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NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

RELEVANT, FITTING, OF IMPORTANCE...

Those words mean the same thing. I hope being relevant, and being received as important, are true for you as a church pastor or church leader, or that you are seeking it. It is especially important for younger people in our churches.

I am working on a sermon based on Luke 13:10-17. On a Sabbath day, Jesus was teaching. A woman was there who had been crippled by an evil spirit for 18 years. When Jesus saw the woman, he healed her. This made one of the religious leaders angry, because Jesus worked on the Sabbath day by healing the



woman. Jesus responded by directing his teaching and preaching at the leaders who were angry at him for doing something good on the Sabbath.

At the end of the story, the leaders who were against Jesus “were humiliated,” but the rest of the people were happy because he healed and taught them.

The point is, Jesus taught and did what was important. A result was that more people were leaving the leaders who were teaching unimportant and incorrect things, and they were following Jesus.



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I know, unlike the religious leaders who were against Jesus, we are for Jesus, and we try to teach the people of our churches the truth of the Bible, and we try to help them grow in their relationship with God. That is important, but it is also

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important to think about being relevant to all of the people in our churches, depending on their ages → →

and on the stages of their life, so they listen to us and hear us. Often, the adults and older people in our churches are stronger and more solid in their faith, compared to our youth and young adults, yet we provide worship in the language, and in a style that is more fitting to adults and older people. A result is that some of our teenagers and young adults no longer come to church, at least not to our church.

So, without weakening our teaching of the truth, it is always important that we think about all that we do in our churches—worship style, language, music, and length of the service—and ask ourselves and others if what we do is helpful and relevant, and fitting for their spiritual needs, and understood as important by them.

We want our next

generation—our children, teenagers, and young adults—to rise up and become the next leaders of the Church, because the Church and the Gospel are vital for the world. Our societies are desperate for the Gospel; they just don't know that. And, we have the opportunity of expanding the Gospel—the Good News—throughout our communities and the world!

Wow, we have important tasks and callings as pastors and leaders, and it is challenging. As always, it would be my pleasure to buy us coffee/tea and food, and hear about your journey, and talk, and pray. If you are interested, please let me know—(605)376-6330.

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