

EVANGELISM

THE PURPOSE WITHIN THE CHURCH

HARVEST AND DISCIPLESHIP

- We are stepping into the Fall, which is a harvest season in both the natural and spiritual.
- The “At the Movies” series is intentionally placed in the Fall because it is the most evangelistic series.
- The Christmas Services is also focussed on presenting the Gospel because it is during this time when people are often feeling the lowest.
- Church services are meant to both disciple believers and invite more people into a personal relationship with Jesus.

“The true measuring stick of discipleship is that ‘I become like Jesus!’ - *Chris Hodges*”

THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH

- The purpose of discipleship is to become like Jesus and do what he did – reach the lost!
- It is Biblical to have church services to reach the lost. Even after the first sermon preached they recorded the number of people who got saved.
- This matters because Heaven and Hell are real places, and people can only go to Heaven if they have a relationship with Jesus.
- Even though about 44% of people might never come to church, it is currently still the most effective method for reaching the lost!

“Inviting unchurched people to a life-giving, Gospel-focused church service is still the most effective method of reaching lost people .” - *Chris Hodges*”

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES

- Here are some strategies to be New Testament-style churches:
 1. We cultivate transformative worship experiences that both unchurched people and believers love to attend.
 - People are looking for transformative experiences where they say “Surely God is in this place.”



- We don't have to be deep to appeal to someone's mind when we can touch the heart by inviting them to start a passionate relationship with Jesus.
 - When you are leading up to a message or series that is specifically evangelical, explain that to your church so they can be prepared to invite their lost friends.
2. We teach personal evangelism.
- Teach people to accept the personal responsibility of reaching their friends or sphere of influence throughout the week.
 - Next, teach people to develop a personal relationship with others because people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.
 - Lastly, teach people to share their personal stories or testimonies.
3. We also teach the church to pray for the lost.
- Here are 5 verses you can pray through for the lost:
 - i. John 6:44 – Pray that the Father would draw them to Jesus.
 - ii. 2 Corinthians 4:4 – Bind the spirit that blinds their minds.
 - iii. Romans 8:15 – Lose the spirit of adoption (sonship).
 - iv. Matthew 9:38 – Pray that believers will cross their paths and enter into positive relationships with them.
 - v. Ephesians 1:17 – Loose the spirit of wisdom and revelation on them so they may know God better.

“Build a church service that you can invite your friends to.” - *Chris Hodges*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

See the last two pages for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

RESOURCES

- [GrowLeader Regionals](#)
- [Monthly Mentoring with Pastor Chris](#)
- [Develop Kingdom Builder / Legacy Teams](#)
- [Watch the GrowLeader Podcast](#)
- [Previous Episodes + Show Notes](#)
- [Impact Leadership Conference](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [Compassion International](#)
- [The StudioC](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

THE HARVEST AND DISCIPLESHIP

- 1. How can we practically align our activities with the seasons, like for Fall to be more effective in reaching the unchurched?

- 2. In what ways can we have special events or series like "At the Movies" or Christmas services to present the Gospel effectively?

- 3. How do you balance the dual purpose of discipling believers and inviting more people into a relationship with Jesus in a way that's meaningful and impactful for everyone?

PURPOSE OF CHURCH

- 1. Write down examples of how your team gatherings or church services can be designed to effectively reach the lost without forgetting about believers in the group.

- 2. What are some practical ways we can take personal responsibility as leaders to reach our friends or sphere of influence during the week? Then as we model it, how can we teach it?



NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES

1. What are some key elements of a transformative worship experience that can help attendees think, "Surely God is in this place"?

2. What are some practical approaches for teaching personal evangelism while ensuring that everyone feels equipped and motivated to reach out to the lost?

3. How can we be more intentional about praying for the lost individually and collectively?
