

2019 Seminars
Day #5 – Reaching the Lost & Love

In praying about the last two seminar topics I came to realize that they go hand in hand. After all, how can you reach the lost if you don't walk in love. God is love and faith worketh by love so without it, what do you have to offer the lost that is any different from what they already have? John 17:20-23 and Mark 16:15-20. What follows are a few Scriptures on these subjects that I hope will frame the issues in a practical way to enable you to walk in love and minister one to another as well as to the lost.

1. God is love and He loved us first, just as we must love others first.

See I John 4, particularly verses 7-11, 16, 17-21

Romans 5:6-21, particularly verses 6-8

I Peter 3:8-4:19 (particularly verses 3:8-15, 4:1-5 and 4:7-12)

2. Examples

The Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

Phillip ministering in Samaria (Acts 8:1-13) and to the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40).

Note: he preached Jesus unto them, much like the Apostle Paul determined to know nothing among them save Jesus Christ and him crucified as set forth in I Corinthians 2:1-5, that their faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

You cannot do this unless you stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, knowing that you have no righteousness of your own and therefore can operate in faith, which worketh by love. See Galatians 5:1-6 and Galatians 3 (verses 1-5 in particular)

Jesus having compassion on the people and miraculously feeding them, ministering and healing them until late in the night then going and praying so He could be replenished for the next day

Jesus with Nicodemus (John 3), the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-22), Gadarene demoniac, Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood (Luke 8:26-56), the woman at the well (John 4:4-42), the Syrophenician woman (Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30), the Pharisees/Saducees, etc..

The story of Jesus with the Syrophenician woman is a good example of what Paul meant when he said that he was made all things to all men that he might win some.

The stories of Jesus with the woman at the well (in Samaria), the Gadarene demoniac, Jairus, the woman with the issue of blood and the 10 lepers as he passed through Samaria (Luke 17:11-19) are good examples of the Great Commission, namely that as you go in the world preach the Gospel. Mark 16:15-20.

3. Judgment begins at the house of God. I Peter 4:17-18

- a. Jesus sent the 12 out 2 by 2 to ministers repentance unto the church of His day. See Mark 6:7-13 and Matthew 10:5-42
- b. He also sent the 12 and the 70 out to preach the Gospel. Luke 9:1-6 and Luke 10:1-24.
- c. Jesus in the synagogues

Man with withered hand that was healed on the sabbath (Matthew 12:1-21, Mark 3:1-12 and Luke 4:1-11)

Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58, Mark 6:1-6 and Luke 4:16-30)

Capernaum (Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:31-37)

Galilee (Luke 4:14-16 and 43-44)

Synagogue ruler's indignation against Jesus for healing the woman with a spirit of infirmity for 18 years (Luke 13:10-17)

- d. Jesus in the temple (Matthew 21:12-16 & Matthew 21:23 to 23:39, Mark 11:1-11 (triumphant entry), Mark 11:15-18, Mark 11:27-12:44, Luke 19:45-21:38), John 2:13-22, John 7:14-53, John 8:2-59, John 10:23-38,
- d. Peter/John in the temple. Acts 2:46-47 and 3:1-4:4, Acts 5:20-25, Acts 5:42
- e. Stephen in the synagogue (Acts 6:8-15 & 7:1-60)

f. Paul in the synagogues

Antioch of Pisidia (Acts 13:14-52)

Note how the synagogues in the lands of the Gentiles were also places where the Gentiles who were interested in following the God of the Israel came even though they were treated as second class citizens.

Iconium (Acts 14:1-5)

Thessalonica/Berea (Acts 17:1-15)

Corinth (Acts 18:1-6)

Ephesus (Acts 18:19 to Acts 19:20) shows how Paul (verses 18:19-21) began in the synagogue, was followed by Priscilla/Aquila and Apollos who also preached in the synagogue (Acts 18:24-28), and then when he returned came to the synagogue again (Acts 19:8-9) until he was kicked out.

4. You have to go where the unbelievers are

Philip into Samaria (Acts 8:1-13)

Paul to Mars Hill in Athens (Acts 17:16-34)

Paul in Philippi by the river where he met Lydia (Acts 16:12-15)

Work place

Community