

Servant Missions

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So many Christians are not interested in being a servant.

Servant <u>Missions</u>

Too many Christians misunderstand our purpose

The purpose of the gospel is to heal.

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salvation // redemption // sanctification

Humility

We are not here to achieve something, we are here to become something.

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Achievement is an earthly mindset, transformation is a divine gift.

How does God work this transformation?

Transaction

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Pay tithe, study lesson, eat haystacks, voila!

Relationship

We cannot be blessed by God without desiring to be a blessing.

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Surrendering to the strength of the union is what makes you happy.

Transformed

Pandemic Opportunity

Clean Slate

We have learned what is important and what is not.

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It transforms <u>us.</u>

We're ok with having relationships with people equal to us. We love having connections to people above us. We are not enthusiastic about relationships with people beneath us.

But Jesus is.

We need to come close to the people by personal effort. If we would give less time to sermonizing and more time to personal ministry, greater results would be seen. The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, the inexperienced counseled. We are to weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, this work will not, cannot, be without fruit.

Your church is already doing it.

(sort of)

You don't have to start a bunch of new ministries. Just rethink how you are doing the ministries you already have.

Pathfinders, youth, health, personal, sabbath school, young adult, etc.

How can I do my ministry in a way that it helps my community?

Redefine "community"

Building // People

Survey your resources.

Make connections

Mayor's office, health department, police department, local schools, emergency office, hospitals, other churches, etc.

YOU ARE NOT INTRUDING.

RED CROSS, ACS.

Tell your people!

Money, oh money.