

May 29/30th Weekly Lesson

Title: The Church in the World Pt 5 - "The Church and Socialism" Eph. 4:28 Acts 2:42-47

Big Idea: Only Jesus working through his spirit and his body the church can truly transform the selfish heart. The State has no power to do so.

What were some things from the message that stood out to you?
Has anything changed or shaped your worldview?

Where do you think a good "work ethic" comes from? Why is it important? What does it look like?

Read Acts 2:42-47

This looks a lot like socialism but what makes it fundamentally different?

Read Galatians 6:2-5

How can the Bible say "Bear one another's burdens" and then immediately say after that – each must carry his own load?

Read 1 Timothy 5:8 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Here Paul does not mince his words. Why do you think he is being so strong?

What are some ways we have already given things over to the state that rightfully belong to the family and the church?

No matter what political ideology controls the country we live in, we are never to stop being the living and active body of Christ. As our country continues to give more over to the state – what is the role of the church? Are there ways to partner with the state?

Read Eph. 4:28

Describe the transformation Paul is asking for in this verse.

Can the state ever accomplish this kind of transformation?

How does Jesus through his Church accomplish this kind of radical transformation?

Socialism and Communism are man's best attempt to fix selfish leaders and broken systems, but history shows these just create a new kind of selfish leader and broken system.

In what ways should Jesus believing leaders and business owners be radically different and how can they create radically different systems that actually do the good things people want?