

Faith Christian Fellowship
August 6, 2017
Due Season
10: We Can Do This

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 3:1 / Matthew 9:35- 10:1

We have an open window of opportunity, but we must take our Christian life seriously. **How do we do the Great Commission in Tucson in the 21st century?**

- 1) The window is open
 - a) We are living in an unprecedented time:
 - i) On October 30, 2016, “You have entered in to the gap before me. You are standing between your nation and judgment. Stay there. Do not be deterred by what you see and hear around you. Stay in the gap and make up the wall.” Proverbs 16:9-15 Message translation / Psalm 75:6-7
 - ii) Nov 27. The window is open. We are in a new season, there will be calm before the storm. Don't ignore this window. The dark is getting darker, there is a window of light. For 2017 “Build your faith, share your faith, stand in the gap.”
 - iii) We have a window of opportunity –
 - (1) To win the lost
 - (2) To preserve our nation
 - b) The church leavens the world, not the reverse:
 - i) Your neighborhood or workplace – areas of influence. God put you where you are for His purposes.
 - ii) **Pray for doors of opportunity.** Be yourself. Do what you do. Let us help. Use the resources we give you to teach others.
 - c) Needs are opportunities – **You will see needs that others don't see.**
 - d) Where did you see a need this week?
 - i) How can you mobilize to assist?
 - ii) **Pray**, but don't let that be your spiritual cop-out. 1 John 3:18 / James 2:16
 - iii) **Give** money.
 - iv) **Do something.** Don't let compassion be reduced to a mere emotion.

- 2) Tools that work:
 - a) FMTI – You can enroll in classes here. You can do it at home.
 - i) **Competence:** Learn what you believe and why
 - ii) **Confidence:** Meaningful practice and feedback.
 - b) Discipleship Materials: Classes, videos, print material
 - i) 7 Principles of Recovery / Principles for a Transformed Life – helping those who are bound
 - ii) 8 things You Need to Know to be a Real Disciple: An end to insipid Christianity. John 8:31 (NET)
 - iii) FMTI class materials – you can teach it
 - c) **Get your attitude adjusted:** You don't have to be perfect
 - d) **Look where you are:** This is where God wants you, and this is what we do: help you be effective.
- 3) Have an idea? You can do this, we can help.
 - a) Habakkuk 2:1-4 Write down exactly what He said
 - b) Come in and let one of us draw out the plan Proverbs 20:5 GNB A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out.
 - c) Proverbs 20:18 GNB Get good advice and you will succeed; don't go charging into battle without a plan.
 - i) God believes in plans
 - ii) God believes in good advice
 - iii) God knows this is a battle
 - iv) God put you here on purpose!!!!
 - d) The window is open, it will shut. Do something!!!!
 - i) Plan to be a real disciple. Get a mentor.
 - ii) Plan to be a disciple-maker. Find someone you can help.
 - iii) Plan to expand your reach into the community. Start preparing today. (Classes/coaches)
 - iv) Walk through the doors that open to you.

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln