



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. Seeing what God is doing

Proverbs 29:18 (MSG) ¹⁸ If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

- When you're clear on what God is doing and are attending to what God reveals then you're blessed.

B. This is US

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- **Two Greek words for time**
 - **Most familiar with – Chronos - refers to chronological or sequential time**
 - **Kairos - *kairos* is "a passing instant when an opening appears which must be driven through with force if success is to be achieved**
- **This church moves at the speed of US**
 - **Moves at the speed of our generosity (time, treasure, talent) and the opportunities that we have**

C. Kairos - When opportunity and provision meet

- **Greatjoy.org**
 - **18,153 Visits** – about 50 a day
- **LIVE BROADCASTING**
 - **456 people viewed live streaming between July and December**
- **Not trying to make it easier to stay home, trying to make it easier to connect with God and this church**

II. THIS IS US - We exist to help people know God

Luke 14:23 (NKJV) Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

A. God did not give us a small commission, but a great commission

- **If we forget that God wants His house full we'll resent the inconveniences that come with "more" people**

B. There is a relational aspect to Christianity that we sometimes miss



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This is Us

Part 2
February 12, 2017

Full House

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C. We're going to do everything we can to reach as many people as possible

- **Jesus didn't die on the cross so you could GO to church, He died and rose again so you could BE the church**

III. THE LONG GAME

A. We play the "long game" –because Christian growth and maturity is a process

This is US – We exist to help you find freedom - freedom from the most difficult thing in the world

B. We all start as unbelievers

Mark 8:29 (NKJV) ²⁹ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

Mark 8:31-32 (NKJV) ³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

Mark 8:33 (NKJV) ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Mark 8:34-35 (NKJV) ³⁴ When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

Mark 8:36-37 (NKJV) ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

- Jesus asks two identifying questions we all need to answer to find freedom
 - What good is it to gain the world and lose your soul?
 - What would you give in exchange for your soul?
- You've just discovered that your soul of greater worth than anything else

C. We're encouraging people to do life together, it's the family part of church

- For some of you the next step is
 - Come back next week and listen some more
 - Time to engage to connect get in a group and ask questions
 - Do the one thing that you know you're supposed to do

Psalm 92:13 (MEV) Those that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.