

Re-connecting Cause and Christ

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❖ Intro - *Missional Video (Something is missing)*

- About me and this topic
- Research – Threads / 4 markers / Responsibility

❖ Key Imaging and Stats (Not just true for YA's)

- 66 percent of churched young adults rated the opportunity to meet the needs of others (locally and globally) as extremely important in their lives, and 47 percent of unchurched young adults said the same.
- Young adults desire to utilize their talents and abilities through a maximum number of opportunities to meet needs.
- Young adults will participate in hands-on outreach activities on a frequent basis that meet the needs of others.
- Young adults desire to determine their own beliefs through a maximum number of hands-on learning experiences.
- Young adults desire to benefit others through a maximum number of global service projects.

❖ Choices Make a Difference

❖ Impact of Increased Awareness

- Media, Technology, Transportation

⊞ Social Justice – what comes to mind?

⊞ The Broken link

- There is a disconnect – social justice and God/Church
- Why is there disconnect?

- ♣ Others at the table (non-profit and businesses)

- ♣ It's counterintuitive – don't brag about it
- ♣ Incomplete Gospel – consumeristic, fear, etc.
- ♣ Incomplete Jesus – more on that soon

∞ The Solution / Re-connecting

- Remembering Our Heritage – Jesus as an original social activist, retrofit, intimidated, – See Lost and Found, Luke 4:18-19, Luke 19:10
- Think Both/And NOT Either/Or – *Amazing Grace Video – William Wilberforce – abolish the slave trade in Britain*
 - ♣ Spoken Gospel vs. Lives That Engage The Needs of The World Around Us
 - ♣ Unifies The Body vs. Reach Those in Need (Tornadoes illustration)
 - ♣ Local vs. Global
 - ♣ Others vs. Within
- Take Responsibility As Believers
 - ♣ Serve One Another
 - ♣ Serve The Church
 - ♣ Serve The Local Community
 - ♣ Serve The World
- Take Responsibility in our Churches
 - ♣ Teach It – what we talk about vs. what we need to talk about / come, connect, grow, serve, and go
 - *The Walk Video – A Message That Sticks – 30,000 kids die a day due to poverty and malnutrition*
 - “This trip has changed my life forever. I jumped on at the last minute knowing God had something huge in store for me but I never could have imagined how much he would change me in just a weekend. The first night we stopped by the orphanage

for about 15 minutes and in that amount of time I knew I would never be the same. I was overwhelmed by the conditions that these kids were living in. It's not right. Children should not have to grow up this way. One moment that I will never forget is getting to see the little boy whose picture we used for the post-it note project. All I could do was scoop him into my arms and hold him. It was a surreal moment. I was so overwhelmed with love for this little boy and he didn't even know me. When we showed him his picture made out of post-its, his face was priceless. I will never forget it. It's so hard to come back here and explain the trip to those who haven't experienced it. Words cannot really describe. All I know is that I will never be the same." – Rachel Landrith

- ♣ Model it – New York City illustration
- ♣ Capitalize Upon It - Messy

∞ Conclusion

- President Nixon's Prepared text in case the Apollo XI moon landing ended in tragedy. (Undelivered messages)

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