Lesson: One
Title:. Missions: A New Idea
Text: Matthew 26:57-61
Date: May 23, 2021

What is the purpose of the church?

Matthew 28:–18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Main verb - "make disciples"

"go"

"baptizing"

"teaching"

Our job is to train faithful men to teach

2 Timothy 2:2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

"entrust" - imperative (command)

"faithful men" - "teach"

Who calls men to lead?

Acts 13:2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ***"Set apart*** for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which ***I have called them."***

"set apart"

"I have called them."

3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they ***sent them away.***

"sent them away"

"sent" - _____ times

a. Making the vision known.

b. Intentionality in the community

Summer/Fall 2021

c. Web & Social Media

d. Classes

e. Evangelism

Fall/Winter 2021-2022

f. Community Interest meetings

January 1, 2022: Keith immersed in the Community.

Winter 2022

g. Small Group(s)

April 17, 2022

h. Resurrection Day Worship Gathering

God doesn't leave us to ourselves in church planting.

Jesus gives us two unbreakable promises.

1. His Sovereign _____

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

"all" - has been given to when - where?

"heaven" / "earth"

2. His _____

"and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

"I am with you"

The Road to Church Planting in Wabash:

2000 – 2008 Discipleship Phase.

1. How has the Holy Spirit moved in this direction?

a. Christ will _____ His church.

Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

2009 – 2012 Discerning the call.

2013 – 2020 Ministry Skill Development.

b. Christ builds His church through _____.

2021 - ???? Definitive Direction

Send Network: Church Planting Partnership

_____ Church Plants since 2010.

80% thrive past the 4-year mark.

A. Families of churches

B. Every church _____ multiplication.

C. Transformed by the gospel.

2. What is the vision for the new church?

What will the church be like? _____ centered.

3. How can EastPointe support this work?

a. Pray

b. Give

c. Go

4. How do we find new people for Light City?

Discipleship Timeline:

NOW!