



Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

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

Wednesday Teaching Connection Outline and Notes: "Connecting the Found to the Church"

Matthew 28:18 - 20 (NLT) - "18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- The purpose we must understand is that our God called us to be faithful and fruitful!
- **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

- **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. 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 **PLANTED** to their Local Church.

CONNECTING THE FOUND TO THE CHURCH:

- **(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**.
- **(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. The laboratory of the local Church is where we are to 'work out' and 'test out' our _____ and 'work in and on' our _____ responsibilities. We are not _____ to sit. We are saved to _____! **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 **CORPORATE** Identity] - our place, our grace, our God-ordained race and our responsibilities.

- **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 Good News (Gospel of Christ) with others.
- **6 'I Will' Attitudes to Create Forward MOVEMENT and Positive MOMENTUM in the Church:**
 - **(1st)** - I Will be a _____ Church Member. _____ means we are all necessary parts of the whole. **Read Romans 12:4 - 5 (TPT)**
 - MEMBERSHIP means we are different, but we still _____ together. MEMBERSHIP means everything we say and do is based on a Biblical Foundation of _____.
 - How do we remain a Biblical MEMBER of the Church? By _____ generously and _____ without hesitation.
 - Biblical Church Membership _____ without _____ and views _____ and _____ as joyous _____.
 - **(2nd)** - I Will be a _____ Church Member. Unity is _____, Critical and _____ to the health of the Church. Our big responsibility is to be a _____ of Unity: **(1st)** Brotherly _____ - **Read Psalms 133:1 - 3 (NKJV)**; **(2nd)** Spiritual _____ - **Read Ephesians 4:1 - 6 (NKJV)**; **(3rd)** _____ of the Faith and the Knowledge of the Son of God - **Read Ephesians 4:11 - 13 (NKJV)**
 - _____ should never be tolerated. It is very bad, and destructive for the Church.
 - _____ tears apart the unity and renders the Church powerless. **Read Romans 1:28 - 30 (NLT)**. _____ leads to _____ and _____ of the Church - **Read 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)**.
 - Church _____ is also torn apart with members refuse to _____, and when any member is too prideful to grant and give _____. Church membership is about _____, giving, and forgiveness.
 - **(3rd)** - I Will Not Let My Church _____ About My Preferences and Desires.
 - The word Servant occurs **57 times** in the NT; and the word Serve occurs **58 times** in the NT. Get the picture? Serving is _____ in the Bible. We will never find _____ in Church membership when we are constantly seeking things our way.
 - **(4th)** - I Will _____ for My Church Leaders. **(1)** Pray for the Pastor's _____; **(2)** Pray for the Pastor's _____; **(3)** Pray for the Pastor's _____. **(4)** Pray for the Pastor's Spiritual, Physical, Mental and Financial _____.
 - **(5th)** - I Will _____ My Family to _____ Healthy Church Members. Teach your family to _____ the Church and lead your family to _____ for the Church. Encourage your family to _____ together at Church.
 - **(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."