

Sermon Series: BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY

Sermon Title: "Holy Huddle or Serving Community"

Scripture: Matthew 22:35-40, II Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

INTRO: Think about what happens when a new family visits our church? Are we a _____ (friendly) congregation? Are we a _____ (serving) community, or a _____ (self) serving community?

1. What is the _____ (purpose) of the church?
-we are _____ (ambassadors) for Christ
2. The _____ (Great) Commission and the Great _____ (Commandment):
-church is not a _____ (sit) in, but rather a _____ (send) out
3. The Great Commandment is two-fold:
-love _____ (God) and love your _____ (neighbor)
4. The Great Commandment gives us the _____ (heart) behind all we do in carrying out the Great Commission:
-we literally love God by _____ (loving) our neighbor
5. The Great Commandment is a call to _____ (evangelism):
-to love our neighbor means we must _____ (pray) for their salvation & _____ (do) everything possible for them to come to Christ
6. All the Law & Prophets _____ (hang) on these two commands:
-think of a _____ (pole) in your closet that all your clothes are hanging on

CLOSE: How can we be greater _____ (ambassadors) for Christ? We must be willing to get the Gospel _____ (outside) the walls of the church and _____ (engage) our community.