

Big Church

The Church Mattered To Paul
1 Timothy 1.3-7, 18-19

There is an authentic way to do church

3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus

so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies,

which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.

5 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion,

7 wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

The church at Ephesus had a simple problem; people in authority were teaching what was false.

The church needs an authentic authoritative standard to guide it

The core of that standard is the gospel as revealed in the New Testament

False teachers and teachings are always a danger to any church

The right way to do church is the way it is taught in the New Testament

18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you,

that by them you fight the good fight, 19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith.

If a church gets things wrong, how can we expect people to get things right?

How will people turn from sin and follow Jesus if we don't get it right?

Popular faith is a dead faith

We will do everything we can to help you get your faith right