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Is This What Jesus Intended?

The Future Is At Stake! Matthew 16:18,19

I. What Jesus Said – Matthew 16:18,19

A. His plan is to <u>build</u> the church

His plan is for it to be victorious

B. His plan includes <u>you</u> and <u>l</u>

II. What the numbers look like

A. Statistics don't lie

Statistics should *motivate* us to be more biblically obedient

III. The Conclusion:

A. Bible commands do not equal reality

IV. Solutions

- A. Sin is a <u>universal</u> problem Romans 3:10,23 The <u>penalty</u> for sin is universal – Romans 5:12
- B. The <u>payment</u> for sin is universal John 3:16 The <u>command</u> for us to evangelize is universal – Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19,20

V. The Opportunities

- A. A victorious church <u>starts with me</u> Evangelism starts <u>in my heart</u>
- B. World evangelism has local roots