

The
People
of
God

in Mission
in Community
in Living the Dream

The People of God: in Daring to Dream

Core Verse: Matthew 28:18-20 (in line with John 14:15 – if you love me you will keep my commandments)

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Recapping the Case Studies

CS1 – Kadesh-Barnea scene

- No fear and/or excuses
- Be willing to embrace the mission
- Jesus did not call everyone to evangelism if he only wired some that way

CS2 – Nehemiah scene

- In doing the work we must:
 - Not be blind or surprised when opposition shows up
 - Have men ready to lead by example – build and defend
 - Not allow discouragement or fear set in – Be Courageous

CS3 – The Ephesian Church

- Grow in God’s Love – Extolling the name of Jesus continually
- Be aware of our own personal sin, what’s fighting for our hearts and dealing with it: men to men/women to women
- Watch out for false doctrine: Protecting the flock
 - 1 Thessalonians 5: Test everything, hold fast to what is good
 - 1 John 4:1: Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirit to see whether they are from God
 - Illustration: Walking Dead the 3 questions

Point 1: Dare to Dream Again

Luke 10:1-3

- The question is not “if there is a harvest”
- The question is: “Who is willing to go and do the work”
- What group do you fall in: K/B group or Nehemiah’s group

Matthew 7:15-20

- Think about Nehemiah here – be ready
- Watch out for the wolves, they are there
- Look for the fruit, good or bad

Acts 2:14-21

- We are considered to be in the last days, until Jesus returns
- God wants us to be dreamers
- The lost will be saved

Acts 17:26-27

- God has placed each and everyone here in Lynchburg
- The purpose is for seeking and finding Him

Point 2: You are a light to the world

Philippians 2:12-15

- You shine like stars
- An ever-present light in the darkness

Reference only Matthew 5:14-16

- The church is a city on a hill

Point 3: Learn Lifestyle Evangelism

1st Timothy 4:16

- Lifestyle Evangelism is lining yourself up with life & doctrine
- Analogy of a plane and its' two wings

If I was dreaming for Fort Avenue, what would I see?

- 1st Saturday of each month, men's prayer meeting and discussion
- Ramping up our Campus ministry development
- Teen Events, once a month: more than just pizza and entertainment
- Teaching Days: Women's Day, Marriage/Parenting/Finances
- Being great stewards of the facility that God has given us:
 - Fixing what needs to be fixed, speaker in the baby room
 - Cleaning up and organizing the rooms
 - Doing some fresh painting like in the entrance way

Read the words to the song "Men Who Dream" song 204