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People Driven Church

John 3:16-21

1. A People Driven church is a church that believes that the number one way to prove that people are important is to make God more important.

Num 14, 1 Sam 15, Acts 15

- When we say that we are a people driven church we are acknowledging that the very best Thing we can possibly do is to make God 1st above all and in all.
- A true people driven church is a church that will place God's ways over your ways. A people driven church is a church that puts God's desires over your desires. A people driven church is a church that places his wants over your wants. A people driven church is a church that places his time over your time.
- A people driven church realizes that the only way for me to lead you is for me to be led by him. When we say a people driven church, we are not saying that the people of God drive the church. What we are saying is that the God of the people drives the church So that his people are taking care of, blessed, and protected in his ways.

2. A people driven church is not afraid to call you out of what you're in, so That they can call what's in you out of you.

2 Cor 6:17, 1 Cor 6:11, Jude 23

- Jesus preached so hard against sin that he said things like this, you have heard that if you commit adultery it is a sin but I tell you if you look at your neighbor's wife with lust in your heart you have already committed adultery. He said things like you have heard that if you murder it is a sin. When I tell you if you hate your neighbor in your heart you have already committed murder. He said things like this be either hot or cold but if you're lukewarm I'm a vomit you out of my mouth. He said this do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together but as you see the day approaching a assemble yourselves even more together. Jesus loved and cared for people therefore he was not afraid to call them out of what they were in so he could call what was in them out of them.
- All across the Kingdom of God there are people with powerful giftings and anointings and callings on the inside of them. But what is in them is being buried by what they're in. Their calling is being buried by their complacency. Their anointings are being buried by their Luke warm living. Their giftings are being wasted and buried by their sinful living. Their purpose is fading away by their selfishness and laziness.
- If we truly care about people, we have to call them out of what they're in so that we can call what's in them out of them.

3. A people driven church believe that life is better together. In other words, it is not ok for this church to grow numerically and not grow spiritually.

- Church that means that we resist the mindset and mentality of being a lone ranger. That means we resist the idea that You can make it by yourself. That means we resist the mindset that says you were just as good by yourself as you are connected with the church. The devil is a liar!

- When God set this thing up called the church (the *ecclesia* or ecc-la-sia) He made it where it is bigger than any one person, program, or any problem. He made the church where it had to depend on the Holy Spirit's power and upon each other.

- Beloved what I have found in the Kingdom of God is this, when you are in fellowship with the saints and in discipleship with the saints your chances of making it in fulfilling the purpose of God on your life Increase dramatically.

4. A people driven church Is a church that will risk offending you to free you.

John 8:31-47

- Then Jesus begins to preach and over the next several versus and he begins to say some pretty offensive things. He tells them that if they are living a life of sin then they are slaves of sin. He tells them that they seek to kill him because he tells them the truth. Then he proceeds to tell them that they are of their father the Satan. And the desires that they desired to do have come from the Satan. Then he tells them that they are not hearing the word of God because they are not of God.

- The apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost Stood up and began to preach to the people that he was once hiding from. He tells them that they crucified the Lord Jesus. In the Bible says that when they heard this they were cut to the heart. Then they said to Peter men and brothers what shall we do? And he tells them repent every one of you and be baptized in the name of the Lord for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you and your children and to all who are Afar off as many as the Lord our God will call.

- The Bible says that that day 3000 people were saved. Peter Took the risk of offending them to free them. Beloved I wish I could say that I stood up and preach the truth and every time I took the risk of offending someone, they got set free. But that is not the case unfortunately.

- There times when you preach and someone gets made completely free by the power of God. A people driven church is a church that will risk offending you to free you.