

A CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE

Mark 16:15-18

I. CHANGELESS

A. Master

Hebrews 13: 8 – “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

B. Message

John 3: 16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

C. Mission

Matthew 28: 19 – “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

II. CHANGING

A. Mindset

Philippians 2: 5 – “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

B. Methodology

I Corinthians 9: 20-22 – “When I am with the Jews, I become one of them so that I can bring them to Christ. When I am with those who follow the Jewish laws, I do the same, even though I am not subject to the law, so that I can bring them to Christ. When I am with the Gentiles who do not have the Jewish law, I fit in with them as much as I can. In this way, I gain their confidence and bring them to Christ. But I do not discard the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are oppressed, I share their oppression so that I might bring them to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone so that I might bring them to Christ.”

C. Ministries

Acts 2:45 - They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

1. Read and discuss Hebrews 13:8. What does this statement about Jesus mean to you? How does that help you trust him more?
2. Read and discuss John 3:16. Why do you think this is one of the most popular Bible verses? What does it say about God and His heart for the people you know?
3. Read I Corinthians 9:20-22. What would it look like for our connect group to befriend non-believers for the purpose of bringing them into a relationship with Christ?
4. Read Mathew 28:19. Discuss the great commission Jesus has given us, the church. How can you be on mission for Christ this week in your home, at school, in the workplace and your neighborhood?
5. Have you ever thought of our connect group as a vital part of the great commission? How can we as a connect group be on mission for Christ this week? Are there needs in our community that our connect group can meet that can give us natural opportunities to serve, share our faith, and invite people to worship with us? Pray as a group that God will show you where, when, and how to serve.
6. Read Philippians 2:3-11. What does it mean to serve as Jesus serves, to love as Jesus loves, to give as Jesus gives, to forgive as Jesus forgives, and to think as Jesus thinks?