

Big Church Small Church Podcast

12: Word and Deed

Episode Notes

Thanks for joining the *Big Church Small Church* podcast. In this episode, I discuss how and why the church should use words and deeds for effective mission. We are called to preach the Good News of Jesus (word), but called to do good and show the love of Christ (deed).

I. Problem of Separation

Many churches have leaned towards either deeds or words and away from the other. Some churches only do deeds, and others only preach the Gospel. However, Jesus modeled both simultaneously.

II. Follow Jesus' Example

Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God, pointed to Himself as the way to life, and physically healed people. He used words and deeds to redeem and restore people. Words and deeds should both be used for effective mission. This is not an either/or, but a both/and model of mission!

III. Action Steps

- Start an outreach community that does mission with both words and actions.
- Discover the group's giftings and strengths.
- Be creative and have fun.

Quotes

“To preach Christ is to feed the soul, to justify it, to set it free, and to save it, if it believes the preaching.” – Martin Luther

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” – John Wesley

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” – Colossians 3:17 NIV

Discussion Questions

1. Does your church focus more on words or deeds? Why?
2. How could you balance word and deed for effective mission?

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