

RUMOR HAS IT – THE ONE - BUILD

BEFORE WE GET STARTED:

1. How has God blessed you this week?
2. How can we as a Group pray for you this week?

For those who heard the sermon, what was one takeaway?

READ:

2 Corinthians 5: 18-21

¹⁸ Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1. The Team FBC strategy is to BUILD – BRING – BELONG. In the BUILD portion of the strategy, we “BUILD BRIDGES ONE RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME”. Explain how as “Ambassadors of Christ” (v20) we are representing something bigger and better than ourselves as we BUILD a bridge with someone.
2. If were all representing something bigger and better than ourselves, and we were all building bridges with people we live, work, and play with, what do you think FBC would look like if we were all BRINGING these people on any given Sunday?
3. Is this a good thing? How would you respond if someone told you the Church just wants to get big?

READ:

1 Corinthians 9:22-27

²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. ²³ I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. ²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

4. How different do you see church or a Sunday morning service when you look at it through the eyes and ears of an unchurched or unsaved person? Think of churchy-words or churchy-traditions that may make you feel awkward or cause you to turn away because you do not understand or relate.
5. Is it possible to praise Jesus and present the Gospel without these churchy-words and traditions?
6. In your opinion, where is the balance between praising Jesus and becoming a “show” for unchurched people?

APPLICATION:

This week, think about how you can be a better ambassador for Jesus and how you can make our Sunday morning BRING environment more accommodating to people without compromising the Gospel.