

SERMON NOTES

Place Hacking

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What is the primary mission of the church?

As Christ-followers we are called to explore new opportunities to make Christ known in our communities and the world. The church does souls. We are in the soul winning business.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30 NKJV)

Mark 16:14-20 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Jesus, the place hacker.

In fact, Jesus had a radical approach to doing ministry unheard of by Rabbis of His day. First off He was born in a stable. He was kicked out of his synagogue because they thought he was crazy. At one point His own family came to apprehend Him because they thought He was mad. He walked through Samaria and spoke to a woman of ill-repute alone.

And you shall likewise be place hackers

Jesus sent His disciples: to "all nations" (Matt. 28:19) "to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

"Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:20 (NKJV)

Not that it would be easy.

It's interesting that when the risen Christ shows up among his disciples, Mark tells us that "He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart," (v. 14).

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