



A CHURCH THAT **WINS**

A Growing Church

MAIN THING

A Growing Church prioritizes reaching the lost

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Jude 22-23

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been to a restaurant that was so good, you had to tell other people about it? What restaurant was it? What was so good about it? Did other people try it based on your recommendation?

OPENING THOUGHT

A church's growth should come from conversion, not from transfers. We are here as the church to reach the lost and disciple the found. Plain and simple. Many churches tend towards one or the other, depending on the personality and priorities of the leaders. The plain and simple fact, though, is that most Christians have never led anyone to Christ and have no real plans to actually do so, despite commands and examples in Scripture. At Catalyst, we pray that the Lord will save at least one person every week at Catalyst.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Jesus made a final plea to his disciples in Matthew 28:19-20. What was it? When someone makes a last statement during their time on earth, it usually carries some weight. With that said, how important should this scripture be to us? Are we modeling it daily?
3. Read Jude 22-23. Why is the imagery of "fire" used here? Do we ever really see evangelism as life or death? Have we compartmentalized it in some way? Does the idea of snatching people from the fire drive home the fact that this affects eternity for people?

LIFE APPLICATION

In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, we see how important getting the Gospel out to others was for Paul. Are you someone who will go to any degree necessary to make sure that the Gospel is shared throughout your community, our country and to the ends of the earth? (Here. Near. Far.) If you haven't shared your faith, today might be the day. God didn't give us the Gospel to keep to ourselves. He wants us to share it. Consider this a challenge to step out of your comfort zone and let Christ be known to those around you.

CHALLENGE

Take some time right now with your group and make a list of people to pray for that you want to share the gospel with. Pray together for these folks, and continue to pray for them. Make this a part of your weekly group time. It's when we are consistent in sharing the Gospel that we'll see real change in the world around us, and Catalyst will be transformed.