

Fall Ministry Kick-off

Message: "What's So Important About the Church?"

August 16, 2015

Ephesians 3:1-10

Big Idea: The church of Jesus Christ is the most important thing going in the world today. Period!

I. The church by God's design is...

II. The church by definition is...

A. A group of people PROFESSING faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

B. They have been BAPTIZED

C. They have been ORGANIZED to do God's will

1. Come together REGULARLY

2. Come together for CORPORATE worship and fellowship

- MUSIC

- WORD

- PRAYER

- LORD'S SUPPER

- BAPTISM

- GIVING

- All of it centered around the GOSPEL

3. Go out to be LIGHT in a DARK world

4. All of this takes place under the LEADERSHIP of duly appointed elders and deacons

III. The desire of CCC is...

A. PASSIONATE for His GLORY

1. Glory is the WEIGHTINESS of God

2. Passion is to be SINGULARLY FOCUSED

B. PURSUING a growing OBEDIENCE

1. INTENTIONAL

2. TRANSFORMATIONAL

C. COMPASSIONATE for the LOST and LEAST

1. A COMMUNITY of love

2. A CULTURE of evangelism

IV. What we take away...