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## Introduction:

- On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther “posted” his 95 Theses on the door of the Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In it, Luther voiced his protest against the Catholic Church’s corrupted doctrine and practices. And hence, the Protestant Reformation began.
- Like Luther 500 years later, a generation of young adults, known as millennials, have posted their differences and dissatisfactions with the church on the “door at Wittenberg.” And a modern day Reformation is beginning.

## The Four Theses:

### Why Millennials Have Left the Church

1. The Church is not a place where we can find Christ-centered \_\_\_\_\_ and wrestle with the hard questions of life.
2. The Church is not a place of \_\_\_\_\_ where we can honestly and openly share our struggles, hang-ups and failures without being judged.
3. Jesus calls His followers to make the world a better place for His glory and \_\_\_\_\_ must be the distinguishing mark of His kingdom.
4. The Church is doing little to provide opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ for eternity in the global world.

## What the Bible Says About Each of These:

**Community** – Acts 2:42-47

**Authenticity** – Matthew 23

**Quality** – Colossians 3:17, 23

*Everything we do ought to have “\_\_\_\_\_” written all over it.*  
– Paul Dixon, President of Cedarville College

**Making A Difference** – Matthew 25:31-40

## Conclusion:

I am convinced that this generation is the \_\_\_\_\_ and will respond extremely positively to wise and thoughtful churches who are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ about bringing the uncompromised, life-changing Gospel to a generation who desperately needs Jesus!
2. And who are willing, like Jesus, to \_\_\_\_\_ some of the old ways of doing things from the 1980s and are eager to meet people where they are!

**Either get busy living or get busy \_\_\_\_\_!**