

E3 Challenge

Pastor Steve Berger August 16, 2015

Background

October 9th is the 21st anniversary of the beginning of Grace Chapel. God has done more than we had asked or thought. It takes a group of people who understand, when God is about to expand His kingdom.

Biblical Challenge from Pastor Steve Berger

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

1. **Commission**—authorized, go, make, baptize, teach to obey
2. **Command**—everyone, not some, all followers of Jesus
3. **Conflict**—due to importance, commit, endure, no entanglements.

2 Timothy 2:2-4

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

4. **Companion**—not on our own.

Matthew 28:20

“...I am with you always, even until the end of the age.” Amen.

1 John 4:4

...greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world.

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

5. **Conquerors**—made for this!

Romans 8:37

...we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

Expanding the Kingdom is what matters!

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Pastor Jimmy Harris, Life Group Pastor introduced **E3Challenge**.

“According to the Pew Research Centers findings, 44% of Americans under the age of 30 believe marriage is heading for extinction. In 1960 nearly 70 percent of Americans took the plunge; now only about half that number, and eight times as many kids are born out of wedlock (TIME/Pew survey). Christian marriages are failing at a high rate between 40-50%. The Supreme Court ruling on the definition of marriage has shown just how far our culture has shifted away from the word of God. In fact, 60-75% of youth are leaving the church after they leave home. Only 1 in 4 Christian teens share their parent’s core beliefs. Something has to change at the fundamental level if we are going to hand of our faith to the next generation.” Jimmy Harris

The E3 Challenge is a small group resource made up of 120 stories in the life of Jesus.

- **Engaging** those around you to follow Jesus
- **Encouraging** others along in their journey
- **Equipping** everyone to make disciples of Jesus to the third generation

To learn more about E3 Challenge

go to www.e3challenge.net

OR

download the E3 Challenge app in the Apple Store

OR

sign up for training on September 5th (RSVP required)

OR

contact Jimmy Harris, Life Group Pastor jimmy@gracechapel.net

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Please come join our House of Prayer, Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**