

The Disappearing Church

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Jeremiah 5.1-31

- The reality is, that the more choices people have about what to do, and how to spend their time, the less inclined they are to spend their time in Church, or involved in service
- And there have always been people willing to offer some substitute form of spirituality for people
- And true faith has always had to contend with this. Jude 1.1-5

Let's just recover some core truths

- All human evil proceeds out of the human heart. Matthew 15.16-20
- This means that the seeds of false doctrine and decline are present in every Church—whatever influences exist in the broader culture
- The only preventative for this is a strong diet of the ministry of the Word. II Timothy 4.1-5

Our perspective about trouble in Christianity needs to be biblical

- God's Kingdom is secure. Daniel 7.15-28
- Trouble works to build strength in God. II Corinthians 12.1-10
- Christianity never has been a “numbers game.” II Timothy 2.1-10