A HEALTHY CHURCH

of disciples





Agenda:

- Expository Preaching(1).
- Authentic Worship(2).
- Biblical Theology(3).
- Related Ministries

MARKS OF HEALTHY CHURCH



MARKS - 1

Worship Driven Church

- Authentic Worship (1 Peter 2:5)
- Fervent prayer(Acts 2:42)
- Administration of Ordinances(Acts 2:38, Acts 20:7)
- Cheerful giving(2 Corinth 9:7, 1 Corinth 16:1)



MARKS - 2

Word Centered Church

- Expository Preaching (Acts 20:27)
- The Gospel(Rom 1:16, Eph 2:42)
- Biblical Theology (John 17:3, Philip 3:10)
- Biblical understanding of Conversion(John 17:17, 1 Tim 3:15)
- Biblical understanding of Evangelism
- World Missions, Missionaries and New Church Planting.



MARKS - 3

Discipleship Oriented Church

- Biblical understanding of Church Membership
- Biblical understanding of Church Discipline
- A concern for discipleship and growth
- Biblical church leadership
- Fellowship/Care for the Poor/Needy





Distinct Mark of a Word Centered Church





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RESPONSIBILITY?

- Preacher? 2 Tim 2:15, Revelation 2:1, 1:20
- Leadership? Titus 1:7-9, 2:1
- God?
- Not each of the above only
- Congregation/Church
- Gal 1:2,6 ; 2 Corinth 11:2-5 (Super-apostles)

Pg 14-15 Book reading..





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WHAT IS IT?

What it is not!

- Doesn't mean verse by verse preaching ...
- Doesn't mean take a word in the text and preacher tells all he knows - Topical
- Not Verbal commentary on a passage
- The main point of the text of Scripture is the main point of the sermon
- Submitting to the emphasis and the shape of the text.
- Exposing the lives of the people of God to the transforming light and life of the Word of God.



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WHY?

Importance:

- To receive the whole counsel of God(Acts 20:27)
- To commit to hearing God's word and not Man's wisdom
- Its the fountain head of true growth in church(Pg 67)
- Martin Luther "Carefully attending to God's word began and continues reformation."
- Centrality of God's word in Worship and everything.





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ROLE OF GOD'S WORD?

The Role of God's word:

- brings and sustains life(John 1:3, Hebrew 11:3, Mathew 4:4)
 - creation, redemption(new life), preservation(kept)
 - 1 Peter 1:23, Romans 10:17, James 1:17
- Centers around everything happens in Church
 - Word centered in the congregation
 - 1 Corinth 14:26, Neh 8:1-8
- Sanctifies His people
 - John 17:17, Mathew 4:4, Eph 5:25-26
- Preachers main task
 - 2 Tim 2:15, 4:2, Philip 2:16

GOD BLESS YOU

Have a great week!

