



Faith Bible Baptist Church



~ Preaching Notes ~

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Speaker: **Pastor Art Kohl**

Date: **10/28/20**

Title: **Three Ingredients of a Dynamic Church (alliterated)**

Passage: **Acts 2:47**

1. C _____ - Luke 2:52 - attracts _____ to the church.

A church needs followers. One must learn how to follow before he or she can lead.

The word "grace" comes from the Greek word "Charis" which is the root of the word "charisma". Sometimes it is translated "favour" in the Bible. Study the effect of favour in Luke 2:52 and Acts 2:47. Both the Lord Jesus Christ and the church became popular with many. There was an attractiveness about them.

2. C _____ - Jeremiah 3:15 - attracts _____ to the church.

They can become disciples of the Lord (John 8:31). This sometimes serves to attract educated and professional people. The church needs them. Jesus often called businessmen to follow Him.

3. C _____ - Jude 1:22 - attracts the _____ to the church.

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) said this of the two despondent disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32):

"Observe that when the Savior did come to these mourning ones, He acted wisely toward them. He did not at once begin by saying, 'I know why you are sad.' No, he waited for them to speak and in His patience drew forth from them the items and particulars of their trouble. You that deal with mourners, learn hence the way of wisdom. Do not talk too much yourselves. Let the swelling heart relieve itself.

"Jeremiah derives a measure of help from his own lamentations; even Job feels a little better from pouring out his complaint. **Those griefs that are silent run deep and drown the soul in misery. It is good to let sorrow have a tongue where sympathy has an ear.** Allow those who are seeking the Lord to tell you their difficulties; do not discourse much with them till they have done so."

The hurting can be helped and then healed and become testimonies of the Lord and His church.

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Passage: **1 Corinthians 12:25**

1. I _____ - Proverbs 18:24

"Hi, how are you today? My name is _____. What is your name?" (Then listen and remember.)

2. I _____ - Luke 24:15

This is where you do not talk about yourself or the church, but about them. "Do you live in the area?" "What do you do for a living?" "Are you in school?" "Tell me about [any family members present]"

Read their expressions and reactions to your questions. Don't press into areas that they may not be comfortable discussing (this is not an interrogation), and don't wear out your welcome by talking too long. Consider Proverbs 25:17.

3. I _____ - Luke 24:17

"Have you attended here before?" If no, explain the layout of the building. Tell them where to find the bathrooms/crying room/nursery/Sunday School classes/etc. Inform them how the services are run, where we meet to start, how long the services will last, and any other information that may help alleviate any first-time apprehensions, and make their first experience more comfortable.

4. I _____ - Luke 22:32

If you are talking to someone attending church for the first time, present them with a welcome packet (or at least a visitor's card and pen). Tell them to keep the gift (or pen), but ask if they wouldn't mind filling out the visitor's card so we can keep in touch. Show them the place on the card for prayer requests. Tell them we will gladly pray for anything or anyone - including themselves. Make sure you pray for their request!

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