

PROCLAIM

Week 3: Bring Your Church to Friends

Welcome back to our mini-series, *Proclaim*, where we look at the church's role to proclaim to everyone about the good news of Jesus, that Jesus makes our lives whole, by first, putting him in control, and owning our role. In other words, the message of making God large and in charge, and den us take fo charge of our lives, fo erything come good inside, in our personal lives and in all our relationships, and in every part of our lives. And don't miss next week as we'll focus on making our lives whole in our homes, having Shalom in our Homes.

Last week, you heard PMike teach about our role being an eye witness to the amazing work Jesus has done in our lives. "Can I have a witness!". And we no need feel like we need to know all the answers about Jesus. It's like the blind man who got his sight back. His message was when asked can you explain what happened and who did this? His reply, I just know I was blind and now I can see.

How many of you can say, that once you were spiritually blind, but now you can see better? That's our message we proclaim! No have to be complicated.

And today, I'll talk about Bringing Church to Friends. But you say, pastor, isn't our role to bring our friends to church for them to hear the good news of Jesus? Well, that's one way we get to proclaim the good news. As we heard last week, transformed lives transform lives. And that's what we want to do at every weekend service. But coming to our weekend service is more like an Open House to the Christian life.

But not all our friends and those we want to proclaim the good news of Jesus want to come to church. In fact, some of those who call NHCO their home church still have a hard time coming back to church services in this long Covid season.

Looking back at my journey to becoming a Christian, attending church services didn't do it for me. This standing and singing was kinda foreign to me. What the pastor was saying went over my head. It was like talking a different language.

However, what spoke to me most was when I first hung out with Christians and saw how Jesus was so real in their lives. And I was attracted to how sincere these Christians were about living life in a pono way. And how accepting they were of me.

They were proclaiming Jesus to one another, talking openly and excitedly about how Jesus was real in their lives. And that's what drew me in initially. And that's what grounded me in my new relationship with Jesus because I wanted to see Jesus show up in my life too. Did I understand what I know today, not even close. But I began to fall in love with this Jesus because all those around me in this new Christian group were proclaiming Jesus to one another.