

Message: "The Christ-Centered Church"

Message Idea: A prequel message into Matthew 5-7 ("Sermon on the Mount")

Message Question: Am I Part of the Casual Crowd -or- Committed Core?

**TEXT: MATTHEW 4:18-25**

+ Key 'bookended' parallel passages: **MATTHEW 4:23** -&- **MATTHEW 9:35**

\* Matthew 5-7: preaching & teaching / \* Matthew 8-9: healing

+ Key Question: How do I move from the **casual crowd** to the **committed core**?

\* We must be BOTH member-minded (inward) -&- mission-minded (outward)

### **\* How To Remain A Christ-Centered Church:**

#### **1) Christ-Centered Churches \_\_\_\_\_ Lost Lives**

- Matthew 4:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:20a / Ephesians 6:20
- Romans 12:1-2

#### **2) Christ-Centered Churches Bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_**

- Matthew 4:23b-24
- Jesus had:
  - 1) CONCERN for the hurting
  - 2) COMPASSION for broken (Matthew 9:35-38)
  - 3) CAPABILITY to heal them (whether spiritual -or- physical needs)

#### **3) Christ-Centered Churches Teach & Preach the \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_ of the WORD OF GOD**

- Matthew 4:23a / Matthew 4:17
- Ephesians 4:15
- Acts 6:4 (the ministries of PRAYER and the WORD OF GOD)
- Hebrews 4:12 / 2 Timothy 3:16

**"The Church is a place that says "Everyone is Welcome" – Come in and find HELP, HOPE & a HOME!"**