

Isaiah 2:1-5
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Sermon Notes

What does a real (Biblical) church look like

"I don't like admitting it (much less knowing it to be true), but for many churches, I feel an active dislike; for some, a compelling aversion, like the face-wrinkling distaste that comes involuntarily when you suck a lemon."

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1. A real church will create in you a recognition of emptiness, not an illusion of fullness.

Matthew 5:6 ESV

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

The hunger and thirst of your life that cannot be satisfied by anything in this world is the constant beckoning of God to remember that you were made for another world, you were made for God.

John 6:35 ESV

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Isaiah 55:1-2 ESV

1 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Psalms 42:1 ESV

1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

2. A real church will cause you to want to know God more, not use God more.

Isaiah 30:10-11 NLT

10 They tell the seers, "Stop seeing visions!" They tell the prophets, "Don't tell us what is right. Tell us nice things. Tell us lies. 11 Forget all this gloom. Get off your narrow path. Stop telling us about your 'Holy One of Israel.'"

Happiness has more to do with being a good person than living in the middle of good circumstances.

John 17:3 ESV

3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

1 John 3:6 ESV

6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

Philippians 3:8-10 ESV

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

3. A real church will encourage you to form relationships, not produce results.

Romans 7:18-19 ESV

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

1 Timothy 1:15-16 ESV

15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

James 5:16 NLT

16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.