

The Church Message 2: Is Relevant

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Ephesians 1:18-23, Acts 2:42-47

Key Truth: The church functions on two planes, vertical and horizontal.

The Church Must Be Devoted to Relationship with God

Matt 7:24-27: ²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." (NIV)



The Church Must Be Devoted to Relationship with Each Other

Know and Be Known

John 15:12-14: ¹²"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends..." (NIV)

Speak and Receive Truth

John 8:31-32: ³¹"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (NIV)

Giving and Receiving Care

John 12:1-3: ¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ... ³Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (NIV)

