



MOVE

Why We Didn't Quit

MAIN THING

Main Thing: The Church Must Be A Leading Voice In American Society

SCRIPTURE

Esther 3:14, James 1:12, John 14:6, Psalm 33:12, 1 Peter 4:17, Colossians 3:12-14, Philipians 3:18-21

ICEBREAKER

What was the best Christmas present you ever received as a kid?

OPENING THOUGHT

When two people say the same thing, one of them is unnecessary. If the Church conforms to culture and preaches the same thing it believes, the Church is unnecessary. Many Christians believe that if they make their message more palatable to the world, the world will accept them. The opposite is true. The world won't accept them; it will ignore them. Why go to church when you can go to the movies and hear the same values, the same beliefs, the same worldview? Instead, the Church needs to preach the message of the gospel, of salvation through Christ alone, the need for grace, and the goal of eternity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. There are five things the church must communicate to the world: salvation is found in Christ alone, blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, people should focus on getting their own houses in order, we must bring grace back into our society, and this world is not our home. Which of these resonates with you the most? Which one is the most difficult and why?
3. As our culture moves away from Christ and His Church, we have become an increasingly grace-less society. The prevalence of cancel culture shows the decreasing amount of grace we are willing to show others. How do we become more grace-filled people, more grace-filled families, and a more grace-filled church when we are surrounded by a grace-less, judgmental culture?

LIFE APPLICATION

The greater the darkness, the brighter a light will shine. The Church has an amazing opportunity to be a light in this increasingly dark, fear-filled, graceless culture. It starts with ourselves, then with our homes, then with our church, and moves out into our places of business and elsewhere. What is one thing you can do to be a light this week?

CHALLENGE

From Dave: Easter Sunday is this coming Sunday. We've been through the Four-Chair Discipleship series and the first invitation Jesus made to His disciples was to "Come and See." I'd like to issue that challenge to all people in community groups this week. Invite someone in your life, a non-christian or a person without a church home, to "come and see." Let's see how many Catalyst people can engage someone in Chair One this weekend. In other words- who are you bringing to Easter Sunday worship?