

The welcome verse for this week is John 8:12, And Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”



New Path, Same Destination
Mark 12:30; John 3:16-17;
John 15:8; Romans 12:1-2

The Bottom Line: The local church comes alive when its people are wholly holy.

Introduction:

Over the years, God made it evident to me (Pastor Matt) that my life would be spend serving and investing into the local church.

As I have been praying and seeking and planning for 2022 at South Bay Bible Church, God put this thought in the front of my mind – **The local church comes alive when its people are wholly holy.**

To be wholly holy is to give every part of ourselves and everything we do to Father, Son, and Spirit.

Tension:

Do you ever find church boring? Dead? Draggy?

Churches die and close their doors every day. What if it is not because of poor systems or their selected worship style, or even their refused doctrines? What if it is because of comfortable, casual, “plain Jane” Christians?

Truth:

Successful churches are distinguished by their disciples.

Ordinary disciples make an ordinary church. Extraordinary disciples make an extraordinary church.

How do we see the church come fully alive, vibrant, wholly devoted? **By aiming to become fully alive, vibrant, wholly devoted disciples.**

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30).

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1).

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples” (John 15:8).

Application & Conclusion:

Jesus has come that we may have eternal life and that we might experience that life to the full, that we might be saved through him. Nothing can stand in the way of Christ’ church, his believing and redeemed people gathered together, when it is fully alive in him.

Discussion questions for group this week:

- 1. What does this teach me about God?**

- 2. What does this teach me about me?**

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....