

Tonight's message:

Breaking through the 'SMALL CHURCH MINDSET'

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Today's text:

Acts 1:15, 2:41

Introduction:

Isaiah 54:2 *"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;"*

Problem 1 – A STRONG SENSE OF B_____

- You say what's wrong with this?
 - It develops some bad a_____

 - It leads to feeling I don't b_____

Phariseeism – III John 9-10

- Stifle g_____ for the wrong reasons



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- Wrong standards of 'g_____ ' – **Luke 18:11-12**
 - Mistake a_____ for productivity

 - Consider just 'being there' greater than 'I_____ for the Lord'

 - No Christ-c_____

 - Leads to ageing and d_____ – **II Kings 4:40**



L_____ – Revelation 3:15-16

- People only need to 'keep up with the J_____'

II Corinthians 5:12 *"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."*

- C_____ promotes lukewarmness
 - In Laodicea water came:
 - C_____ from Colosse
 - H_____ from Hierapolis
 - Ended up l_____
 - The Lord says to us *I would thou wert cold or hot* – **Revelation 3:15**
 - Churches become lukewarm when cold meets hot and we accept a 'h_____ compromise'
- It's becomes about belonging and not g_____



WHAT'S THE S_____

- Be about the Lord's business not man's business
- Be c_____ more about God than the brethren
- Be f_____ on what God wants not what you want
- Be r_____ in your mind to seek what the Lord seeks

Conclusion:

