

Keys to church growth

This strange and perplexing world in which we find ourselves is a product of our own time and culture. We are to carry out our evangelistic efforts in a world marked by pluralism and diversity, technological proliferation and reliance, multiculturalism, economic interdependence among nations, growing concern about the deterioration of inner-city communities, and a significant decline in the value of freedom, human dignity, and the rule of law. So, how do we advance a Kingdom Agenda and how does the Church of Christ grow in this toxic environment? There are five keys that I believe are critical to the success of church growth.

- Evangelism
- Solid Biblical teaching
- Meaningful worship
- Discipleship
- Fellowship

Priority must be given to critical ministries that assist families. When it comes to funding and space, the nursery, children's church, youth, and young adult ministries must take precedence. Adult Bible studies, Men's and Women's ministries, and Small Group Ministries must be ready to disciple those who have been reached through evangelistic efforts.

We should evangelize in the same way that Jesus did while on earth. Jesus went where the people were and shared the message with them. And what was the message? That the Kingdom of Heaven is here today. That Jesus has provided a way for us to navigate this crazy world. That you don't have to face the problems of life alone. And that God, in his infinite love for us, sent his son to die for us and to take the punishment we deserve so that by accepting His gift of salvation, we can have relationship with God as it was originally established.

Steps for Personal Evangelism

- Prayer
- Biblical Knowledge
- A story
- The right attitude
- Obedience, not results

To fulfill the Kingdom agenda that God has placed before us, it will take every one of us to actively engage in the process of church growth. It is going to take sacrifice, a sharing of our time, talents, and treasure, patience, and endurance.