

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response:

Faith - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21;
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - Dec. 11

READ SCRIPTURE
Phillip Perkins

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Mark Hatcher

SERVE COMMUNION
Dennis Hatcher Willie Cyphers
Rex Wallace

PREACHING
11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher
5 p.m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING
Scott Huff

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- Their minds are "on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).
- They "walk by faith, not by sight" and make it their aim to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:7-9).

These are just a few examples of things the New Testament actually emphasizes; numbers are not one of them. Small churches can be pleasing to the Lord and large churches can be pleasing to the Lord. Jesus doesn't judge a church by its size...neither should we.

- Wes McAdams

[Editor's note: A good article warning us to avoid stereotyping congregations merely by their size. The 10 bullet points offered by bro. McAdams to determine if a church is in step with the truth of the gospel applies to smaller and larger congregations. - WH]

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Jesus doesn't JUDGE A CHURCH by its size

The phrase, "Church growth" has become a buzzword in religious circles. For many, the size of a church is the primary way to judge its health and success. They believe churches should do anything and everything to grow their numbers, because size is what matters. But on the other hand, there are those who assume a large church indicates compromise and apostasy. Have you ever stopped to consider that the New Testament puts very little emphasis on congregational size? So why do we emphasize it so much? Maybe it's time to realize that Jesus doesn't judge a church by its size.

1. Judging Large Congregations

Just because a congregation is large does not necessarily mean it is healthy, successful, or being blessed by God. There are plenty of churches who have gotten large by telling people what they want to hear. Paul told Timothy a time would come when people would, "accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions" (2 Timothy 4:3). When this happens, we shouldn't assume Jesus is applauding these churches for the fact that they are bursting at the seams.

When we equate large churches with success, we are often willing to do anything it takes to "grow." We start thinking of the church as a business and the community as potential customers. We start catering our "menu of ministries" and the way we worship to what people want, all because we judge a church by its size.

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