

SERMON NOTES

Work Is Worship Part 3

1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:23-24 NKJV

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- light - don't hide it. Shine - do they know?
- Salt -
 - Creates thirst -
 - Adds taste - Attitude and speech - grace seasoned salt - **Col 4:6** "speech with grace seasoned with salt"
 - Must be in contact with the food - not in a salt shaker
 - Salt stops rot - good works
- Doing a good job is part of this
- Your Behaviour and integrity matter –

Psalms 15:1-5 (NKJV):

1 A Psalm of David. LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

3 He [who] does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He [who] swears to his own hurt and does not change;

5 He [who] does not put out his money at usury, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these [things] shall never be moved.

- How to give your Testimony and share gospel -
 - Testimony - your Jesus story
 - i. Make it Short and real
 - ii. Make a list of testimonies to be ready for when the chance arises

- iii. There are 3 elements to your testimony - Before the change, how the change happened, after the change
- iv. Focus on Him and give Him all the glory
- o The essentials elements of the Gospel -
 1. **God** is real & **Heaven** is real (He loves you) (John 3:16)
 2. **Me** - Separation - No-one can be good enough because He is perfect (I have sinned) (Romans 3:23)
 3. **Jesus** was/is real - his life / His death tho' perfect
He **died** for you to be perfectly forgiven (1 Peter 3:18)
 4. **Respond**. Lord. When you see this and give your life to Him He makes you forgiven and brand new (John 1:12)
- o Learn some scriptures
 - INVITE people to Church!
 - Principles of evangelism from Luke 10

Luke 10:1-12, 16-21 NKJV

1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. **70 - ALL, BEFORE HIS FACE - WHERE HE WANTS TO GO, ALL ANOINTED, WORKERS IN HARVEST**

3 "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. **HARD WORK & there is OPPOSITION**

4 "Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. **HE WILL PROVIDE. DON'T WAIT TILL YOU'RE PERFECTLY READY.**

5 "But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 "And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. **PEACE, & A "MAN OF PEACE"**

7 "And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

8 "Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. **RELATIONSHIPS**
"And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' **KINGDOM POWER AND AUTHORITY**

10 "But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

12 "But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city...

16 "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." **OPPOSITION**

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. **THE "BABES"**

- Priscilla, Aquila and Paul in Corinth and Ephesus examples.

Acts 18:1-3, 11, 18-19, 24-26 NKJV:

1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth.

2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. 3 So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers ...

11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them...

18 So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. He had his hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews...

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Acts 19:1-2 NKJV

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

Acts 20:33-35 NKJV

33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

34 "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

Acts 19:9-12 NKJV

9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 So that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDES

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do **PRACTICALLY** in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.