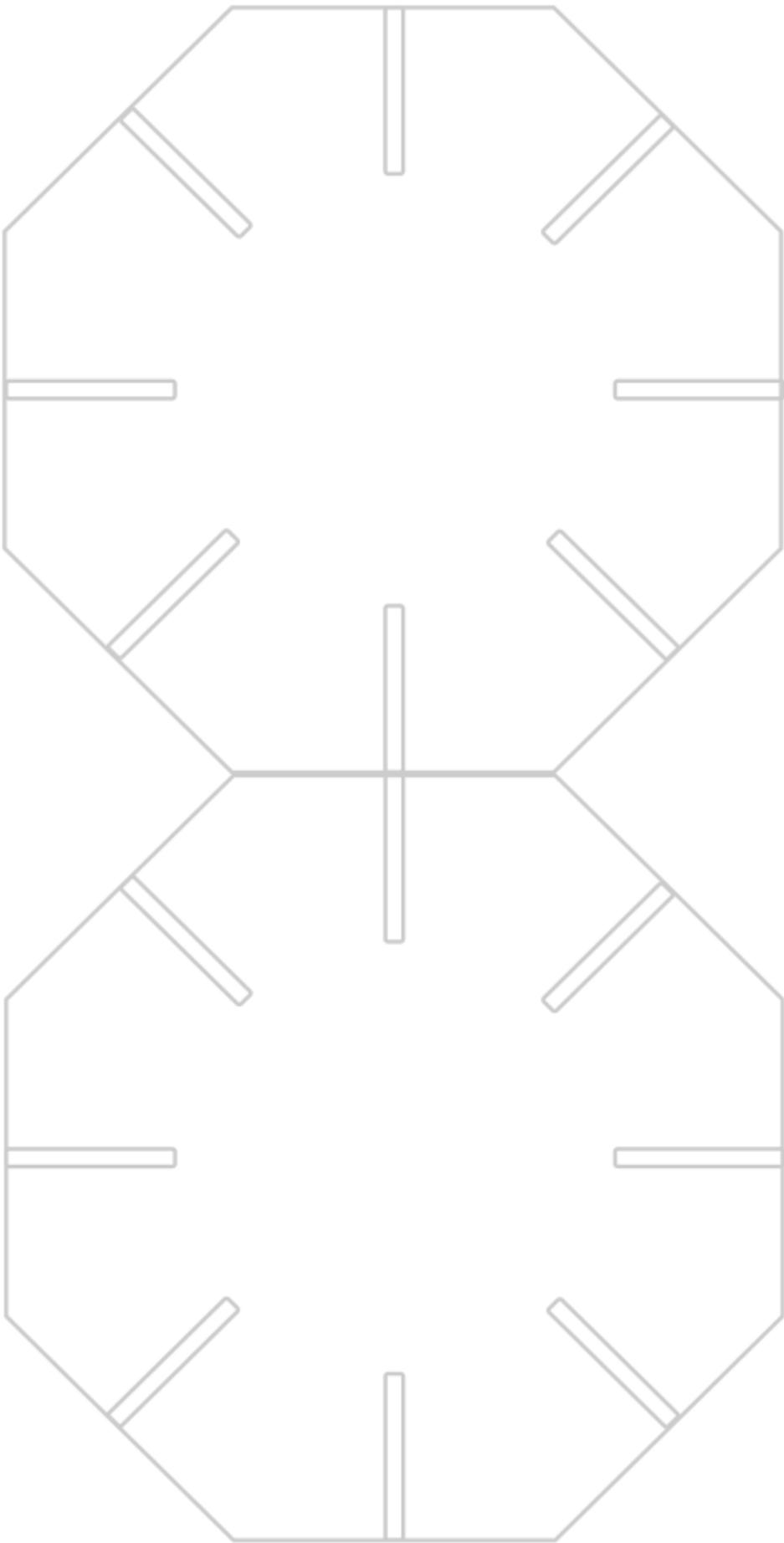
## **Reading 2**

"Whatever work you do, put yourself into it, as those who are serving not merely other people, but the Lord. Remember that as your reward, you will receive the inheritance from the Lord. You are slaving for the Lord, for the Messiah. Don't worry — whoever is doing wrong will be paid in kind for his wrong, and there is no favouritism shown."

Colossians 3:23 (CJB)

*Encourage everyone to apply this, and finish with a prayer.*

# Appendix 1: Octon Template



## Appendix 2: Song, Words & Examples

'Build Your Kingdom Here', by Rend Collective, is the song that the words come from. Click here to play it and view the lyrics: <http://youtu.be/6Zn3cql3IK8>

The verbs – and one noun – to write on the Octons are, in song order: *Increase, set (ablaze), invade, seek, release, change, pray, build, show, win, unleash, awake, Christ*

### Examples from Staff Prayers at Church House, Salisbury:

