



8: Walk

Episode Notes

Thanks for joining the *Big Church Small Church* podcast. In this episode, I discuss the last “W” of worship design: “Walk.” Walk is the sending part of the gathering. This helps people to “walk” the talk of their Christian lives as they aim to live a missional lifestyle.

I. Question/challenge from listener

Most of my community considers themselves to be well off, living a good life, everything under control. They would be inclined to disbelieve you if you were to inform them that they were in trouble or needed help. They also genuinely believe themselves to be pretty good people. So, teaching salvation for this life and the next is challenging. How do I overcome these obstacles?

1. Recognize the challenge. This is a challenge in a wealthy and individualist country — self-reliance.

2. Remember Jesus’ words. Luke 10: “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Look for people of peace. These are people you have built relationship with who are open to discussing God, people with soft hearts.

3. People are more receptive during major life events. For example, having a baby, death in the family, retirement, college. There are seasons where receptivity increases.

II. Walk

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

In Ephesians 5:18, Paul says, “Be filled with the Spirit.” In the original Greek, the Apostle Paul writes in present continuous form. This means that we are to continuously be filled with the Spirit. This indicates a daily refilling of the Spirit that is ongoing. To walk boldly in faith, we need to go in the power of the Spirit.

2. Read scripture or pray over the group.

Read a Bible passage out to commission your small group (ex. Matt. 28, John 20:21 or Num. 6:24-26). Say a commissioning prayer. Use spontaneous prayers or the Book of Common Prayer to find a sending prayer.

3. Remind people of what is next.

This is more than housekeeping; it is encouragement. Remind people how they can continually be connecting through the big or small church.

4. Hug it out.

Church should feel like family. Make sure everyone is sent with encouragement and love as they go into the world to live for Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. How often do you pray to be filled with the Spirit? Are you walking in your strength or His?
2. What Bible verses are motivational and inspirational for sending the people of God? How can I bless my church as they scatter into the world?
3. How can I remind people of upcoming church events?
4. Do I feel comfortable to hug people in my group or church? Why or why not? Does it feel like a spiritual family?

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Suggested Resources

Book of Common Prayer