

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS



MISSION: SPIRITUAL

Introduction: We often want to grow, but not for the good of the kingdom. We look for programs and services that appeal to our personal needs. Is that what Jesus pictured for His church? Christianity is not about the *church*, it's about **Christ**. If we see the mission of God as something physical we will lose many spiritual battles. What does that mean? Let's study together....

Discussion:

I. Our Spiritual Mission is Grounded in the Word of God

- A. Holy men of God wrote about it
II Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, II Peter 1:20-21
- B. The Son of God lived it
John 1:1, John 6:63, John 6:68, John 10:10, Philippians 2:16
- C. The family of God understands it
Matthew 5:17, Isaiah 53:3, John 12:46, Luke 19:10

II. Our Spiritual Mission is Grounded in the Will of God

- A. The perspective of Jesus
Matthew 26:36-46, John 17, John 6:38, Matthew 28:18-20
- B. The perspective of early Christians
Philippians 3:12, Romans 12:1-2, II Timothy 4:6-8, Acts 16:14-15, 31-34, II Timothy 1:5, 3:15
- C. The perspective of the church today
I Timothy 4:16, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27, Matthew 5:3-12

III. Our Spiritual Mission is Grounded in the Work of God

- A. The purpose of our work
Mark 10:45, Revelation 2:5, Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 6:7, Colossians 3:23
- B. The hindrances to our work
 - 1) A lack of love for God (I Corinthians 9:18-22, II Corinthians 5:14).
 - 2) A lack of passion for God and His work (John 14:15, Titus 2:14).
 - 3) A lack of personal responsibility (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16).
- C. The rewards for our work
Matthew 10:32, Matthews 16:27, John 17:4, II Timothy 4:6-8, Matthew 5:16

Conclusion: Consider how our spiritual mission is like an aqueduct system. We cannot boast of well-engineered aqueduct system if ignore the word of God, close our ears to the will of God, or withhold waters of refreshment from the thirsty! Where are you in your spiritual walk?

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