



Fit for Mission

Scripture: Matthew 22 and 28

Sermon Points:

Obvious and significant drop on loyalty and engagement, obvious shift in values

The shifting world feels like a threat. It isn't. It never has been.

The biggest threat to our future is Christians deciding for Jesus what He meant.

The biggest opportunity for our future is Christians taking Jesus at His word.

The threats to us are:

- 1 – But we've always ...
- 2 – Distracted by busy over mission
- 3 – We don't try to raise. Or we don't try to reach.

Group Opener:

Have you felt the "shift" of the majority of Americans attending church to minority? What are practical ways you see this shift?

Discussion Questions:

1. How discouraging is it to see the data about church decline?
2. Do you know people who used to be in church, and aren't anymore? Do you know why they left?
3. Read and discuss Matt 28:18-20
4. What do you think is the future of the Church in America?
5. Finish by taking time to pray over our Church and the church in America

Please encourage your small group to take the long form survey, you could do this during small group time or encourage your group to complete it this week. Please have people pull up the link on their phone or text them the link

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