

Jesus Saves - Part 2

Jesus Saves Through the Church

Big Picture

This week, as we continue with part 2 of our “Jesus Saves” series, we learned that the primary vehicle God designed for humanity to experience salvation is through His Church! There are 5 things that we- as the Church- should be doing to remain faithful and fruitful.

22 The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. 23 The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Ephesians 1 MSG

18 I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Matthew 16 NLT

Discussion

There are five things that we as a church should be doing to remain faithful and fruitful. Discuss those five things as they are below.

1. Read Matthew 28:19

Foundation: Doing God's Word. Why do you think doing God's word is more important than just hearing God's Word?

2. Read Proverbs 21:21

Blueprint: Fulfilling God's Purposes. God's purpose: Lost people saved. Saved people pastored. Pastored people disciplined. Disciplined people mobilized. When you look at the purpose of God and the purpose of Lineage Church: Reach Connect Grow Go. In what area do you feel you need the most growth?

3. Read Genesis 15:5

Confidence: Trusting God's Promises. Our purpose is not based on what we can do, but what God can do through us. When you find yourself lacking confidence in God and what He can do through you, how do you cope? What scriptures encourage you to trust in the Lord?

4. Read 1 Peter 5:6

Strength: Dependence on the Holy Spirit. Dependence on God is defined by one word in the Bible, humility. Humility is not denying your strengths but rather being honest about your weaknesses. What are two of your God-given strengths? What are two of your greatest weaknesses? How can you rely on God to be your strength in your weaknesses?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13

5. Success: Leading with Love

Jesus was magnetic, he wasn't just followed by twelve, but the Bible says He was followed by multitudes.

1 - He met their needs

2 - He taught uniquely

3 - He loved them

There are a lot of lonely people looking to be loved. How can you show love and compassion to your community, your family, strangers? Do you have ideas or prejudices that might cause you to not love everyone the way Jesus did? If so, how can you ask God to give you a heart of compassion for everyone?

Next Steps

We need to remember that our success is rooted in love and we love regardless of how people have lived, sinned, stumbled or became broken hurt or in pain... we love!

Will you join Lineage in a revival of compassion so that we can be fruitful and faithful?

Pray

Thank God for all His salvation and His love and for you. Ask Him to give you a heart of compassion and love to help others and to show you how to reach your community.