

**“Happy 5th Birthday!”**

**Matthew 18: 20**

- I. It's time to celebrate!! Around 80% of church plants aren't in existence 5 years later and of those that are, the average worship attendance is around 100 people.
- II. Lessons learned?
  - a. The church is not a building- Matthew 18:20
  - b. The church isn't the church if people outside of our community don't feel the impact of our faith.- Acts 1:8
  - c. The church isn't the church if everyone isn't invited- Luke 14:21-23
  - d. Sacraments and the liturgy keep us grounded in worship that is relevant- 1 Corinthians 10:17
  - e. We don't quit when things get tough- Joshua 1:7-9