

Begin Session 18 (Saturday morning #2)

SECTION 12

Profile of an Effective Living Church

Three Standards for a Local Church

1. Self governing
2. Self supporting
3. Reproducing

Big Front Door

Welcomed with Love – As I Am – When I Come

Jesus is the Good News

“Our church is good news. Jesus is wonderful and He’s making my church a wonderful place. I sense the presence of the Lord here. I love Jesus, my church, and the people that are a part of it.”

What People Experience or Receive from Him when we Gather

1. Good Worship: We minister to God in intimate praise and worship.
2. Good Teaching: we get fed from the Word of God with a balanced diet of practical and spiritual input
3. Good Ministry: Jesus touches our lives, honors and encourages us in our bodies, hearts and souls, bringing restoration.

Speed Bumps Between Front and Back Doors that Slow People Down

Explain: Slow People Down...

1. Relationships/Fellowship/Intimacy: They know that they are welcome, accepted, and loved. They are moving towards healthy trust and transparency. They sense that this is a safe place. They are making good friends (in small groups) and so are their children.

2. Development: They are growing in Jesus and are getting healed up. Their marriage is improving. Their family is becoming more loving.

3. Equipping: They are being equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit with new tools to use in ministry and evangelism.

4. Meaningful Service & Ministry: They are finding their place of service in the Body. They sense that they are needed and wanted for what Jesus did to them and does through them. (This means identifying, equipping, training, releasing, and nurturing people for service and leadership.)

5. Clear Vision & Direction: They sense that they and their church are going someplace important. They know where we are going and they like it.

6. Strategic Outreach: They are moving toward and entering into being a worker in the harvest, and sense that it's fun and are involved in evangelism, mission and ministry to the poor and needy.

Small Back Door

They are released with blessing and encouragement when they leave.

Discuss: A church's SENDING capacity vs. it's SEATING capacity.