

Text: Matthew 16:13-19; Hebrews 11:23-27, 12:28; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

God has a redemptive purpose in this world and is serious about being victorious.

PRESENT - FUTURE = We play to win while believing that we are victorious.

***Who do people say that I am? What about you? What about PV?***

If the church is built on the foundation that Jesus is the Christ, then the church must reflect the heart of Christ and play the game to win.

The life of the church is the heart of God.

When the church ceases to serve the world around it, it begins to atrophy.

The church is to be a movement that changes history; not a monument to preserve history.

**P = MV**

The momentum of a victorious church is unstoppable.

3 things to produce and sustain momentum:

1. We must finally decide who we are going to live for.
2. We must give ourselves to God in worship.
3. We must stop hiding from the darkness and choose to hide in His presence.

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

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1. Describe a time when you felt like a victor? Describe a time when you felt like a "loser?"

2. Do you think the Church is losing it's influence on culture? How might this be a bad thing? Or do you think it's a good thing?

3. What does it look like for the church to be on "offense?" How are we to go into the darkness and be victorious?

4. Why do you think the church becomes content with not engaging culture?

5. What do you think makes a "winning" church? What are the attributes?

6. On Sunday, Brandon mentioned that our refuge should be in Christ alone and not in the church. How do you think we make the church our refuge?

7. Why should we be so concerned with winning if we are already victorious in Jesus?

8. After this message, what do you feel God is calling you to do ? Reflect on Matthew 28:19.



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