



Church on Purpose Learners

Matthew 16:18 (THE MESSAGE[©])

I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out.

I. A Church in a City ---

A. Responsibilities & Benefits ---

Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV[®])

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

B. A WOC Perspective ---

Isaiah 62:10 (NIV[®])

Pass through, pass through the gates!

Prepare the way for the people.

Build up, build up the highway!

Remove the stones.

Raise a banner for the nations

II. Learning from Jesus

Luke 5:1-11 (NASB[®])

¹ Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;

² and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.

³ And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and *began* teaching the people from the boat.

⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say *and* let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets *began* to break;

⁷ so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

⁹ For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

¹⁰ and so also *were* James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

A. Crowd, listeners & learners

B. Observations

1. Available & Invested, v.3
2. Invitations, v.4
3. Reasons for "my choices", v.5
4. I will do as you say, v.5b
5. Nets breaking, boats sinking, vs.6-7
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7. New Future, v.10

Prayer & Proclamation

Giving Glory to God When All is Well

Psalm 145:1-7 (NIV®)

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷ They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Giving Glory to God in the Midst of a Struggle

Psalm 86:1-10 (NIV®)

- ¹ Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- ² Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.
- ³ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.
- ⁴ Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.
- ⁶ Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.
- ⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.
- ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

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