



Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020

Teaching and Equipping Series: "The Mission of the Church"

Subject: "Connecting the Found to the Word and to the Church"

Read Matthew 28:18 - 20 (NLT)

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- **Proverbs 11:30 (AMPC)** - "The fruit of the [uncompromisingly] righteous is a tree of life, and **he who is wise captures human lives [for God, as a fisher of men—he gathers and receives them for eternity].**"

HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF THE FOUND

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- **IT'S ALL ABOUT CONNECTIONS:** Anything that _____ and _____ does so because of its _____.
- **THE THREE S's of CONNECTION: (#1)** - _____ - first and foremost, these connection points provide security. That is, they offer protection for the believer as they grow in the Local Church. **(#2)** - _____ - this is needed because when the winds blow and the storms rage, and they will, every believer needs to be rooted so they have a place of stability when the storms of life come. **(#3)** - _____ - This, of course, is what gives a new believer as well as a mature believer the food and nutrients they need to grow and sustain growth. Without the proper nutrients and root system, new baby Christians will never _____ and _____ the fruit the Lord is looking for in and through their life. Baby Christians left to themselves will never produce the _____ of a mature believer.
- **Read Psalms 92:12 - 14 (NKJV)** Every child of God, every believer in Christ, should and needs to be _____ and _____ to their Local Church.

THREE CONNECTIONS THAT EVERY CHURCH SHOULD PROVIDE:

- **(1st) Connect to the _____:**
 - **Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
 - **1 Peter 2:1 - 2 (NKJV)** - "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ²as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby."
 - Without a balanced diet, a believer can become **malnourished**. Even worse, their understanding of the Lord can become **malformed**.

- Believers are to have a lifestyle that includes continuous feeding on the Word of God so they may grow and _____ - then continue to _____ and mature throughout their spiritual journey.
- **Read Hebrews 5:12 - 14 (NKJV)** and **1 Corinthians 3:1 - 4 (NKJV)**.
- As we _____ new Christians to the Word of God, they need _____, not _____ because they are spiritual _____.
- **The Marks of Spiritual Immaturity are:** (1) **Babyishness**. (2) _____. (3) **Battling**. (4) _____. (5) **Barrenness**. A spiritual _____ is one who has never grown beyond an elementary knowledge of Christ and the things of God.
- **Indicators of Spiritual Growth and Maturity:** (1) The way you _____ with your _____ - your words and confession locate you and identifies where your _____ is. (2) The way the Word of God has _____ your _____. Does your mind Worry, Wander or think Wicked? (3) How the Word of God has _____ the _____ and _____ by which you control and govern your body. (4) The _____ and forward _____ of your growth in _____ (your SERVING and SUPPORTING) and in _____ (your SOWING and GIVING).
- You will know _____, _____ and _____ is occurring when: (1) Your Revelation _____ grows in the Word of God and the things of God (2) Your _____ increases to the degree you can _____ it by precept, principles and practice. (3) Your _____ is developed in the application and the _____ of the Word of God to the areas of your life. **Read Hebrews 5:13 - 14 and 1 Peter 1:3 - 11 (NKJV)**
- **(2nd) Connect to the _____:** **Galatians 5:13 (NKJV)** - "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."
 - _____ is one of the most vital connection points a member can have to their local Church. Life _____ occurs in the context of relationships. **Read 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)**
 - In our connection to the Church we **discern, discover, develop** and **deploy**: (1) _____ we are in Christ [our _____ Identity] and (2) _____ we are in the Body of Christ (the Church) [our _____ Identity] - our place, our grace, our God-ordained race - our rights, our role and our responsibilities.
- God's goal is that people be _____ through His Church, and the only proof that people are being **DISCIPLED** is that they are _____. **Read 2 Peter 3:17 - 18; 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NKJV)**
- **Four (4) Common Commitments in our Connection to the Church: (#1)** _____ Commitment - a commitment to Christ and a Church Family; (#2) _____ Commitment - it is a commitment to the Habits necessary for spiritual growth; (#3) _____ Commitment - it is a commitment to discover and use my God-given gifts and abilities in SERVING God and others; and (#4) _____ Commitment - this is a commitment to SHARE the (Gospel) with others.
- **6 'I Will' Attitudes to Create Forward MOVEMENT and Positive MOMENTUM in the Church: (1st)** - I Will be a _____ Church Member; (2nd) - I Will be a _____ Church Member; (3rd) - I Will Not Let My Church _____ About My Preferences and Desires; (4th) - I Will _____ for My Church Leaders; (5th) - I Will _____ My Family to _____ Healthy Church Members; (6th) - I Will _____ Church Membership as Gift. **1 Corinthians 12:18 (NKJV)** - "But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased."