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. There is no substitute for obedience. Ills. Tell a child to clean room.
 - 6. Let's discuss ways to get out of the building, by examining how the first century disciples did it.

I. They Were OUTspoken

- A. (1 Timothy 3:15).
- B. We need to be a moral voice in our community.
- C. (Philippians 2:15) There are many voices, whose voice will be heard?
 - 1. Ills. Of Trump's advice to Tiger Woods.
- D. (2 Corinthians 4:13).

II. Issues About Which We Need to be OUTspoken

- A. Marriage.
 - 1. Definition of Marriage (Genesis 2:24).
 - a. If the gender can be trifled with, what about the number?
 - 2. Dispensable.
 - a. Cohabitation is the fasting growing family configuration today.
 - b. (Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-2).
 - 3. Disposable.
 - a. "For as long as we both shall live," has given way to "For as long as we both shall love."
 - b. (Matthew 19:9).
- B. Abortion.
 - 1. Ills. Century 16 movie theater (12 killed) 2.2 miles Mayfair Women's Center.
 - 2. (Judges 13:4).
- C. Alcohol (Proverbs 20:1).
- D. Racism (James 2:1-9).
- E. Pornography (Matthew 5:28).
 - 1. It is not victimless.
 - 2. Ills. UT "Sex Studies Seminar" the benefits of pornography.
- Conclusion: 1. How have we gotten where we are? Ills. Sherlock Holmes & Watson.
 - 2. Remaining in the building is not an option.
 - 3. We must leave, follow Jesus, and be OUTspoken!
 - 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).