

We Are The Church
Part 4
God's People More Than Our Programs
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Introduction

Review

The Master Plan of The Church (Jesus)

The Mission of the Church (win people & disciple them)

God's Plan More Than Our Plan

Master Plan of Leadership (Elders & Deacons)

Master Plan of Laity (Serve)

God's Truth More Than Our Opinion

Is our opinion founded on the Word of God

Conviction vs preference

Sacrifice for the good of the church

Today's Value

God's People More Than Our Programs

Building Up One Another 1 Thessalonians 5:11

I. Jesus was Concerned About People

A. Examples

1. Women at the well. (John 4:1-42)

2. When Nicodemus came to Christ at Night

(John 3:1-15)

3. When Christ paused to speak to Zacchaeus

(Luke 19:1-10)

II. People are More Important than Principles

A. Example of divorce

B. Jesus healing on the Sabbath

C. The woman prostitute

III. People should be more important Than Programs

A. Does the program uphold the mission of our church?

B. Our we are burning our workers out.

C. Are we celebrating and encouraging our workers?

D. Projects and programs aren't as messy as people.

E. Consider the early church

Conclusion

Jesus didn't die for programs but people.

Illustration Mexico Missions Trip