

THE CITY CHURCH
DISTINCT TEACHING SERIES

Talk 1: Inviting Everyone to Encounter Jesus

Overview

This Sunday Martin spoke at our annual Vision Sunday on the new Vision Statement of The City Church that is 'Inviting Everyone to Encounter Jesus.' Using Acts 2:42-47 we saw how this has always been a core part of the Church. We explored the four key elements to our Vision Statement

1. Inviting

We are called to be a church that shares the invitation of Jesus with the World around us, we want to grow at being an inviting people individually and together. The people of God have always been given a mandate to share God's blessing with others and we want to continue walking in that calling today.

We also want to grow at sharing life with one another, the church is not an event we attend but a family we belong to. Our heart is to see everyone that is part of our Church truly belong to the family, being known and loved within the community of God.

2. Everyone

Secondly we desire to grow as a diverse family, we see through the scriptures that the Lords heart is for people from all walks of life to know him and belong to his Church. Our prayer is that we will see a people that are different in race, gender, age and class yet who are united in Christ.

3. Encounter

We believe that the Church is a temple of the Spirit and so should continue to see each person growing in their relationship with the Lord. We are a supernatural people who should expect the unexpected when we are gathered and when we are scattered.

4. Jesus

We are called to Christ, our lives are no longer our own but his, the Church exists for his glory and fame. We want to grow at making everything about him and for him.

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Questions

1. What inspires you about the account of the life of the Early Church in this passage?
2. What challenges you about the account of the life of the Early Church in this passage?
3. How can we corporately as a church and individually grow at being an Inviting people to the world and one another?
4. How can we grow develop a lifestyle of encounter with Jesus?