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SESSION 3: THE DANGEROUS CHURCH IN 2020

Quotes

“Our plans sometimes trumps God’s purpose. However, God’s purpose will ultimately prevail.”

“I used to think this was my story and God’s a part of it. But it’s His story, and He lets me be a part of it.”

“To the extent you’re real, is to the extent God will bring people... and they’ll respond to God.”

“Often the methods we use in church are not to reach people, they’re somehow to stroke our egos.”

“All the people that go to your church... you didn’t have anything to do with it. Don’t somehow think it’s about you. It’s not. It’s all about God. Only God, period.”

“If your church disappeared next week, would it even be noticed?”

Notes

A dangerous church will be less about a breakthrough idea and more about a broken heart. (cf. Psalm 37:4)

God does His best work in our weakness, but we hate weakness. His grace is made sufficient in your weakness.

You have to be listening to the Spirit of the living God. The Holy Spirit will tell you what to do.

People want the truth, and that the Bible is real. You don’t have to candy coat the Gospel. The Gospel is the power of the living God!

You’re responsible for sharing the Gospel in a way that they’ll respond to God.

Innovation is about simplification. “I fear somehow you’ll be lead away from your pure and simple devotion.” (cf. Paul’s word to the church in Corinth)

Are we doing everything we can to reach the people in our community for Christ?

We have to be less about competing with each other, and more about celebrating each other’s wins.

One day in heaven, it’s just going to be Jesus. Why don’t we practice on this side of heaven what we’ll be doing for eternity?

If we don’t get it right, it’ll be the next generation’s turn.

Am I hot, cold, or lukewarm? (cf. Revelation 3)

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