



## An Excellent Church

### MAIN THING

Our Best For His Glory

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:37-39, Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 4:1-13

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever done something that helps someone? How did it make you feel?

### OPENING THOUGHT

The church has and will continue to do amazing things for the community and the kingdom. I've seen churches turn communities around, I've seen churches buy entire businesses to help them financially, I've seen churches change people's lives around to allow them to live a better life, but how much of what we do points people to the Cross?

How do we marry Good deeds and the Cross together?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If a friend were to ask you, 'What was one thing your pastor said in his sermon on Sunday?' what would you say?
2. In the sermon, Rob talked about how you can be a healthy church and still have an ego. How can ego get in the way of an excellent church?
3. The sermon identified a difference between something good and something excellent. Jesus had an opportunity for everyone to praise him and see just how great God is. Jesus understood that he came to this earth not to be praised but to point people to the Cross so that they could receive Grace. How can the church receive praise and distract from the main goal of pointing people to the Cross?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Most great leaders do not finish well because they let themselves get in the way. Jonah, David, Moses, and Saul all did great things for God in their life but will forever be known for choosing self over the main goal. In our relationships with one another, at our jobs, and with our church, how can we keep "self" from getting in the way?

### CHALLENGE

This week's challenge is to remember that our goal as citizens of heaven is to point everything to the Cross.