

CHURCH: WHY BOTHER?

January 10, 2016

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

The COMMUNITY

1. Do you make New Year's Resolutions?
2. As you experienced church this Sunday what stood out to you most in regard to the church as community?

The BIBLE

3. Read the following passages in various translations. You can use biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org and other websites to find multiple translations.

After reading the passages, what observations do you have? What words or phrases stand out to you? What questions did this passage bring up?

1 Peter 2:9

Colossians 3:16

Matthew 28:19-20

The APPLICATION

4. How does 1 Peter 2:9 impact your view of sharing your faith with unbelievers?

5. Shaun talked about 7 things that people do who are successful at New Year's Resolutions. He translated them to the church. Which of these 7 is most important to you? Why?

Which of these 7 is the most difficult for you? Why?

1. Keep Jesus on the front of your mind.
2. Help you with daily habits to grow in Christ.
3. Keep your passion for Christ burning hot.
4. Accountability.
5. Inspiring to have others come with you.
6. Measurable goals.
7. Regular journaling.

Sermon Notes

I. Called out: _____.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. (NLT)

II. Called out to _____.

Colossians 3:16

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. (NLT)

A. _____.

B. _____.

III. Called out to _____.

Colossians 1:28

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (ESV)

A. Grow in _____ and _____.

Psalms 23:3

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (ESV)

B. Grow in _____ of God's word.

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (NLT)

C. Grow by _____ in community.

IV. Called out to _____.

A. Serve other _____.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.⁴ They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. (NLT)

B. Serve the _____.

V. Calling is a _____.