

Message Notes

Spreading the Word God's Way

Video clip of the work of PLI International

Introduction:

God can do more than we either _____ or _____!

John's Great Commission words are: "As the _____ sent me, so I am _____ you."

The Disciples' problem: They believed spreading the word was to be to _____ only.

By allowing a persecution God got his people to go to _____, _____, and even to _____ on the coast of Africa.

The secret to spreading the word God's way recognizing and acting as if every baptized person is "consecrated, ordained and installed person in the ministry of Jesus Christ." (C.F.W. Walther, first president of the LCMS)

It was the _____ not the _____ that first broke the barriers of race and culture for the Christian Church.

The Godly role of a pastor is to be the _____ representative of the ministry of the church.

Spreading the word God's way means breaking down racial and cultural barriers and this is up to the _____ culture.

What we can do:

1. Make sure our congregation is _____ and _____.
2. Determine never to classify anyone as a _____, but rather as a _____ or _____.
3. Two non-Anglo cultures we might especially seek to share in Christ Lutheran's mission and ministry are _____ and _____.

Conclusion: We are acting locally and impacting globally. Spreading the word God's way however, means everyone, everywhere at all time being God's missionaries—at home and even abroad through though mission efforts like PLI International. We can act locally by making Christ Lutheran a truly welcoming place in Costa Mesa even as we impact globally through our mission work beyond our borders.