

Sermon Notes

19th November 2017

Being Church: Promising and committing to each other



Summary of series so far:

1. It's all about Jesus – proclaiming and sharing Jesus. We show our commitment to Jesus through baptism.
2. United in Jesus as we: use our spiritual gifts, love each other as different cultures and ages.

Introduction

- Commit to Jesus & commit to the church family. Commitment is counter-cultural.
 - Jesus is faithful, loving, and trustworthy, and because of this we can fully commit to Him and his people.
1. What does it mean to be committed to Jesus & the church?
 - Matthew 16: 16,18 - Faith in Jesus and commitment to church go together.
 - Acts 2:42 - early church made a conscious decision to commit themselves to the church.
 - Show our commitment today in this church through membership.
 2. This commitment is outworked through promising.
 - God has promised us many things: salvation for those who believe, comfort in trials, new life in Christ, peace when we pray, and to supply all our needs.
 - Our response is God's promises is promising to God– wedding is about promises that are public and so is membership.

3. Why make this promise and commitment to church?

- So that we can live the full Christian life that Paul writes about in Ephesians 4:17 onwards.
- 'Speak truthfully to your neighbour' v.25 – more harm than good if the two of you aren't committed.
- Instructions about community life – 'in your anger do not sin' V26 & show kindness and compassion v32.
- In this committed and loving community, we can disciple and be disciplined.
- Are you ready to make such a commitment and promise to Jesus and His church?

Your notes

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