

11-16-25 Summary

What if we've been so busy doing church work that we've forgotten the very reason the church exists? This powerful message uses a brilliant illustration of a fire department to expose a common spiritual trap: getting so caught up in our roles and responsibilities that we lose sight of our primary calling—following Jesus. Just as firefighters exist to put out fires, not just to cook meals or mow lawns, we exist to follow Christ, not merely to maintain religious activities. The message draws from Acts 2-4, where Peter and John demonstrate what it means to be so consumed with Jesus that they literally 'cannot help but speak about what they have seen and heard.' These were ordinary, unschooled men who turned the world upside down—not through programs or strategies, but through an undeniable relationship with the risen Savior. We're challenged to examine whether we've accepted salvation on Christ's terms or our own, whether we're still following or have simply stopped at the starting blocks. The most convicting question emerges: if we truly know Jesus, why can we go days without speaking about Him? This isn't about religious performance; it's about a relationship so real, so transformative, that it spills out naturally in everyday conversations—even about bread machines. The call is clear: stop letting distractions bump Jesus out of first place, and rediscover what it means to follow Him with such passion that others can't help but notice.