
[SERMON NOTES]

The _____ of God is never for personal gain nor ours to control.

The church goes from _____ glass to a stained glass mosaic.

If the Gospel is for everyone, then the _____ needs to be, too.

How To Impact Someone You'd Rather Not:

1. Walk with Jesus before you _____ for Jesus.
2. Our _____ and _____ build bridges for truth.
3. Show others _____ begins with what Jesus did for them, not what they must do

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

We all view the world and the things around us with a "lens." You put them on and it changes the way that you see things. Our "lens" is shaped and molded by a variety of factors, things like our upbringing, our culture, our jobs, our friend groups, politics, and so many more things. But your worldview is also critically important on how you treat others. For people who consider themselves disciples of Jesus, we need to have the same lens as Christ. We need to see things the way He would see them and respond the way that he would respond. ***In the space below, write out some key areas where it's important for disciples to be aware that their "Jesus-lens" is more important than their culture-lens.***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

You can probably think of some people who are in your life or have been in the past that you would rather not try and influence for the sake of the gospel. This is a hard reality that we all run into from time to time. Sometimes, in our selfish desires, it is easier to just put things off and not deal with “those people”. This is why a lens of Christ is so important! Sometimes, the question we need to ask to help in these circumstances is, “How does Jesus view that person?” Don’t imagine Jesus viewing them how you would like for Him to but rather, how does Jesus actually view that person? ***Pause, reflect, and journal about the reasons you may have a hard time viewing that person or persons the way Christ does.***

Below is a list of passages that can help shape how we treat others and continuously offer unconditional love for one another. ***Read the following passages and then highlight some different aspects and qualities that we should have as disciples of Christ.***

Matthew 5:43-48

Ephesians 4:29-32

John 15:34-35

John 15:12-13

1 John 4:19-21

1 Peter 3:8-12

One of the common themes that we have seen throughout the book of Acts is that there were people who were being faithful to God and who were empowered and gifted by the Holy Spirit to do incredible things for the sake of the Gospel. The apostles and followers of Jesus were being led by the Holy Spirit. In order to do this, you need to listen FOR and TO the Holy Spirit. ***How do you listen FOR and TO the Holy Spirit? How are those things different?***

Here is a good principle to consider: “Don’t talk to someone about Jesus without first talking to Jesus about that person.” Think of someone in your life that may not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. ***Spend some time praying for that person. Pray for God to give you the wisdom to see opportunities to share the gospel with them and that you would have the courage and boldness to take advantage of those opportunities.***

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible and READ (Reflect, Examine, Apply, Do).

Acts 8

Philippians 2:1-11

Galatians 3:23-29

Titus 2:11-15