

big CHURCH

BIG CHURCH #6 :: Big Answers {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Does the Church matter? Has the Church's message made a difference in history? Is the Church's message for eternal life also a message for a better life?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are distinct ways that the church has "Christianized" our culture?
2. What would our culture look like if the church did not exist?
3. Are there any differences in the way that the church has shaped eastern and western cultures?
4. Read Galatians 5. What examples can you give to support the argument that we are naturally bent toward sin?
5. How can you be a steward of not only the message of eternal life but also a steward of the message of a better life?

MOVING FORWARD

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not only a message that *saves* people for eternal life, but a message that *restores* a broken world. It's a message that has shaped cultural values and national identities. With that in mind, it's time for the church to re-engage at every level because our message is a message of life.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23