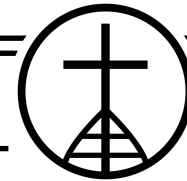


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Church, pt.3

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

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Prayer & Praise: For parents at HBC raising young babies through teenagers, to be strong in the Lord, and for the upcoming equipping classes to build them up in the Word of God.

Spiritual Growth is Seen in Affliction for Christ (v.6)

Martin Luther: *Our Lord received a crown of thorns, why would we expect a crown of roses?* How does the suffering of Jesus Christ impact your perspective on your suffering for His name?

Why is important to differentiate between the common troubles we face in the world and the tribulation we face for being followers of Jesus?

How has suffering for Christ made your faith stronger?

Spiritual Growth is Seen in the Imitation of Christ and the Declaration of Christ (v.7)

What Christians have made the biggest impact on your life? How much did you learn from what that person said and how much from what he or she did?

When it comes to your example to others by way of teaching about Christ and also by being an example of Christ, is one of the two more challenging for you? Why do you think that is?

Spiritual Growth is Seen in Anticipation of Christ (v.9-10)

Our anticipation of Christ's return keeps us working & keeps us waiting. How do those two ideas work in harmony for our us to be a good example of awaiting His second coming?

Mutual Ministry: What does discipleship look like in your life right now? Are you eager to make disciples? Are you worn-out in attempting to? Are you praying for any new discipleship relationships?

God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.

Augustine