



Announcements



Our Next 'Pillar' Event:



Men's Retreat

Saturday, August 3rd

11am – 3pm

At Camp Caro Lodge – Sign up at the Welcome Desk!



Weekly Events:



- **Adult Bible Study:** Every Sunday @ 9:30am
Current Study: "What's On Your Mind?"



- **Growing Together Wednesday Service** @ 7-8pm
'Through the Bible' Study + Catalyst [for Teens]
(other classes are on summer break!)



- **Silver Café** – Lunch provided by Meals-On-Wheels
Every Friday at 11am – all seniors (60+) welcome!



- **The Gathering (Teens):** Every Friday @ 6-8pm



- **Ladies' Lunch and Men's Breakfast**
On Summer Break - Resumes Saturday, October 5th



Coming Up Soon:

9/07 – Back-to-School Prayer Retreat (Saturday)
Here at the church

9/21 – Senior Fall Feast (Saturday at noon)
Save the date!

CORE CORE Christianity

15 Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith,
and how they change our daily life.

Part 15: "The Priority of the Gospel"

The Text: Matthew 18:1-5

Proverbs 11:30 – "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Matthew 4:19 – "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 28:18-19 – "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

18:1 - A Question about _____
"greatest" = *meizōn* = greater, larger, elder, stronger

18:2-3 – The Real Problem: we must be _____!

Acts 3:19 – "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord"

John 3:3 – "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

18:4 – The Greatest _____ Point: _____

James 4:6-10 – "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Matthew 23:11 – "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."

18:5 – The Greatest _____: To be an _____ for Christ
2 Corinthians 5:20 – "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

The Core Bible Truth:

Christian is Called to be a Witness for Christ

Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses unto me** both in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judaea**, and in **Samaria**, and unto the **Uttermost** part of the earth.

→ Only _____ Saves

Acts 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

1 Corinthians 3:6 – “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”

→ Jesus works through His _____

1 Corinthians 3:8 – “Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.”

Romans 10:14-15 – “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

→ The _____ for laborers is _____

Lamentations 3:48-51 – “Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people... Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.”

John 4:35-36 – “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.”

_____ % of Christians that actively attend church have **not** shared the Gospel with **anyone** in the past 6 months. – *Lifeway Research 2016*

_____ % of Americans have **never** had a Christian talk to them about Jesus or even invite them to church. – *Lifeway Research 2016*

→ **Therefore: the chief goal of a witness for Christ is _____!**

The Attacks on the Truth

> **Apathy:** Everyone around me _____ knows...

> **Fear:** People will think I'm _____/self-righteous/un-loving...

2 Timothy 2:24-25 – “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth” (see also: **Matthew 5:11-12**)

> **Worry:** I'm not _____ to talk about Jesus...

John 9:24-25 – “Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.”

“Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread”
- Robert Munger

The Core Christian Stand for Truth:

*“We believe in one God... And in one Lord Jesus Christ...
And in the Holy Ghost... we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.” – Nicene Creed*

Application:

Because we Love God, we want to see people get _____!

1 John 4:11 - “Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another”

The Change in Our Daily Life:

A Practical _____ for Soul-winning



1

Personal Investment

Who are YOUR people? Diligently invest care into them!

2

Gospel Invitations

Make sure they know you're a Christian... and they're invited!

3

Praying Faithfully

*Who are your missionaries? Pray for them! When?
Schedule a time to pray for your people!
Pray for the Gospel laborers!*