

IN TOUCH

WIN PEOPLE TO JESUS, ANYWAY

Dear Friend:

Yesterday I sat with a young pastor and we talked about (and prayed about) the direction of his life as he contemplates an offer from a different church from the one he currently serves at. He is a gifted young man, he has served a couple churches as a children's ministry pastor and youth pastor and God has used him to impact many, many young people.

As we talked about the recent challenges that churches face (both the one he is at and the one he may move to) I heard him speak of attendance drop, helper shortages, people with fear, and lack of new visitors to the church. Almost anytime he asked a question I had the same answer: "Because of COVID." He feels that the church he is currently serving has drifted from and nearly stopped carrying out their mission statement: To love God, grow disciples and equip them to become them hands and feet of Jesus. No doubt COVID can slow a church down at this time but it should not stop a church from carrying out its' mission. Why? Because almost every Evangelical church has the same mission statement, a variation of the Great Commission (as it should be). Jesus never said there is any reason for us to stop carrying – out the Great Commission.

This Sunday's sermon is titled" "Win People To Jesus, Anyway." Neither COVID or people shortage, or financial shortage, or cultuale pressure should ever stop Franklin Church from carrying – out the Great Commission.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer List: Jessica Pittenger, Rose Farber, Pastor Aaron Lim, Pastor Mike Muwonge