You, Me, Us and God

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INTRODUCTION

- If we're talking about the New Testament church, the local church, is it more like a cruise ship? Or is it more like a lifeboat? I would argue it's probably more like a lifeboat.
- It's not here for our luxury. It's here for our salvation.
- We don't necessarily get to choose our accommodations. We accept the accommodations as they are thrust upon us.

1 Take Full Advantage of God's Plan for Your Spiritual Growth

1 Peter 5:2–4; 2 Timothy 4:1–5; Revelation 3:14–17

- You should take full advantage of God's plan for your spiritual growth, your edification and encouragement in the local church.
- Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion, but willingly.
- God never designed us to be secret and hidden. And singular Christian. He said, Seek out others with whom you can worship.
- Become a full member of a local church. Why is that important? Because that's the way God designed it.
- Secondly, I encourage you to become an active part of that local church. Because you see, setting on the sidelines is not the same as being in the fray.
- I wish that you were cold or hot, but you're just lukewarm.

2 Don't Let Anyone Get Between You and God

Numbers 20:12; Psalm 106:32–33

- Don't let anyone get between you and God and the salvation that He offers.
- Where should they be? They should be right in the lifeboat beside me and my flaws and my brokenness who needs the grace of God and the mercy of my fellow man.
- Am I going to let those less than desirable, less than encouraging attitudes keep me away from my salvation?
- Don't let boring preaching, poor Bible classes, ineffective leadership, rude, unwelcoming members. Keep you from your salvation.
- Because you did not believe me, to hallow me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.
- Moses got so put out with those people that he let it get between him and the promised land.

THE CHALLENGE

May God help us to help one another to make it safely home to Him. Would you get in the boat this morning?

MY NOTES