

# Jesus: The Greatest Show on Earth - Consumer Christianity

## 12.7.14

### I. Introduction

#### A. Think about it...

1. Why did you come to church today?

A way to clarify that, on the weeks you don't come to church, why don't you come?

2. During the season of your life that you were most satisfied with the church you were worshipping in, what were the reasons?

3. During the season of life when you were most frustrated, discouraged, what were the reasons?

B. Consumer: One who acquires to consume based upon ones felt needs.

### II. Jesus and the Consumer Church

#### A. *John 2:13-14*

*The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.*

*In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.*

1. Consumer Church is not a new problem

2. Consumer thinking is an axe to the base of what church is supposed to be about.

B. Much of what begins as an effort to help, degenerates into self interest and self service.

C. The consumer church angers Jesus

*John 2:15*

*And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.*

D. Consumer Church exits through decisive action

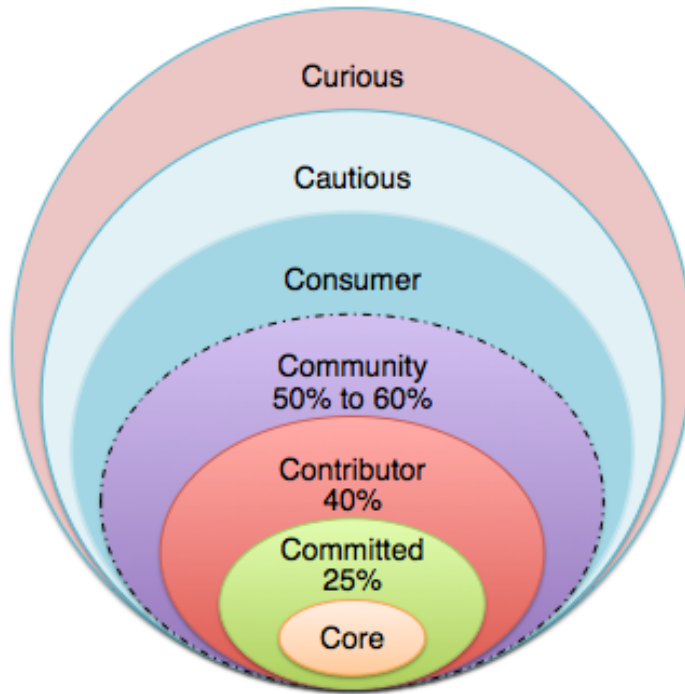
*John 2:16*

*And he told those who sold pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."*

E. *John 2:17-22*

*His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21 But he was speaking about the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.*

### III. Layers of Church Involvement



### IV. Conclusion