

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Four Things Jesus Wants from the Church

The Bible declares that “the church is subject unto Christ” (Eph. 5:24). In that same context Paul wrote that Jesus wants to “present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27). Such is the desire of the church’s head, Christ Jesus (Eph. 5:23). Obviously the Lord wants the church to do His will at all times. Note four things Jesus wants His church to do in our day: **Know**, **Go**, **Sow** and **Grow**.

Jesus wants the church to **Know**—know God’s Word...“Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17). Knowing God’s will means knowing the message of the Bible for it is His inspired Word (2 Timothy 3:16), His lamp for our feet and light unto our path (Ps. 119:105). God’s truth can make us free, but only when we know it (John 8:32; 17:17). And, it just makes sense: we will be able to carry out the Lord’s instructions only when we know what those instructions are, right? Brothers and sisters, how much are you and I living up to the Lord’s expectations? How well do we know His Word and how much effort are we putting into increasing our knowledge?

Jesus also wants the church to **Go**. Our Lord’s marching orders are, “Go ye, into all the world...” (Mark 16:15) and, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ...” (Matthew 28:19). How seriously do we take these words of the Master? Do we read such passages and immediately think of how they apply to *him, her, them*, and *everyone else*, but they somehow “don’t count” for us? In order to do the Lord’s will, it is not necessary for each of us to travel halfway around the world. You and I can “go” with the Gospel to our neighbors, our co-workers, our fellow-students, our extended family members, and even to those that live under the same roof that we do. But, regardless of where and to whom we go; **Go** we must! It is not an option.

When the church goes, Jesus wants it to **Sow**—sow the seed. “The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11). It is by the incorruptible seed of God’s Word that a person is born again (I Peter 1:23). It is not a problem to get people to go places. God’s people, like others in society, are on the move, going to and fro. The challenge is to get God’s church to be a mighty force to sow the seed as it goes! We need to be looking for opportunities to open our mouths and teach the Gospel, like Philip did (Acts 8:35). Not only did Philip go, he took advantage of the opportunity and sowed the seed as he went. The persecuted disciples of the first century went everywhere. But that is not all, is it? Those devoted saints “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). What holds us back from doing the same? To **Know** and to **Go** make for a great start, but they do not help lost people obtain salvation unless we go one step further and **Sow** the seed.

Finally, Jesus wants His church to **Grow**. First, He wants each of His disciples to grow in grace and in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). Such comes about by desiring the milk of God’s Word (I Peter 2:2-3). Christ wants each of us to grow by adding those character traits listed in 2 Peter 1:5-7: *virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love*. In addition to such spiritual growth, our Lord wants His church to grow in number. God wants all men to be saved (I Timothy 2:4). Saved souls are added to the church (Acts 2:47). Souls are saved only when people obey from the heart the Gospel of the Christ (Romans 6:17-18). People obey the Gospel only when it is preached to them (Romans 10:13-17). That brings us back to our old idea. If we want the church to grow by

souls being saved, then you and I need to be going and sowing the seed! There is no other way to get the job done.

As the head of the church, Jesus has the authority to direct and rule it as He sees fit. Among the things He expects from His followers; Jesus wants His church to **know, go, sow** and **grow**. May each of us set our heart to fulfill the Lord's will in all these areas.

—Roger D. Campbell

Prayer Request

Jackie Rex underwent eye surgery Tuesday, July 2nd in Lubbock. Jackie has requested that we keep her in our prayers that the surgery will go well and that she has a speedy recovery.

John and Sonia Wood were in a fender-bender car accident Friday night, June 28th. They were not hurt; just their vehicle. So glad no one was hurt!

Linda Collum is dealing with sciatic nerve pain at this time.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Debbie Howard; Betty Leeth; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Conchida Williams; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

How long did the Philistines possess the ark of God before sending it back to Israel? (a) One year; (b) ninety days; or (c) seven months.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Mordecai was Esther's cousin

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Office News

A "***Baby Shower***" is planned for Mirah and Kevin Wilcox at the home of Jacob and Ashley Carson on Saturday, July 20th (1:00-3:00 p.m.) We suggest a gift of money or check in lieu of presents due to their limited living space. Please give your gift to either Ashley or Jacob any time before or the day of the party. This invitation is for both couples and single people of Eisenhower.

A note to the ladies concerning “Meal Train”. If you happen to be the last one signing up to take someone a meal, please let the office know that it’s completed and it’s ok to stop announcing it.

2019 Summer Series (July & Aug)

July

- 3 - David Vestal—”Shall we assemble?”
- 10—Sean Prater “Respecting the Inspiration of the Bible”
- 17—Mac Deaver— ”Who are these people?”
- 24—Rafael Ramirez—”No one is perfect”
- 31—Greg Fleming—”You are different now in a good way”

August

- 7—Justin Bell—”What kind of Christian will I be?”
- 14—Anthony Flunder—”Gaining knowledge, growing our faith”
- 21—Richard Oldham—”Challenges that lie ahead.”
- 28—Denny Wilson—”Christianity is more than theory”

You and Your Church Family

God’s wisdom is never more evident than when He provided for us a place of love and fellowship called the church. He is my Father, Jesus is my older brother and I am surrounded by people who are my brothers and sisters. We’re part of a family. One song says, “Sometimes we laugh together and sometimes we cry...”

The church is a place where people can fail and still be drawn in close. And it is not a question of whether we fail; but is a question of when. We all have feet of clay. Sometimes our families fall apart. Sometimes we have trouble with our kids and a lot of other things.

Fifty years of preaching have taught me that all too often when people just royally mess up, they cower for a short time, then go someplace else to worship. But, folks, when we royally mess up, that’s when we need our church family the most. Sadly, when a man has a deep problem, he is sometimes more apt to confess his sin to someone sitting at a bar than to people in God’s family. (Now, there’s flip side to this: You and I must live so that fellow Christians can be sure that when they confess something to us we will not immediately pick up the phone and blab to others what we’ve just heard). So, when you fail, don’t run away from the church. Run to the church. That’s where you’ll find love.

—Gary Puryear

July 7th, 2019

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Tommy Garcia	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	Craig Wesson	Bill Brown
Closing Prayer	Gary Loving	Tom Sorenson
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Charles Wood</u>	
West...	Jackie Perkins	Cody Wesson
	Josh Wells	Communion
	Kevin Wilcox	(In Library)

East

Bill Ryan
Richard Siler
Scot Straw

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson—556-5547 *Deacon* : Richard Siler—362-1392 *Pulpit* : John Wood—413-7444
Table : Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders* : Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons* : George Warren 557-2171 *Collections* :
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Sunday AM

“Do We Really Care?”
(Romans 9:1-5)

Sunday PM

“Worst Deal Ever”
(Matthew 16:24-28)

Our Records

Bible Class... 63
Morning Worship...86
Evening Worship...NC
Wednesday...74
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