

9. Read I Thessalonians 4:1. What quality do you see? Is this quality evident in your life?

10. Read Matthew 28:19-20. Are you in balance as it relates to evangelism and discipleship?

11. Read Acts 2: 41-47. Are you involved in "The Equipping Journey" at Keystone? Why or why not? Do you see the importance of discipleship? Does it bother you that the church is endangered due to the lack of discipleship?

The Endangered Church

INTRO: The American church is on the road to extinction.

(Matthew 9:37)

3500-4000 churches close each year.

1200-1500 churches begin each year.

*The endangered church must learn how to reproduce itself with a strong discipleship movement. *(Acts 6:7)*

I. A strong discipleship movement begins first with a strong disciple/follower.

(Matthew 19:20-22; John 17:4-6,18; II Timothy 2:1-2; Philippians 4:9)

II. A strong discipleship movement must be fueled by a strong internal motivation, *(Proverbs 16:26; II Timothy 2:3,15,22)*

III. A strong discipleship movement must have a simple process that focuses on obedience. *(I Corinthians 4:15-17)*

A. Selection. *(Luke 6:13)*

B. Foundation of encouragement. *(Acts 14:22; I Thessalonians 2:11)*

C. Focus on the "how-tos". *(I Thessalonians 4:1)*

D. Must be balanced. *(Matthew 28:19-20)*

*Keystone's discipleship movement is called "The Equipping Journey".

(Acts 2:41-47)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of October 11, 2009

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Based upon your personal discipleship involvement over the past three years, are you endangering the church or enhancing the church?

2. Read Matthew 9:37. Why would there be few laborers at this time?

3. Read Acts 6:7. What changed from Matthew 9:37 where there were "few" disciple makers...to here where there are "many"?

4. Read Matthew 19:20-22. What kept this guy from being a great follower of Christ? What distracts you? Read John 17:4-6,18. What work is Christ speaking of? Read II Timothy 2:1-2 and Philipians 4:9. What can you learn about discipleship from these verses?

5. Read Proverbs 16:26. How would you describe your motivation level as it relates to discipleship?

6. Read I Corinthians 4:15-17. What can you discern about the process of discipleship?

7. Read Luke 6:13. How did Christ begin His selection process? Are you doing the same?

8. Read Acts 14:22; I Thessalonians 2:11. What quality do you see? Is this quality evident in your life?