

First Responders

Dispatched by the Holy Spirit



Week 3 - Theology of A Sent People - Ben Pickthorn

A movement toward God or stagnant to self? Don't confuse busy with productive

We are a sent people

Some theological perspectives:

Importance of the Trinity:

Missio Dei

+Incarnation

=Witness

"When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" Matthew 28:17-20

Discipleship is an essential aspect of the church and an essential component of the co-mission with Christ.

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ" -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Do you hear that? Don't miss out on your call.

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" Ephesians 4:1

Three primary gift passages:

Where the gift is external, to us:

1 Corinthians 12- "manifestation gifts": Wisdom, knowledge, faith, powers, prophecy, distinguishing spirits, tongues

Romans 12- "praxis gifts": prophecy, serving, teaching, encouragement, giving, leading, mercy.

Where the people are the gift:

Ephesians 4 - Fivefold "calling gifts": apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher

A Mega Church is not based on the size of its *seating* but rather on the amount of its *seeding*.

What does your community of Jesus followers look like? How do you carry the Gospel message?

What does it mean to discover and live out your calling?

What has previously, or currently, been in your way of stepping into your calling?

Which of the "manifestation" or "praxis" gifts do you feel you have received, and how?

If everyone is made in God's image, then which fivefold gifting would be the highest for you?