

Voice in the Wilderness (podcast)

Pilot episode (1) outline

- Intro
 - Welcome & reason for the podcast
 - The days are short.
 - Need for repentance within the Ada church.
 - Unflinching exploration of how the Ada church does ministry.
 - Adopting intentional, one-on-one discipleship
 - Start seasons of disciple and disciple-maker faith building.
 - Rinse and repeat as the disciple becomes a disciple-maker.
 - This is the model Christ gave us.
- Today's subject - Repentance
 - **2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
 - Repentance for our “cheap grace” easy ministry.
 - Examples
 - No accountability follow-up
 - **Ephesians 4:15**: The apostle Paul encourages believers to “speak the truth in love, and to admonish one another with all wisdom.”
 - **Colossians 3:16**: The Bible instructs believers to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.”
 - No teaching of how to study the Bible.
 - Our kids have questions, but how are they being answered and by whom?
 - Austin gives example.
 - More interested in having meals together.
 - **Deuteronomy 8:3** “He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”
 - Recognize we have a problem
 - Repent in Greek “metanoia” – defined “thinking differently”
 - Story of my foot surgery
 - I try to draw parallels of my own story with Biblical truths, believing there is a lesson to be learned in the trials we face.
 - Don't waste those opportunities
 - Let's look if a radical, surgical realignment needs to take place with how we “do church” in our community.

- Are we just repeating old traditional methods that are no longer relevant in today's culture?
 - Did they ever truly work, or did they actually trap people after their salvation, putting them to sleep in the pews?
- Challenge believers, as Christ commanded, to pick-up their cross daily.
 - Talk is cheap. **Velleity**, a desire you have but that you aren't working to make come true.
 - Sanctification is a marathon, but it takes effort.
 - If your church isn't equipping you to do that, RUN AWAY from that church!
- Ending
 - Prayer for the Ada Church.
 - Thanks for listening...and responding to this call of action.
 - Say "**Matthew 9:38**"