

Jesus Has Left The Building

- Introduction:
1. If we desire to be followers of Jesus, we must leave the building.
 2. God has always called people to a work to which he “sends” them.
 3. That’s not a throw off on what takes place here today, but it does emphasize the importance of “leaving the huddle.”
 - a. Ills. of huddling. No one has ever won a game by huddling.
 4. But we often resist (Exodus 3:8; Numbers 16:13).
 5. Ills. Tell a child to clean room. He memorizes the command, has friends over to discuss what the room would look like, even learns the Greek word for Clean - Katharos.
 6. Let’s discuss ways to get out of the building, by examining how the first century disciples did it.

I. They Were OUTgoing

- A. (Mark 3:14) Invited them to be with him that he might send them.
- B. (Acts 2:42-44; 4:32; 5:12-15; Acts 12:12).
- C. We need to spend more time in fellowship, prayer, and study.
- D. (Acts 8:5, 27-31).
 1. He went to Samaria v. 5.
 2. He was willing to “go” vs. 27,29.
 3. He ran to overtake him v. 30.
 4. He spoke first v. 30.
 5. He spoke tactfully v. 31.
- E. Ills. Of the Gospel Blimp.
 1. Personal contact cannot be improved upon.
- F. One of the greatest compliments given to Jesus was intended as an insult - “Jesus was a friend of sinners” (Matthew 11:18-20).
- G. We have good news, how can we be silent?
 1. (2 Corinthians 4:13).
 2. (2 Kings 7:1-9).
 3. (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

- Conclusion:
1. Remaining in the building is not an option.
 2. We must leave, following Jesus.
 3. What if we stay? We will stop being the vibrant, living church of Jesus Christ, but instead will become a slowly decaying remnant of our former glory.
 4. (Jeremiah 21:8-10).
 - a. That message may be as unpopular today as it was in the days of Jeremiah, but nonetheless, it is true.
 - b. (Jeremiah 5:30-31).