

The Parable Of The Lifesaving Station

Scripture Reading: 1 *Corinthians* 3:1-9

Introduction:

A. We are faced with two indisputable facts.

1. Countless people are in _____.

2. God wants us to _____!

B. *Revelation* 2:4-5 – Jesus isn't afraid to rebuke us when we lose sight of who we are.

I. All Living Things Grow—You Don't Have To *Make* Them Grow

A. It's the natural thing for living organisms to do if they are healthy.

B. *Ephesians* 4:15-16 — the church is also a living organism which will grow if it's healthy.

C. When a body is out of balance, we call that disease.

D. When congregations are healthy, they grow the way God intends.

II. The Five Circles Of Commitment

A. The _____

B. The _____

C. The _____

D. The _____

E. The _____

III. Our Work Once Conversion Has Happened

A. *Hebrews* 12:12-13

B. *Philippians* 2:3-4