

Session Two

The Reseda Strategy

(Paul) “I have been all things to all sorts of people that by every possible means I might win some to God. I do all of this for the sake of the Good News.”

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 (Ph)

TEACHER’S SYLABUS

OUR SELF IDENTITY: WHAT DETERMINES OUR STRATEGY?

Our strategy is determined by three things:

Our Self-Identity: We are the church OF CHRIST. We consider ourselves to be neither CATHOLIC nor PROTESTANT?

Our Calling: We are called to form a community that fulfills the vision of becoming the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Mission: We are commissioned to seek and save the lost.

OUR SELF IDENTITY: WE ARE A CHURCH OF CHRIST

The name is not a title, but a description: Three things indicated by Of CHRIST

- Ownership – His Body
- Relationship – His Bride
- Purpose – For His Glory

Our Self-Identity: A description of Character: The church of Christ is UNDENOMINATIONAL. Our view of the church is

- Neither Catholic – the first denomination to come “down from” the first century church
- Nor Protestant – one of the many reform movements that resulted in many “new churches”.

Our Self-Identity: A Restoration Ideal: A intentional commitment not to be a “new church” with ‘another gospel’ but to a renewed commitment to the message, ministry, mission, and calling

of the first century church.

What it means to be the church Of Christ: It means to accept...

- His purchase of it, Acts 20:28
- His position over it, Colossians 1:18
- His preeminence within it, Colossians 1:24
- His polity governing it, Hebrews 3:6
- His proclamation by it, Ephesians 3:10
- His purposes for it,

OUR CALLING: WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO BECOME?

A Church with A Heavenly Calling: we are called to fulfill the vision of the undivided kingdom of heaven through possessing _____ and power of the resurrected Christ, and practicing the _____ of the heavenly Father, and proclaiming _____ of the Holy Spirit.

The implications of the Kingdom Vision. The biblical view of the church is neither:

- _____ - religiously divided
- _____ - religiously detached
- _____ - religiously undefined

Principles of undenominational Christianity

The true membership is invisible

The true message is seven-fold unity

The true ministry is the ministry of reconciliation

The Calling of the Church: Now versus the Not Yet.

The church envisions its mission on earth as establishing a COLONY of Heaven. Where citizenship in heaven is acquired and heavenly blessings are experienced.

WHO ARE WE TRYING TO REACH?

Our Determined Target: Our strategy is also determined by who we are attempting to reach.

“...Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.” 1 Cor. 9:22 (LB)

Jesus targeted the _____. In today’s world, we would describe his emphasis as reaching the people of the world who are _____.

We refer to our target as San Fernando _____ and his wife _____.

The Profile of our target:

5 CIRCLES OF COMMITMENT



Reseda's objective is to keep moving people toward the center by encouraging personal spiritual commitments. Specifically, we call people to four basic commitments:

THE FOUR RBCoC COVENANTS:

1. THE MEMBERSHIP COVENANT...

is a commitment to _____ and _____

“You are members of God’s very own family...and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Eph. 2:19 (LB)

“We are all parts of Christ’s Body, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other and need all the others.” Rom. 12:4-5 (LB)

2. THE MATURITY COVENANT...

is a commitment to the _____ necessary for spiritual growth?

“Continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18

*“Take **the time and trouble** to keep yourself spiritually fit.” 1 Tim. 4:7 (Ph)*

3. THE MINISTRY COVENANT...

is a commitment to discovering and using my God-given gifts and abilities in _____ God and others.

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other...” 1 Pet. 4:10 (LB)

“There are different kinds of service to God...together you form the Body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it.” 1 Cor. 12:5,27 (LB)

4. THE MISSIONS COVENANT...

is a commitment to _____ the Good News with others.

“...you will be my witnesses for me...to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (GN)

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect...” 1 Peter 3:15

WHY DO WE HAVE THESE COVENANTS?

WE BECOME WHAT WE ARE _____

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Ten Principles That Make Our Church Unique

R _____ MINISTRIES

E _____ TEACHINGS (Colossians 1:28)

S _____ GROUPS (Acts 5:42)

E _____ MEMBERS TO SERVE (Eph 4:13-15)

D _____ PURPOSES (Matt. 22:36-40)

A _____ LEADERS (Hebrews 13:7)

B _____ BUILDING OUT

L _____ PROCESS (Ephesians 1:11-12)

V _____ SENSITIVITY (I Corinthians 9:22-23)

D _____ TARGETS (Acts 1:8)

