

The Model

1: "A Broken Model"

The Message

Big Idea: The hope of the world

The local church is the hope of the world

God's desire for his family

Everyone all together and each person individually

This isn't true

Jesus is the hope of the world

At the same time, it is true

Matthew 16:18

Reflects the glory of, and gives glory to, God

Ephesians 3:10

Ephesians 3 : 21

God brings his kingdom to the world through his followers

Jesus said his followers would have a huge impact on the world

through them he would bring his kingdom

through the church (and his followers), Jesus changes the world

Matthew 5:14-16

Matthew 28:18-20

John 14:12

John 15:1-8

Acts 1:8

It's a movement

Ephesians 4:15-16

Moves forward

Build something

Earliest followers changed their world

Acts 2:43-47

- Community
- Conversions
- Bounty

Acts 6 : 7

Today It's different

There are sparks of life

- once in a while a conversion or a study
- good advice and personal growth in the way

There is much good, but nothing on the level of changing the world

- No large groups of non-Christian seeking us out, because they know that we have life

Acts 5:13-14

We generally aren't , and aren't seen as, the hope of the world

Social Clubs

We are social clubs

Legalists

We focus on small rules and how we do things

Arrogance

Arrogant because we're better

We condemn those who are not as good

Hypocrisy

There is as much sin inside of the "church" as outside

Lack of gospel fruit: Good deeds

we aren't known for good deeds

Lack of gospel fruit: Discipleship

- When was the last time you studied with a non-Christian?
- Who is the non-Christian in whom you are investing your life?
- With whom are you studying to help progress in their faith?
- When was the last time you helped someone make the decision to repent and be baptized?

For most Christians, it is very infrequent

I don't ask in order to condemn or enter into legalism, but so that we can see that for us it is not normal to change the eternity of others.

We don't have much of an impact on the world

in terms of salvations and advancing the kingdom

This is not acceptable

because Satan is working to destroy

Satan wants to work in the world destruction, and he does

John 10:10

- He wants to destroy your soul
- The soul of each person in your life
- He wants to destroy your physical life, your family, your potential; with addictions, distractions, destructive behaviours

The series

The wrong model

- The reason that we do not live our God-given purpose is because we have been following the wrong model
 - in the church, as Christians, as men and women
 - If you build with the wrong plans, you won't build what you wanted

The right model

- We will look at God's model for the church , men, women and the Christian

By seeing what we should be building, we will build it

Why: We will find our way

Why: For this series, I want us to find our way : to become the force that Jesus had in mind when he said:

Matthew 16.18

- I Dream of baptisms every Sunday,
- I dream of nonchristians competing for seats
- I dream of every Christian discipling another
- I dream of a community radically transformed by the gospel

is why I do what I do

Application

Next Step: Being part of this series

with an open mind, let's go through a month of review

- our model is not working
- What is God's model?

If you are not God's child, enter this relationship

Communion: Gospel

When we see how we should be (the model), we realize that:

1) how short we fall

2) our inability to achieve what God wants us to be crushes us

the gospel says that it is not because of our work, not because of being what God wants us to be, that he accepts and loves us, but rather because of what Christ did.

We remember that after the baptism of Jesus, God said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased - before Jesus had done his ministry
now, in Christ, God says the same of us, not because our works but because of what Christ did on the cross