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A Place Where People Count

Jesus: Head of the Church – Part 2

Luke 13:18-35

Managers have found in the business world that service is their number one asset. A company in which service is a priority shows customers they are valued and that they matter. The church should be the same way. We should be a place that people could walk into and feel like they matter. We must use our gifts to minister to people; we must be the most people-friendly church we can be. In Luke 13, we find five characteristics that God wants to see in his church.

I. The church is to be a _____ place. (vv. 18-22)

- A. The church did not have a glamorous beginning, but Jesus was saying the growth was _____ in comparison with a small beginning.
- B. When a local congregation grows to be large, so often the perception by man is that it's _____.
- C. The larger a church grows the more they must guard against being _____ and _____.
- D. As a church that wants to grow, we must work hard to _____ relationships.

II. The church is to be a _____ place. (vv. 23-38)

- A. _____ is going to be saved? What will it take to be saved?
- B. Jesus Christ tells us how to be saved.
 - 1. There is only _____ way to be saved. (v. 24)
 - 2. More are going to be _____ than saved. (v. 24)
 - 3. There will be no _____ chances. (v. 25)
 - 4. Those who have only a _____ acquaintance with him will be _____, (vv. 26-27)
 - 5. An eternity separated from God in hell will be an _____ experience. (v. 28)
- C. If the church really _____ about people, it will be a place where we tell the _____ about salvation.

III. The church is to be an _____ place. (vv. 29-30)

A. A place where all _____ are welcome and included.

B. A place where the “_____” people are loved.

1. Children
2. Elderly
3. Disabled
4. Poor
5. Prisoners, the sick, the dying, the outcasts

IV. The church is to be a _____ place. (vv. 31-33)

A. Jesus had opposition from both the _____ and the _____ leaders. (v. 31)

B. If the church ministers to people, it will receive _____. (Jn. 15:18-19)

V. The church is to be a _____ place. (vv. 34-35)

A. Jesus was passionate about his mission to _____ the _____.

B. What makes you passionate?

C. The church ought to be our _____ passion. (2 Cor. 5:14)