

**FMHTY, Pt 10-I Still Believe in the Church (Matt 16:13-18)**

>>L&G--I *believe* in the church

\***BEC**—the WOG believes in the chch

\*& I believe in the WOG!

>>>>This is wht I want us to talk abt tdy

\*We're in a series = entitled FMHTY

\*& the church—**OUR CHURCH**--has been *much* on my heart

**[READY?]**

**I-PASSAGE Mt 16**

A.V13-“Nw whn J came to C’sareaPhlippi

He askd his discples, ‘Who do ple say that I, the Son of man, am?’” **MAP**

B. V.14-“The discples replied, ‘Some say U’re Jhn the Baptist & others Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets’”

C. V. 15-“Thn J said, ‘But who do U say tht I am?’”

D. V16-“Smn Ptr ans wrd, ‘U arc the Mcss, the Son of the Living Gd!’”

E. V. 17-& J said to him, ‘Blessed are U, Simon Barjonah(son of Jonah), bec *flesh & blood* (sme prsn/U yourself)

did not reveal this to U, but My Father who is in hvn.”

1. **REM**: ple don't "figure out" who J is

2. U didn't "figure out" who J is--I

3. The HS suprn'tlly opened our eyes..

\* & "revealed to us" who J is...

\*Just like He did with Peter!

F. V. 17(J)-“& I say to U, tht U are **PETER** (Petros-masculine), & upon this **ROCK** (Petra—feminine)[ie, not on Peter, but on Peter's confession of who J is] I will build my church, & the gates of hell shall not prevail agst it”

1. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time “**the church**” is mentioned in the Bible

2. **& J says 4 impt thngs abt it:**

#1-Chch belongs to J-“My chch”

#2-Fnda of chch is Ptr's cfnession of the deity & Mes'shp of J

IL:If bldg has sign on outside: “Chch”

\*But on the inside—J is not wrshped as Gd in hn flesh/Mes of Israel..

\*Thn sign on outside needs to be chngd

AP:Bc whtevr tht place is-it's **NOT** a chch

#3-**IN NT AGE**-Chch is Gd's chosen

*instrumnt* to impact the wrld fr Ch

\*This is why apostles in Jeru...

est'd a "**church**"

\*This is why AP—*everywhere he*

*went--est'd "churches*

\*This=why "**the church**" appears

in *1<sup>st</sup> bk* of NT (Matthew)...

\*In the *last bk* of NT (Rev)...

\*& in *every book in between!*

#4-(J)Tht "The gates of hell shall not prevail agst it(His chch)"

**REM:**J made this prmse of *impregnabilty*

\*Only to a *certain kind* of "church"

\*To *HIS* church—to a *biblical* church

G. Let's tke momnt—talk ab: "exctly what

*IS* a "biblical church?" **B** says: **5thgs:**

## II. # **1-MIGHTY IN PRAYER**

1. Acts 2:42(1<sup>st</sup> chch in Jer)-"& they devoted selvs continually to **pryr**

2. Acts 6:4-"We will devote selvs to **[SAY] PRAYER**

3. "Prayr" appears 104x's in NT..**BEC** pryr is *critical* fr pwr in the chch

II.: E.M. Bounds--"*Prayer is the engine tht*

drives evrything... It's where the pwr for Gd's work here on earth comes frm... A prayerless church is a powerless chch"

A:As pstr-say-I knw we hve lots of indiv'l pryr warriors here in MBC--impt

\***BUT**—also impt tht we gather togthr as chrch & pray down pwr of Gd

\*Whch is why we hve pryr gathrings bfre evry srvice at evry campus

**ILL: Spurgeon:** "the boiler room"— tht generated the pwr fr evrything else!

**AP:** As yur pstr, I'm asking U to see whre thse are at yur cmpus/**Be there**

## J. # **2-MIGHTY IN THE WORD OF GD**

1.1 T 4:13(AP)-"Give att'n to the public rdg of Scripture, to exhortation & teaching (from it)

2. 2 T 4:2-"Preach the **Word!**"

IL:But not enuf just preach Wrd 1x wk

APPL: A **bib chch** is one whose pple're in Gd's Word all week long!

\***Btw Sndays** app—**STILL CAN**

\*The **Word**/the **Word**/the **Word**...

\***Bib'l chrhces**=chrches that are

**dominated** by the **Wrd of G d**

### **K. #3-MIGHTY IN EVANGELISM**

1. Acts 6:7 (1<sup>st</sup> chch in Jer)-“& the WOG kept spreading; & the number of disciples in Jeru continued to increase greatly, & even a great many of the (Jwsh) priests were becoming obedient to the faith.”
2. Whn J said-go tell yur city abt Me  
\*Hrc’s a chch tht took IIm *seriously*
3. & wht were thy *telling Jeru* abt J?
4. Acts 4:12-“Salv is fnd in noone else; fr thre’s no othr name, undr hvn, givn amng men, by whch we can be saved
5. This is wht *bib’l chches DO!*

### **IL: WAX ON..WAX OFF...END OF STRY** **SLV APPEAL BSD ON ACTS 4:12** **L. #4- MIGHTY IN DISCIPLE-BLDG**

1. Mt 28:19(J)-“Go & *make disciples* of all the nations”

I: “D-bldg” is not smthng a bib chch **DOES** as much as a *culture* tht it **CREATES**  
\*Whre evrything *goin on* at tht chch  
\*Is aimed at driving pple *deeper* in their walk with the Lord

ILL:(yng lady)-“I grew up Catholic & hve blved in J since bfre I can remember. My parnts sent me to Cathlic schools for elementary, middle & high school —and we learned religion everyday... Yet despite 19 yrs of regular church attendance & religion in school, my faith has nvr grown as much as it did during my 7yrs attending McLean.”

