Growing The Church (Ephesians 4:16)

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INTRODUCTION

- It's not my church. It's Jesus' church. And if you want to talk about growing a church, we need to talk about Jesus who gives the increase growing his church.
- Gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

1 Real Growth Is Not Apart From Truth

John 8:32

- Just because you get a large following and get a lot of people in the seats, doesn't mean that you're growing his church.
- A lot of things that grow aren't good. And certainly when compromise is at the heart of it, that is not a good kind of growth.
- It's not real growth if it is somehow separated from truth.
- It's not growth that helps you or honors our Lord or gets you to heaven.

2 This Is About Whom Jesus Has Added

Acts 2:47; Luke 6:46; Acts 17:31

- It's not about numbers per se. Unless the numbers involve those that Jesus has added to his church.
- We're not added to the church by our own doing.
- The Lord was adding to the church daily those who are being saved.
- Not only is it involved his adding, but his knowing. The Lord knows those that are his.

3 This Boils Down to You and to Me

2 Corinthians 5:11

- Now I'll tell you where this boils down. And that is to you and to me.
- Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.
- But in the final analysis, I can't control you.
- So any kind of program we talk about in relation to growth. It's going to be about you. And what you decide to do.

4 Exude More Passion

- Ten church growth strategies that cost zero dollars.
- Exude more passion. Along with the smile, the way we treat visitors, the way we treat our volunteers, interest in outsiders, all of that.

- Be excited about what we're doing. Invest something. Exude some passion and the way that you worship.

5 Right Through Obedience

- Health and success are determined from God's perspective.
- Warmer through fellowship, deeper through discipleship.
- But all of that is predicated upon being right through obedience.
- He is the head of the body. He's going to judge us on the basis of righteousness.

6 Grow in Grace: Every Joint Supplies

2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:16

- What does it mean to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- We have received God's favor, his grace. And to grow in it simply means to persist in these things.
- From whom the whole body being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies.
- You supply your part, I supply my part, we all supply our part. And the growth that will result will be what God wants.
- There is your recipe, your blueprint for church growth.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you saved in him? And if not, what on earth are you waiting for?

MY NOTES