God's Word: Our Passion
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The early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42). Paul charged Timothy to "preach the Word… in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). Scripture is not just a tasty side dish—it is the main course. Without it, we are building on sand.

Churches must prioritize the Word in order to tell the world about the Word!

- God's truth anchors us in a culture full of shifting values and conflicting opinions.
- God's eternal purpose in sending Jesus is salvation. Life in Jesus is always abundant spiritually; sometimes less than abundant physically.

How can churches prioritize the Word?

- A characteristic of growing churches worldwide is quality, Christ-focused preaching. The written word is used to preach the Living Word and hearers are nourished and satisfied.
- Sermons and classes are practical, applying the Word of God in everyday life.
- Worship integrates meaningful songs and biblical preaching.
- Listeners are called to repentance and rebuked for superficiality.
- The Word of God is presented and applied with the goal of changing hearts.

These things happen because of one thing: passion for the Word!
Listen to Mario Vega,

Passion which is not founded in God's Word is just emotion. Emotions are temporary and any vision based on emotions will not persevere. Without a solid and growing knowledge of God's Word, a large church is not guaranteed. Without a solid word from God, the church can grow high like grass, but also as weak as grass. A church, rather, should grow like an oak, high and solid. The [preacher] must be a lover of God's knowledge, works, and deeds. He is not a fad chaser who pursues religious trends.

This is my passion: God's Word. Preach the Word. Teach the Word. Love the Word. Live the Word.