

NON-NEGOTIABLES OF A FULLY ENGAGED CHURCH

Caring For Humanity Part 4 of 4

Four rites of passage of an engaged church

1. Having A _____ Purpose.

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe...”
Mark 16:15-17

Jesus: **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**
Acts 1:8

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself...”
Matthew 22:37-40

“Another time, when he invited a man to come with him and to be his disciple, the man agreed – but wanted to wait until his father’s death. Jesus replied, “Let those without eternal life concern themselves with things like that. Your duty is to come and preach the coming of the Kingdom of God to all the world.”
Luke 9:59-60

2. When the Holy Spirit _____.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment...Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine?’”
Acts 2:1-6, 12-13

“The secret things in their hearts will be made known. So they will bow down and worship God saying, ‘Truly, God is with you.’”
1 Corinthians 14:25 (NCV)

“If you come together as a congregation and some unbelieving outsiders walk in on you as you’re all praying in tongues, won’t they assume you’ve taken leave of your senses and get out of there as fast as they can?”
1 Corinthians 14:23 (Mes)

“But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.”
1 Corinthians 14:40

3. Reaching The Lost Is _____.

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.’ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”
Acts 2:38-41

“Telling the Good News is my duty – something I must do. And how terrible it will be for me if I do not tell the Good News.”
1 Corinthians 9:16 (NCV)

4. Realizing Diversity Is A _____.

“For this is as the Lord commanded when he said, ‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to lead them from the farthest corners of the earth to my salvation.’ When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and rejoiced in Paul’s message; and as many as wanted eternal life, believed.”
Acts 13:47-48 (LB)

“When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.”
Acts 8:14

Other Examples of Intentional Diversity:

Acts 8:26 - Ethiopian eunuch

Acts 9:19 - to Syria

Acts 11:20 - to Phoenicia, Cyprus, Antioch, Cyrene

Two Categories Of Diversity

Accommodating: _____

Assimilating: _____
