

## Huddle

*People Matter - So The Church Gives,  
Sends & Goes. October 13, 2013*

### *What has God done in your heart through the People Matter and Missions emphasis services?*

Let's review why People Matter!

**Lost People Matter.** God is an active, passionate pursuer. Finding each lost life calls for great celebration. Our greatest legacy will be those who live eternally because of our efforts.

**Compassionate and Concerned.** Compassion is transferring the heart of God through you to the people around you. The vertical of the cross (God to you) to the horizontal of the cross (God through you to others). Compassion is to feel what they feel, to think what they think, to see what they see at a deep "gut-wrenching" level.

### *How has your compassion for people changed over the last few weeks?*

**What's The Matter?** Sin is the matter, and it is serious! It is to miss the mark. A believer's warfare is internal with the flesh, external with the world, and infernal with the devil. To win this war, we must:

- Take responsibility of our choices, decisions, and SINS!
- Submit to God and resist Satan.
- Put on the Full Armor of God.
- Walk, live, and breathe in the Holy Spirit.

### *How does walking free from sin help you to show People Matter to you personally?*

**"God alone can save the world, but God cannot save the world alone."** EM Bounds

### *How does this quote personally connect "People Matter" to your compassion, servanthood, prayer, and obedience?*

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. NKJV

Oswald J Smith said "Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist."

### *As part of our Bethel family, how are you helping fulfill the Great Commission?*

**So The Church Serves.** Jesus is known as the servant-king. If you only serve your self interests, you demonstrate you are your own king!

Galatians 5:13. For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

"Servant" in our English New Testament usually represents bonds slave. Sometimes it means deacon or minister; these terms denote one who is not at his own disposal. We live out a slave relationship to Christ who exemplifies serving.

- Make serving a Spiritual Discipline
- Serve as a reflection of your faith
- Serve with excellence
- Remember who you are serving and why
- Serve with a right attitude, a Christ attitude

### *How have your attitudes toward serving changed?*

**So The Church Prays and Obeys.**

James 5:16... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

We can pray for people and God will answer!

- Pray with and in the Spirit
- Pray to the Lord of the Harvest
- Pray for those in despair, trouble, or adversity
- Pray for revival—for an awakening
- Pray continually
- Pray persistently
- Pray and obey

## Let's Get Real!

Our four-fold mission as part of the Assemblies of God is :

1. Evangelize the lost.
2. Worship God.
3. Disciple believers.
4. Show compassion.

### *As a church, how do you feel we are doing this?*

Pastor has challenged us as a church to

#### **1. Give and continue to give.**

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." - Amy Carmichael, missionary to India

#### **2. Send and continue to send.**

"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." - Mike Stachura

#### **3. Go and continue to go!**

"You may have already received the highest calling of God, and that is to GO!" - Pastor Phil

### *How is God calling you to Give, Send, and Go?*

## Walk it Out

**"The biggest hindrance to the missionary task is self. Self that refuses to die. Self that refuses to sacrifice. Self that refuses to give. Self that refuses to go."**

- Thomas Hale, missionary to Nepal

*What must you change to be fully obedient to the missions call because People Matter?*