

Ephesians 4:11

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers

I hope everyone had a wonderful Resurrection Sunday, even though we were all stuck in our homes. I don't know about you, but I can't remember the last time I missed going to church on Resurrection Sunday, or going this long without going to church each week. I know I miss it and my church family. Sure, there is the online thing, but it's just not the same.

But with this change, let me ask you this, "how's your witness going?" Or let me ask it this way, "How are you telling the lost about Jesus without being able to invite them to church?"

"Well, I invite them to watch online and post the link on social media."

That sounds good, but actually it's not biblical. You see, God did not appoint men to be Pastors and Teachers to share the gospel, that not the job of a Pastor or Teacher. No, their job is to shepherd the flock (believers) and teach God's word.

God will not hold your pastor accountable for sharing the gospel. That would be like holding a doctor accountable for making hamburgers for everyone who comes in the hospital. It's not their job. So if you think about it, every time you bring someone to church to hear the gospel or to be saved without sharing the gospel with them first, you are actually pawning your job off on your pastor.

Remember Jesus said

✠ **Mark 16:15** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*

Notice Jesus wasn't talking to a group of pastors at a pastors conference here. Jesus also didn't say to go into the world and bring the lost to church or to your pastor to hear the gospel, but that WE, are to go and preach the gospel. I am just as guilty as you are, because I have done the same thing and it's something we as the church (not a building, but a people) should repent of. Because like I said, we are pawning our job to share the gospel off on our Pastor, when we should be doing it ourselves.

So is it wrong to invite the lost to church then?

No, not at all. But before you do, have you considered doing your part of the job, which is to share Jesus with them and offer salvation to them before you invite them to church?

Another thing the bible does not say, and that's to bring people to church to go forward to an altar call, then they will be saved. I know when I got saved I didn't go forward at an altar call, it

was my dad and the pastor who talked to me one day and shared Jesus with me. I got saved right then and there without having to go forward on a Sunday at church. I bet a lot of you have the same testimony where someone shared Jesus with you, and you got saved, and it wasn't at an altar call at church.

So invite the lost to watch church online right now, or invite them to church after we are ok to meet together again in the church buildings. But even more so, invite them to be saved now without having to go to church to get saved.

† **Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:**
"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"