

# Morning Lesson

## WHAT THE REFORMATION GOT RIGHT

Acts 5:29

### INTRO:

1. The church we have today owes a great debt of gratitude to the reformers and their actions.
2. The Restoration movement of the 19th century would have been impossible without the bible being available to the common people.
3. The reformers fought against the religious establishment with courage.
4. Though they were wrong doctrinally, that attitude is needed just as much now as it ever has been.

### I. WE HAVE TO STAND UP TO OUR CULTURE.

- A. God's people have always faced external pressure from the world. **Matt. 14:1-12**
- B. Today God's people are constantly being told that we're bigoted and hateful.

### II. WE HAVE TO STAND UP TO THOSE THAT WOULD COMPROMISE THE CHURCH.

- A. That same attitude of compromise and people-pleasing carries into the church far too often.
- B. Some of the church's doctrines keep people away and some of what the Bible says is unpopular. **John 15:18-20; John 6:53, 54**
- C. It's our job as the church to take a stand against those who would change us into the exact opposite of what God wants.

### III. WE HAVE TO STAND UP TO OURSELVES.

- A. If we're going to make any kind of dent in the world, we must constantly be standing up to ourselves with the truth and refusing to move on it, even when it's not easy.
- B. So often the head follows the heart. **Jer. 17:9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Acts 5:29**
- C. Jesus showed that His heart did not want to go to the cross. **Matt. 26:39**

### CONC:

1. We can take the easy way out by compromising and backing off of the truth and let down future generations, or we can take a stand and preserve the truth for those who come after us.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!