

Truth Talks

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Sanctification Through Transparency in Discipleship

Opening Q: What kinds of keys do you have in your life?

Get response

We have keys to many things in our lives.

Examples:

- House
- Car
- Work
- Safe
- Phone
- Bank Account

Locks are an attempt to disallow access to our things from undesired parties.

We give keys to those we want to have access.

- House
- Car
- Safe
- Phone
- Bank Account
- Heart

Our topic is Sanctification Through Transparency in Discipleship. How do we do this? A lot can be said about this topic, but for the purpose of our time this morning, I've narrowed it to 3 simple things:

- Become more like Jesus--Be humble
- Be transparent--Don't wilfully isolate yourself
- Make disciples--Love one another

Become more like Jesus--Be humble

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. **2** And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Romans 12:1-3 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment,

Be transparent--Don't wilfully isolate yourself

Proverbs

18 Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment.

2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion. (ESV)

18 He who willfully separates *and* estranges himself [from God and man] seeks his own desire *and* pretext to break out against all wise *and* sound judgment.

2 A [self-confident] fool has no delight in understanding but only in revealing his personal opinions *and* himself. (AMPC)

18 He who separates himself seeks *his own* desire,
He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

2 A fool does not delight in understanding,
But only in revealing his own mind. (NASB)

Make disciples--Love one another

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- Become more like Jesus--Be humble
- Be transparent--Don't wilfully isolate yourself
- Make disciples--Love one another

Brandon Werner

WHO IS SENT? - 3 Volunteers (speak loud)

"[Jesus] told [His disciples], 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Luke 10:2 (ESV)

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WE, at WHC, are called to engage this city.

If the lost are sent, then our strategy is appropriate:

- Connect to church gatherings
- Make disciples
- Engage the city

If we are sent to reach the lost, then our strategy is backwards:

- Engage the city
- Make disciples
- Connect to church gatherings

Paul – synagogues (where lost, spiritual people met), by the river, in homes, on the street:
Paul engaged cities, made disciples, then planted new churches.

Map Data:

Real data collected through a survey we conducted this week. Only includes members of our church (who answered their phones)...

- If they are sent...
- If we are sent (**home, work, school, go**)

Vance Pittman: Preach the gospel, if necessary, use words (one problem).

Most churches need to be reminded that there is a lot more to making disciples than making converts. I believe we need to be reminded that making converts is part of making disciples.

Trip Lee: Waiting on that perfect moment?

Pray for that 5 seconds of bravery.
Start engaging the city where you are.

Ask the Lord to help you change the rhythms of your life so that you will stop living like the lost have been sent, and start living like you have been sent.

Closing Truth Talks:

Time of reflection. Jon and Nathan are going to lead us in a song. Listen, watch these clips from places in our city, and accept God's call on your life: you are sent.