

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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SO WHAT?

Matthew 25

Do you miss the point when it comes to church? Sometimes we miss out on all that church can be. Do you think of it like a movie theater experience, looking to be entertained or impressed, then leave? That is not why the church exists. Christ is coming back again, and it could be at any moment. So how are we to behave in light of this great truth?

The church has three basic purposes.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **The glorification of God.** The purpose of worship is to glorify God. We honor the Lord and fulfill the purpose for which God created us.
2. **The edification of the saints.** Jesus said, “The Son of Man did not come to be served but He came to serve.” We are not in church to be ministered to but we ask, “What can I do?” or “Is there some other need?” “How can I be used of God to help others?”
3. **The evangelization of the world.** We are here to get the gospel out. In Ephesians 4 it says that God has raised up pastors, teachers, and evangelists for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry. It’s not just about learning data and hearing information.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- Everyone plays a role in the church. We should be participants and not spectators.
- We are supposed to be an active, functioning part of the church, encouraging and motivating one another.
- God has given each of us time, talent, and treasure. We are to take those things and use them for the glory of God.
- It’s what you do with what you have that matters to God.

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

If you are faithful in the little things, God will give you greater opportunities. God doesn’t compare you with anyone else. He compares you with you. So, be faithful with what the Lord has given you and run your race well, remembering who the real enemy is. Be the guy or girl that God has called you to be.