

Let's Be Real
1 Corinthians 2.1-5

If I were to tell you that the church is on the decline, would this surprise you? Pick up the latest magazines or books and you will see topics of how to bring new growth to the church. You will read articles explaining our "Post Christian" society, that we have gone beyond the need for Christianity. But that is not the real reason. Sure, they may be factors,

But this morning, Paul sheds light on the real problem to the church. Bad news, we may be that cause. So as we look at the passage this morning, we will see the areas we need to keep in check to make sure that we are not, or we stop being the problem. READ PASSAGE.

Check Our Approach

1. Corinthians, Greeks, World all placed emphasis on Human efforts to draw men, followers. This notion has leaked into the church
2. Someone once told me that being a car salesman was prep for being a preacher, because both occupations are in sales. But should we be "selling" Christ to the world?
3. Paul didn't rely on his ability to speak, to preach. He came with them with just one piece of knowledge, that is of the Gospel of Jesus.
4. If we place importance of music programs, or preaching, or on something else that we perceive as being important, then our Aim, proclaiming Jesus will be off. Those looking for Jesus will see this, and look elsewhere.

Check Our Attitudes.

1. This can be flip side of the same coin. When our Aim is on what we have to offer, then it can very well affect our attitude. Paul came to them, a model of humility. He was a trained preacher, a trained Rabi under the greatest Rabi the world had to offer. And yet, he came disregarding that.
2. Paul writes again to this Church to remind them that when he is weak, the God's strength shines through. 2 Cor 12.10
3. Having the proper attitude, we are able to point others to Jesus. The wrong attitude allowed this church bring in division, politics, arrogance. What about our attitude?

Check Our Aim.

1. What is our Aim? Proclaim the Gospel to the world so that faith is not based upon Man's Wisdom, but upon the Power of God.
2. When Faith is on Power of God - we become united. We are able to love God together, love each other, love the world. When people see us, they will be drawn. Then God will bless us.

Doing these 3 steps let's us be real in our faith. This is what people need to see. They need to see this on Monday Morning, as well as Tuesday afternoons. For when we are not being real when we are apart, then we will not be real when we are together. Only when we are real with God, one another, can God use us