

Spiritual Disciplines Within The Church

Chapter 6: Why Witness with the Church?

Introduction:

We as Christians have feasted on the gospel of Jesus Christ and found food that gives us eternal life. We have a future that is beyond description and guaranteed by God Himself. Yet it's easy to simply enjoy our individual comforts instead of working together to tell others the Good News that their souls do not have to starve.

- I. God is glorified more through a congregational witness.**
 - A. The broader the testimony, the more God is glorified. (*Ps. 96*)
 - B. The “glory multiplication” principle is the by-product of a congregational witness.

- II. There is joy in having a part in someone coming to Christ.** (*Acts 15:3*)
 - A. Join an evangelistic group from your church.
 - B. Perform evangelistic service with your church.

- III. God has chosen the local church as the primary channel for His message.** (*I Tim. 3:15*)

- IV. Evangelism is the privilege and responsibility of everyone in the church.** (*I Peter 2:9*)

- V. Together we can demonstrate the reality of Christ's power and love better.** (*John 17:21*)
 - A. A group that loves one another. (*Acts 2:44-47*)
 - B. The testimony of a loving group.

- VI. Judgment is coming and people must be persuaded by the gospel.**
 - A. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ. (*II Cor. 5:10-11*)
 - B. We must plead with people to come to Him.

- VII. Applying the truths of Scripture.**
 - A. Are you passive or are you passionate about reaching the lost through your church? (*Matt. 28:19-20*)
 - B. What can you do to strengthen the witness of your church?
 1. Invite unbelievers to come to church with you.
 2. Host a home evangelism meeting.
 3. Participate in regular prayer meetings.