AP: **THIS** is *whi hppns* at a **bib'l chrch**  
 M. **#5-MIGHTY IN SERVING THE LRD**

1. Rm 12:11-(as blvr's, we're to be)

“fervent in spirit, **servng the Lrd**”

ILL: SOS Camp—yng lady (HS)

\*I: “How did U end up serving here?”

\*She: “Whn came to MBC 2-3 yrs ago

\*\*Mom: “Wherever we attend  
 chrch, **we serve.**”

\*\*”So I don't care whre it is, but U  
 need to pick a place to serve”

\*She: “So I picked ACCESS ministry.  
 I serve on weekends & SOS”

AP: **Bib'l chrches=low unemployment**

\*Bec pple in those chrches understnd

\*Tht serving Gd is a **high & hly priv**

**[IF UNEMPLOYD—CONNECT/LOBBY]**

**M. SUMMARIZE: BIBLICAL CHURCH:**

#1-MIGHTY IN PRAYER

#2-MIGHTY IN THE WORD OF GOD

#3-MIGHTY IN EVANGELISM

#4-MIGHTY IN DISCIPLE-BLDG

#5-MIGHTY IN SERVING THE LORD

**II- SO WHAT?**

A. As many of U knw—I've nvr been a big proponent of "church plānting"

B. But aftr mch pryr-HS's chngd my mind

**C. I've come to see—as AP did**

1. Tht the best way to permanently *change* a culture/ ngbhd/ city

2. Is to plant an entirely *different culture inside* of it

3. **Namely:** a "**biblical**" **church**

D. **&** I've cme to the *conclusion*--tht we at MBC need to be far more active in helping to **establish** "**bib'l**" chches thruout the Wash area

E. **In two ways:**

1. By revitalizing existing churches

\*Tht rilly *want* to be a bib chches

\*Partnering w/thm to help them

2.Or-if no such chch exists in an area /ethnic grp—thn by planting *new churches* there

3.It's a **BOTH-AND** aproach(DIAGRM)

ILL: This has bccn a big chnge in my hrt

A:**BUT I BLVE IT'S THE RGHT CHANGE**

F. In fct—alrdy hve 1<sup>st</sup>-HutchinsonES

1. Dec2014-Espanol-125-7wkly BS w/50 /ovr 40adults & 100c'mn prayed--

IL:"Now-I knw wht sme of U are thinkng"

\*"Here we go—charging off on some new idea again"

AP: **In response—2 things:**

#1-Chch plantng is not"*sme new idea*"

\*Been arnd since Bk of Acts

#2-Ch plantng is not a departure frm the historic mission of MBC

\***Fr 35yrs**, our goal's been to get

Gspl msg to all 6mil in DC area

\*We're just trying to do it better!

G. **I'm** excited abt this—**ELDERS**—sr ldrsp

H. & I hope **U'll** get excited ab it with us!

J.Come to cong mtg on Weds—tell U mre

SAY:"Lon—**I just hve one mre Q:** Does

all this mn tht we're gna neglect the



needs of ple we already hve at MBC?”  
 \*Tht we’re gna divert funds frm caring  
 fr thm to do this ch-plant’ng thng?”

A: **Absolutely not!**

- \*Our proposed chch budget for 2016  
 has an **INCREASE** in wht we plan  
 to spend to meet *our ple’s* needs
- >>But we want to do **MORE thn tht**
- >>We want to become **more** of a giving  
 /**sharing/helping** church...to **other**  
**chrches** throughout Wash area
- >>>We’re asking Gd to send us **far more**  
**money** thn it takes to meet the needs  
 of our own ch fam-**SO WECAN DO THIS**
- >>**ONE IN DECEMBER (“wht tht mn?”)**
- \*This Dec—I’m asking evryone to give  
 “1 **smthng**” to the Lrd’s wrk here
- \*\*1 **day’s salary/ wk’s salary/ bi-**  
**monthly paycheck/**
- \*\*1 **mnth’s/ quarter’s/yr’s** income
- \*\*1 **real-estate commission**
- \*\*1 **week’s allowance**
- \*\*1 **Social Security check**
- >>>Listn—the **amount** is not the **point**
- >>>**PT**: We want evry single prsn here...

\*To seek the Lrd in earnest...

\*SAY: “O Gd, what is MY... ONE?”

## CONCLUSION

>>>2 Cr 8—AP-offring fr poor blvrs(Jer)

>2 Cr 8:3(Phil'n blvrs gave)-“acc to their ability & beyond their ability” LOOK

>>>>BEFORE they ever gave any money

>>>2 Cr 8:5-“They 1<sup>st</sup> gave slves to Lrd”

\*They 1<sup>st</sup> went bfre Gd

\*Acknwlgd tht all their funds = frm  
Gd & blonged & be replaced by

\*EACH:“OK, Gd-so jst tell me hw much  
of yur money U want me to give”

\*”& I’ll gve it wilingly, w/a whole hrt”

>>>>Do we see what they did here?

\*They turned their giving...frm a  
financial exercise into a sp exercise

>>& folks—as yur pastor—this is wht I’m  
asking each of us to do this Dec

>>Gd may ask U to gve mre thn thnk can  
whch’ll mke this EXERCISE IN FAITH

>>Gd may ask U ...more thn U planned  
whch’ll mke this EXERCISE IN OBED

>I don’t knw wht Gd’s gna ask..but may  
we all do it w/a willing hrt