



Our Lutheran Moment: Why Now Is a Good Time for Us to Be Doing What We Do Best

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Part Two Discussion Questions

(27:13-42:52)

A Moment to Do Real Good for Real People

1. In his presentation, Pastor Bauer talked about “Morality by Yard Sign,” asking the question, “Who are those signs for?” What other mediums in our lives can become “yard signs” if we’re not careful? Compare “morality by yard sign” with the ministry of Jesus, and the early Christian Church.
2. How can we strike a godly balance between holding to the truth of God’s Word, and doing real good for real people in our lives?
3. What are some different ways that we as a church can be intentional about doing real good for real people? And how can that help us to carry out our mission statement of “Winning Souls for Christ, and Coaching Christians for Life”?
4. How are we as Lutherans uniquely suited to meet this human/cultural need?

A Moment to Build Institutional Trust

5. Discuss: Should a pastor ever preach about politics from the pulpit? Should a pastor post political things on his social media accounts? What might be the benefits of doing so? What might be the risk or harm of doing so?
6. How are we as Lutherans uniquely suited to meet this human/cultural need?