

“The Promise Of His Presence”

Matt.16:13-19 18:20

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The Barna Research Group cites 4 specific reasons millennials have stopped attending church.

1. The church is irrelevant.
2. God is missing in church.
3. They are not learning about God.
4. They are not finding community.

I) A Spiritual Revelation: (13-17)

- A) Knowing who Christ is comes from a revelation from the manifested presence of God.
- B) We don't just learn to confess Jesus as the Son of God, we are empowered to confess Him.

II) A Supernatural Faith: (18)

- A) People find faith when they are with people who have faith.

- B) There are different ways to worship. Aesthetic, Theological, Liturgical, Relational, and Emotional.
But there is only one faith.

III) A Transformed Character: (18)

- A) The word in the New Testament for church is ekklesia which means the called out ones.
- B) In 1844, H.L. Hastings visited the Fiji Islands. He found you could buy a human being for \$7.00 or one musket. That was cheaper than a cow, but years later he returned. The value of human life had risen tremendously not \$7, not even 7 million dollars.

IV) A Vital Community: (19)

- A) The keys of the kingdom have to do with gatekeepers.
- B) On the day of Pentecost the early church saw 3000 souls saved and they continued steadfast in the apostles fellowship.