**THE CHURCH IN A NON-CHURCH CULTURE**

Let's Talk About the Church - Part 4

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**Acts 4:12 (NIV) – Memory Verse**
Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Instead of demanding that society change to serve us, we need to ask "What can we do to better serve society?

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**HOW TO BE THE CHURCH IN A NON-CHURCH WORLD**

1. **Know The Message**

**Acts 2:36 (NIV)**
"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

**John 3:16 (NIV)**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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2. **Stick To The Message**

**1 Peter 4:17 (NIV)**
For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

3. **Let God Do His Work**

**Acts 7:57-58 (NIV)**
At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

4. **Be Prepared To Pay The Price**

**Acts 7:59-60 (NIV)**
While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

**John 15:20 (NLT2)**
Do you remember what I told you? ‘A slave is not greater than the master.’ Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you.

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**Our goal is to be a church that loves one another, that loves others, that loves Jesus, and exalts his name above all else.**

**This is how I want our church to be, just like the early church, as it was in the beginning.**