

Seeing the Church through season of Chaos:

7/9/23

(Matt. 10 – 12)

1) Our world is falling apart - Christ is still advancing His Kingdom!

Look at what the world has determined to be helpful:

- Satanic influence - More degrading immorality – Less of God

a) Past week – 5 people murdered in Philly - Mayor Kenney responds..

b) Woke agenda has abandoned Judeo/ Christian Values

c) Woke Agenda has no place for “Following Christ’s” teaching to deny flesh! Matt. 10: 38- 39

2) This is nothing new - four major events in Genesis that seem to repeat throughout human history.

a) 3: 1- 13 **Mankind fall from God’s favor.** (3: 23- 24)Barred from garden

b) 6: 5-6 **Mankind totally engulfed in flesh** Flood is coming to destroy

c) 11:3 -7 **Mankind wants to unify to outsmart God** Tower of Babel

d) 18:20-24 **Mankind defies the creators intention male/ female relationships** Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

3) Matt. 10 – 12 Principles of Christ to live by:

a) Jesus’ timing and seemingly lack of interest might throw you off.

(John the Baptist) **God’s incredible consistency/ mystery**

b) Jesus will work with the least likely candidates for Salvation

c) Jesus will get down in the trenches with you. (York is easy)

d) The Kingdom of God is always advancing, even when it feels like we’re losing.

4) More basic fundamentals not to forget: (Discussion with children)

a) If you believe there is a God you have a starting point - Heb. 11

b) If you accept the bible as the “Words of God” have a stronger footing to develop character and understanding of God.

c) Becoming a follower of Christ will require dying to self, flesh, and world.

d) Don’t forget that Salvation is by Grace, not earned....so also is our day to day walk with Christ. No place for Pride/ self confidence! Faith as little children.

5) Don’t keep score! The devil wants you to count the times God left you down

The times people left you down. The times your spouse left you down.

Rom. 15: 1- 9