

## Why Hilstock

Matt 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47 (refs)

### Great Commission

- ~recognize our calling and responsibility as Christian's to tell somebody about Jesus
- ~make disciples, baptize them, teach them

Hilstock..."A celebration of praise and evangelistic music and arts designed to lift up and promote the Lordship of Jesus Christ in private and public settings"

### 7 Startling Facts (churchleaders.com) (**one slide??**)

1. less than 20% of Americans attend church
2. American church attendance is declining
3. Only one state is outpacing its population growth
4. Mid size churches are shrinking; smaller and larger are growing

5. Established churches are declining (40-190 yrs)

6. the increase on churches is 25% of what is needed to keep up with population growth

7. In 2050, the percentage of US population attending church will be about half of what it was in 1990.

Why Hillstock (2010-2018)

1. To Declare That Jesus Christ Is Lord

~Matt 1:23, Phil 2:9-11, Rev 1 (**refs**)

~all free to the community, grace is free

2. To Defeat The Works of Satan 1 John 3:8  
(**ref**)

~rescue the perishing, proclaiming Christ

~manifestations of Satan, spiritual blindness

~Jeremiah 6:15 (**ref**)

3. Rally The Troops

~we are the troops!

~as much as about the lost, Hillstock is about the church

~Isa 60:1-2, Rom 13:11-12a, Eph 5:14-15, Matt 5:16 (refs)

#### 4. Challenge Our Community Luke 14:16-23 (ref)

~house to be full, highways and byways, compel them

~make a decision!

~not solely social work

Why Hillstock

~Declare Jesus

~Defeat Satan

~Rally Troops

~Challenge Community

"we need to be energetically at work for the One who sent Me here, working while the sun shines. When the night falls he workday is over." John 9:4 NLT