

# Morning Lesson

## WHAT SHOULD A KINGDOM CONGREGATION LOOK LIKE? 1 Cor. 6:9-11

INTRO: (From an article by Jack Wilkie at Focus Press.)

1. Preaching the gospel brings people from all walks of life into the pews.

### I. HOW WOULD THAT WORK ON A CONGREGATIONAL LEVEL?

- A. As we look over a congregation we might see a mix of long-term members.
- B. We also might see the more recent converts.
- C. We emphasize that when evangelism takes place there should be diverse folks in the pews. **1 Cor. 6:9-11**

### II. WHAT ABOUT TEN TO TWENTY YEARS LATER?

- A. The truth is, however, that none of these people should be the same after ten to twenty years of belonging to the kingdom.
- B. If Christianity truly does create a culture; doctrinal teaching will make any church look different in ten to twenty years.
- C. The new members would grow and evolve. **Tit. 2:3-5**

### III. BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE VISIBLE MISFITS THAT WOULD BE CHANGED.

### IV. CHRISTIANITY IS NOT JUST A PIECE OF OUR IDENTITY.

- A. We live in a world where everyone is trying to craft their own identity.
- B. Christianity is not a piece of my identity, it should be the entirety of my identity. **Luke 9:23**
- C. Identity is found in Christ and each other. **Phil. 3:7-11**

### CONC:

1. We submit ourselves to the kingdom which is bigger than each of us.
2. This produces true unity from self-sacrifice.
3. Unity produces joy.
4. We need to create a distinctly Christian culture in our pews.