TALK IT OVER

A Relevant Ekklesia

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Key Verses

Matthew 16:16-19

Summary of the Message

We are in the month of Missionar, and the theme is Relevant. In the previous services, we talked about The Call, The Character, and The Courage to Love. Today, Giane, a Brazilian missionary serving in Guinea-Bissau, talked about how we can be relevant as a church.

In **Matthew 16:16–19**, Jesus was in Caesarea, a city built in honor of Caesar, with a large temple dedicated to the god Pan. In that spiritual context, Jesus asked His disciples, “Who am I?” Peter answered that He was the Christ. Upon this revelation, Jesus said that He would build His Ekklesia. This was an invitation to be part of His Kingdom.

What does it mean to be relevant?

We are not called to be relevant for ourselves, but to be relevant **to the Kingdom of God**. God is not moving simply for our own benefit; He calls His Ekklesia to participate in what He is doing.

A Relevant Ekklesia:

1. SEES

A relevant Ekklesia sees the world through the eyes of the Kingdom.

We are called to have a **biblical worldview**. Many times, we have not allowed the Bible to completely transform our minds. Instead, we can be tempted to pick and choose the parts that fit what we already believe.

2. DISCERNS

A relevant Ekklesia understands its place in the story God is writing.

3. INVESTS

A relevant Ekklesia lives for what has eternal value.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. When you hear the word “relevant,” what is the first thing that comes to your mind?

2. If you could describe the world we live in today in three words, what would they be?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

3. What do you think is the difference between being relevant to culture and being relevant to the Kingdom of God?

4. Have you ever noticed yourself accepting a cultural idea simply because “everyone thinks that way”? How can Scripture challenge the way we see things?

5. What does it look like practically to have a biblical worldview without simply picking the parts of the Bible that agree with what we already think?

Start Sharing: Open Heart / Share Stories

6. Have you ever realized that something you believed or valued was more influenced by culture than by Scripture? What happened?

7. Have you ever felt called to do something for God's Kingdom that was bigger than yourself? What happened?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

8. What is one area where I need to stop simply following the culture around me and start intentionally following biblical values?

9. Where has God placed you right now, and what is one practical thing you can do this week to make the Kingdom visible there?

Praying

God, our Father, thank You for calling us to be part of Your Ekklesia and Your Kingdom. Help us to see the world through Your eyes, discern our place in Your story, and invest our lives in what has eternal value. Show us how to make Your Kingdom visible wherever You have placed us and help us to live according to Your purposes rather than the standards of culture.

In Jesus’ name, amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer!
- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it goes straight to The Way Ministry. Link: https://contribua.pibcuritiba.org.br/produtos/paginaproduto/135