KEY NOTES

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A Few Opening Notes



I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.....My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words....so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5



Be the Church Where God's Word is Central



Be the Church Where God Lives



For this is what the high and exalted One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. Isaiah 57:15



Be the Church Ready to Risk New Ventures



Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight,.... Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether one or the other will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good. Ecclesiastes 11:1-2&6



Be the Church Looking for Divine Appointments



From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

Acts 17:26-27



Be the Church Longing for Others To Join in Ministry



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:36-38



Be the Church Ready to Lose its Life



Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Mark 8:34-35



Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.

Luke 17:32-33



Be the Church that Remembers What the Orchard is For



On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

Revelation 22:2-3



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- To heal the nations
- To remove the curse
- That all might serve Him

