

Series: The Church is Leaving the Building
Door Holders

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I. Intro to Series

A. Focus has been mainly on me making much of God through who I am becoming – essentially *Live Like Jesus*

B. We shift to *Rescue Like Jesus* with this series.

C. The Church is Leaving the Building

1. Obvious: This is not the church. This is a shell that gives us a space to gather.

2. Let me tell you what “this” is ...

a. Not a destination, “If only I can get them here ...”

b. Airport as church

**Every Sunday around noon the church leaves this building. The single question of eternal significance is this, “Does the church have any impact outside of these walls?”

3. Urgency

a. 2 Peter 3:10-11

b. Romans 9:2-3

II. The Story

A. 2 Samuel 6 Summary

B. 1 Chronicles 15

1. v. 1-4 (Levites)

2. v. 12-16 (v.13!!!!)

3. v. 22

4. v. 23-24

a. Berekiah, Elkanah, Obed-Edom, Jehiah = door holders for the Ark

1) Order = Levites, Priests, ministers, singers, musicians -
bottom is door holders.

2) Psalm 84:10

- b. They held the doors so that the very presence of God could fall upon the people.

C. 2 Samuel 6

- 1. v.13
- 2. v.16, 21-23

III. Door Holders

- A. Goal: I want to influence my family, my friends, my community, this city, the world for Jesus Christ.

- 1. How? Door holders
- 2. We are door holders for those who are far from God.

**You are the face of Jesus to the world!

B. What is a door holder?

- 1. Have been on the inside, but have chosen to go back outside and hold the doors for others.
 - a. As much as I love it in here, I'm willing to stand out here.
 - b. Obed-Edom – three months in God's presence and now he's a door holder
- 2. Lower barriers to arrival, they don't raise them. Bi-lingual!
- 3. Signal that something worthwhile is inside.
- 4. Their reward is people's faces when they go inside
- 5. Give value to people before they're inside.
- 6. Servants, not servant-leaders.
- 7. Fight you for the door.
- 8. Try not to scare people away.
- 9. The most important part of being the church.

**I have heard many of you say, "I don't want to miss a single Sunday morning." Great. We need that. But my prayer is that you say, "I don't want to miss a single Sunday morning so that I can go out and hold the door for those who aren't here."

IV. Challenge

A. Last Night

1. X Fest, parking lot, Modesto Inn ...
2. "God, how can I be a door holder for them?"
3. God gave me a visible example of why this is so important to get. If we don't get this, people who we see and know will spend an eternity in a literal Hell.

**The Holy Spirit convicts the hearts of men and women, but we hold the door.

B. God's answer ...

1. We don't wait at the door – we take the door to them.
2. Rescue not Reach
 - a. Jesus didn't reach from Heaven, He came down and rescued here.
 - b. He became the door and came to us!
3. It's not about "that" door. [The Worship Center door] It's about "this" door. [The one to our hearts] We open ourselves up and they find Jesus inside.

**Yes, I want them in that door, but it's not the door that really matters. Don't leave this building and do nothing. If that's what we do, then we are wasting all of our time meeting here. You are door holders. You have had the honor to experience God's presence in an unbelievable way. Now, go out and hold the door so others may receive what you have ...