



INTRODUCTION

Relevant—Part 5

Rel•e•vant (adjective)

- having a bearing on or connection with the matter at hand
- meaningful or purposeful in current society or culture

Is the church still relevant today? That's a fair question. Here's another: in the face of rapid societal change and unprecedented challenge, does the church have anything to say or contribute to the world that is meaningful and helpful? A lot of people would say "no"—church is old-fashioned and irrelevant to real life.

What do you think?

Tune in to the series, Relevant, as we see how the message, methods, and ministry of The Ridge is more relevant today than ever before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Josh went old school in today's message and talked about some of his favorite VHS video tapes. Share some of yours! (Bonus points if you still have some at home!)
2. In this Relevant message, we talked about how "Our message does change but our methods will." First, what are some ways that you are seeing businesses or organizations doing this well to adapt to today's world? Second, what are some ways that you are seeing churches do this well? (The Ridge or another church).
3. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 and discuss how you can apply Paul's example to your life and your Christian witness to those around you.
4. Moving forward, how might you be able to more fully utilize our methods of In-person, Online, and Ridge at Home services to worship, connect, serve, give, and invite others?
5. Take some time to share prayer requests and close in prayer.

APPLICATION

We live in a society and culture that is ever changing. Innovation, flexibility, and relevance has been a part of the church since the very beginning because Jesus gave His disciples tremendous flexibility in how they would carry out His Great Commission.

Take Paul as an example, the gospel did not change but his methods did based on where he was and who he was trying to reach. Fast forward to today. At The Ridge, we are trying to stay relevant as we maintain the same gospel Paul preached.

Today we experience church by different means: attending in-person; watching online; or gathering for Ridge at Home. The church isn't bound to one place at one time. We are the church and God's presence is with us wherever we are.

KEY VERSES (CSB)

- Matthew 5:13-14
- Matthew 22:37-39
- Romans 12:10
- Romans 1:16
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- Ephesians 3:20-21