

The Church Is the People

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K.P. Yohannan's sermon emphasizes that the Church is defined by its people rather than its buildings, highlighting the need for a focus on evangelism and community support.

Scripture: Matthew 8:20, Acts 7:48

Topics: "World Evangelism", "The Church"

Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes that the true essence of the Church lies in its people rather than the physical buildings they occupy. He reflects on his experiences in Asia, where many Christians meet in homes due to the lack of church facilities, highlighting that Christ continues to seek a place among His followers. Yohannan critiques the American focus on church buildings, urging believers to remember the importance of supporting world evangelism and to allocate a portion of their giving for this cause. He calls for a shift in mindset, advocating for a commitment to prioritize outreach and support for growing churches in less fortunate regions. Ultimately, he challenges the church to embody the spirit of Christ by being active in spreading the Gospel rather than being preoccupied with material structures.

Transcript

But I rarely spoke out on these subjects. I realized I was a guest. The Americans who had built these buildings had also built the school I was now attending, and they were paying my tuition to attend. It amazed me, though, that these buildings had been constructed to worship Jesus, who said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matthew 8:20).

In Asia today, Christ is still wandering homeless. He is looking for a place to lay His head, but in temples "not made with human hands." Until they can build a facility of their own, our newborn Christians usually meet in their homes. In non-Christian communities, it is often impossible to rent church facilities.

There is such an emphasis on church buildings in the United States that we sometimes forget that the Church is the people--not the place where the people meet.

But God has not called me to fight against church building programs--we try to provide adequate church buildings for the small but growing Asian churches whenever possible. What troubles me much more than the waste is that these efforts often represent a worldly mindset. Why can't we at least earmark 10 percent of our Christian giving for the cause of world evangelism? If Christians in the United States alone had

made this commitment in 2000, there would have been nearly \$10 billion available for Gospel outreach!

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