

Between 1991 and 2004 the churched population in America declined **91%**.

Less than **50%** of the population in America attends church regularly.

In 1990 there were 2000 **registered witches** in the Twin Cities.

◆ In 2005 there were **20,000**.

In 1991 there were 256 known **cults** operating in the Twin Cities.

◆ In 2006 there are **656**.

Starting a Church Out of a Church Is a Great Way to Start a Church

When an established congregation starts a new church, they share:

DNA, finances and people, reputation, & leadership gift of senior pastor..

Acts 13:1-3

The church at Antioch had a **multiplicity** of leadership.

The church leaders were **listening** to the Holy Spirit.

Paul and Barnabas were **sent**.

While they were starting churches, they **stayed connected** to their home congregation.

The church at Antioch could look at all the churches being started in the new world, and say **I had a hand in that**.

7) Give examples of how people deal with sin.

8) How does it strike you that more than anyone else, Jesus teaches us about hell?

9) In what way is the cross the solution to the problem of sin?

10) What happened on the cross when sin was brought into the Trinity itself?

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on the "Life of the Church" message series. Each week's reading's are preparatory for the upcoming message.

Monday - Mark 11, Mark 12

Tuesday - Mark 13, Mark 14

Wednesday - Mark 15, Mark 16

Thursday - John 17, John 18

Friday - John 19, John 20, John 21

Weekend - Matthew 28



Redeeming Notes

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Title: "Increasing the Population of Heaven"

Acts 13:1-3, Joshua 22:26-27

God's Creativity

Abraham and **Sarah** gave birth to Isaac.

Isaac and **Rebekkah** gave birth to **Jacob** and Esau.

Jacob's son **Judah** is a direct ancestor of **Jesus**.

Zacharias and Elizabeth give birth to **John the Baptist**.

God is always creative.

High Stakes Ministry - Joshua 22:26-27

The reason to "build an altar" (start a church) is to bring your **faith** to a world with no knowledge of God.

New churches 0-3 years old can expect to make **10** converts for every 100 adults in worship.

◆ 3-15 years old, **7** converts for every 100 adults in worship

◆ Over 15 years old, **3** converts for every 100 adults in worship