

SBC22 9 Marks at 9: What's Wrong with Us? Revival vs. Revivalism

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58:00-end Mark Dever Positively, what should be marking our church is a love for God and a love for others. 5 distinct things should make up a lot of what we do in our churches. **Discipling, Evangelism, Raising up leaders, Church Planting, Missions** Like some more than others—but don't see how they all fit together; **what is the root of these five things? What is the "germ" he talks about?** Germ is following Jesus; **How does focusing on our churches being marked by loving God and loving others foster this germ?** Last time's answers—**want fresh start--Break down question—Changes the direction of our focus from 5 things to Jesus, but must start even farther back—to whom would Jesus be precious?** Someone who wanted to be reconciled to God—someone who believes love, life, truth, etc. all sourced in God; **MUST Start with God, Psalm 90;** God determines reality starting with who He is—then what He has created—Gen. 1:1, Jn. 1:1, Heb. 1:1—He speaks; how we love Him, then how we love others—must look to Him—who is He—HE determines; **love gets simple—find what God is valuing and value it; find what God is doing and do it; FILL life with this; what does it require to find what God values and does and fill your life with more of these things?** Heb. 11:6, start w reality that is larger than your comprehension, larger than created—see His hand in all, dependent; last time, asked **"How does defining love for God & others tie to following Jesus?"** this time, reword **Then how does this lead to following Jesus?** Loving God to focus on Jesus b/c His Word leads to Christ—Jn. 1:1, Heb. 1:1, love His image Heb. 1:3—this is my beloved Son, listen to Him; love His plan—Gal. 4:4, Gen. 3:15 Look at Hebrews--Jesus treasure of heaven because brings us to God; intercedes for us, etc.; the gospel is not Jesus—it is God opening our eyes to riches in Christ—**Eph. 3:7-10, II Cor. 4:1ff.** then just like disciples left John the Baptist to follow Christ—we are to be followers; **what does this imply/necessitate?** **Is your life filled with following?** what comes between you and active following of Christ? but then come back to Dever's words--Germ is following Jesus; ie. see it in discipling—me helping other people following Jesus