



May 2nd, 2021— “Farmers not Ranchers“

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

Isaiah 43:19, John 4:35, Matthew 9:35-38

We must challenge assumptions people make about Christians with our love for them and our faith in God.

✦ Many of those outside of Christianity reject Jesus, because they feel rejected by Christians.

✦ The church should never become a political platform, but a platform where Jesus Himself is lifted up.

✦ **Legalism** is defined as: Excessive adherence and dependence on moral law rather than on personal faith.

“One issue with the church is that we are being persecuted for the things we have on our signs, rather than the Jesus we have in our hearts.”

Luke 14:13

The poor are those that don't have the answer in which to live their life by.

The maimed are those that have been hurt by others, and they feel like nobody cares.

The lame are those that do not have the strength to even walk into the dreams that are in their hearts.

The blind are those that cannot see how the gospel of Jesus can change their life forever.

✦ People will not care about what we know until they know how much we care.

✦ We the church have been called to save people's lives, not destroy them. **Matthew 11:18-19**

✦ God meets us in our mess and pushes holiness out the other side.

✦ Jesus has called us to the harvest, we are to be farmers, not religious cow ranchers.

Matthew 23:25-26

The reasons why people succeed in getting the attention of the unchurched is:

1. They seek out the lost.
2. They see value in them.
3. They invest in people's lives.