

BOGUS

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RECAPTURING

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DELUSIVE

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crook

pretender

fraud

ARTIFICIAL





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Some of my formative/core convictions:

- They may not agree with us but they'll have to deal with us.
- They may not like us but they will respect us.
- They may not be converted but they'll be confronted by authenticity



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Let it never be said of me that I presented the world a caricature of Jesus Christ.

God wants to produce a company of people demonstrating a quality of life that can only be found under the loving Lordship of Jesus Christ.



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There's a *difference* between attracting a crowd and establishing a church.

The church is not built primarily on meetings but *relationships*.



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Gods intention is not that we're involved in a cafeteria but a *spiritual family*.

- Commitment?
- Responsibility?
- Authority?



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Authentic New Testament Christianity is not a meeting to attend but a life to be shared. *It is a community of imperfect people learning to live a new life in a new way to the glory of God.*



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1. Description of America today

LUKE 19:10-14 (NIV)

10. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” **11.** While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because...



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...he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. **12.** He said: “A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. **13.** So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas.[a] ‘Put...



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...this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

14. "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'



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2. We are living amidst incredible shaking

HEBREWS 12:25-28 (NIV)

25. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much...



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...less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? **26**. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” [a] **27**. The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that...



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...is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. **28.** Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...



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3. God intends to restore true apostolic Christianity.

ACTS 2:36-47 (NIV)

36. “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” **37.** When the people...



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...heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38**. Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39**. The...



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...promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” **40**. With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **41**. Those who accepted his message were...



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...baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **42**. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43**. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the...



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...apostles. **44.** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45.** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46.** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and...



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...sincere hearts, **47**. praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



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4. After revelation comes application.

"What can I do?"

PSALM 142:4 (NIV)

Look and see, there is no one at my right hand;
no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no
one cares for my life.



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C.A.R.E

Connect--*intentional contact*

Availability--*communicate it.*

Remember--*prayer, names, events, etc.*

Example--*servanthood.*



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JOHN 13:17 (NIV)

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.