

Week 8 Summary

What do you think the reshape author is trying to communicate :

Even within our church, we cannot please every one , but our church should be a place where someone will be inspired to grow in their faith.

Don't let failure keep you from trying

We need to be open minded

We need to clarify our identity – who we are as a church

Communication is important

1. There is not a “One Size Fits All” Church. Churches have different levels of openness/inclusion and varying views on Contemporary/traditional services, among other differences.
2. The benefit of realizing that it's not a one size fits all church is that those that do FIT will have a sense of community and shared purpose.
3. Being “One size fits All” leads to dissension among those not in the majority of whatever the issue is.
4. Coming together when a new unified church mission is stated will help bring new members in to the church, if they strongly identify with our critical mission.

Have you ever listened to a sermon and Thought the Pastor was speaking directly to you? Have you ever listened to a spouse or friend give you advice about forgiving someone... Or have you prayed for the Holy Spirit to point you in a new direction or help you solve a problem? I think most of us have done one or all of those things. I believe God answers those prayers, he knows what we need before we ask...And he gently nudges us in the right direction if we are willing to listen...

I understand that many MEGA Churches have worship groups that meet weekly for fellowship and prayer outside of the church. But Sunday school classes and CIRCLE groups serve that purpose for many.. We should not abandon those

classes/ CIRCLES, but some may wish to meet on a different day and away from the church building..That might be more convenient for some..

I hope our new mission will reflect that we must CARRY the LIGHT of CHRIST into the community... We should carry that light proudly. Our missions : Marvin's Kids, Salkahatchie, Ann Hope, Providing Day Care, Potato Drops, ETC... should keep us united and growing if we can open our Church to all.. Can we welcome gays/lesbians? Would we welcome the homeless? ? I'm not so sure... I hope we won't judge others and will have an open door policy for all those that SEEK CHRIST..

Jesus was asked "Why do you eat and drink with such scum? (New Living Translation)

His answer in Luke 5:31. "Healthy people don't need a doctor- sick people do. I have come to call all sinners to turn from their sins, not to spend my time with those who think they are already good enough."

The author mentions the idea of SIMPLE CHURCH... as a way of focusing on critical missions..

if we can simplify the church structure and eliminate committee meetings that would be great..