

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

2.27.2022

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias

John 21: 1 – 14

Winning people to Christ means to share the gospel with them, and to ask them if they want to receive it. This is a very basic and simple way to become soul winners. The truth of the gospel is such that we need to share it with all those around us. This takes patience on our part. We do not just speak the word of God and move on, but we must live it in front of others as well. People not only hear our words, but they see our actions. Others must see our kindness, our gentleness, our patience, and our love, which are all qualities of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Mankind is controlled by their sinful nature and as Christians we were the same before believing upon Christ. We must not only love our neighbor, but we must also recognize that a change in their life must come. This change can only come through Christ and his saving grace, and not until then. Our responsibility is to share the gospel of salvation with others and that is all that we can do. It is God, through Christ work on the cross, that saves them as they believe upon him, and as they believe upon that which the crucifixion and resurrection has accomplished.

1 Corinthians 3: 7,....neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase....

Christ does not want us to focus on the number of how many might be saved, because we have no control over that. Only God, through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit knows what this number is going to be. Christ wants us to focus on the quality of the gospel in which we share. This is what sets us apart from those who have only come to deceive mankind. The truth is in the quality. As we share the truth of the gospel of Christ saving grace with those around us, then can the convicting power of the Holy Spirit help them to respond to it, so that they may choose to believe upon it, and that they may accept it, so that it will become a part of their life.

John 21: 1 – 3,....Jesus showed himself....to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias....there were together....other of his disciples....Peter saith....I go a fishing, they say....we also go with thee....they went forth....that night they caught nothing....

We all must make choices in our lives when it comes to the work that we do. Some things that we do are necessities in the life that we live, such as a job to support our families, or just daily chores that must be done to survive. No matter what it is that we are choosing to do, those choices should all be made with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we do not seek the lord in all that we do, then sooner or later we will face failure in these choices that we make. Sadly, if there are others involved, then they will share in the failure as well. When we put our hope and our trust in our own efforts, chances are that things are going to go wrong. This brings us into times in our lives when we are working so hard at something, and despite our best plans, nothing seems to work out, and it feels like we are coming up empty. God will allow us to fail, so that we will learn to be humble, and therefore seek after his wisdom.

Proverbs 10: 28 – 30,....the hope of the righteous shall be gladness, but the expectation of the wicked shall perish....the way of the Lord is strength to the upright, but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity....the righteous shall never be removed, but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth....

Our life in this world is often very hard. But, when we know the Lord, then we will have his hope in our heart that everything will be ok. Those who do not know the Lord will never get to experience the comfort and hope that comes with Gods promises through his power and strength. Blessings and eternal life come to those that follow Gods will, but worldly problems will come to those who do not, whose ultimate end is destruction.

John 21: 4 – 8,....when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus....Jesus saith....have ye any meat....they answered....no....he said....cast the net on the right side of the ship....they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes....therefore that disciple....saith....it is the Lord....Peter....girt himself....cast himself into the sea....other disciples came....dragging the net with fishes....

Christ is always waiting for us with open arms, but we do not always recognize him, due to a lack of trusting in him, and seeking his will for our life. God wants us to be persistent in seeking his will for our life. Some aspects of Gods will, we will see very clearly, and some things do not seem to be that obvious. That is why, we must realize that the process of seeking Gods will is just as important as the answer that we are expecting to receive. Growing in Gods faith will help us to recognize his leadership and guidance, and will help us to grow spiritually, which will strengthen our relationship with him.

Matthew 6: 33,....seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you....

Christ does not want us to live a life of worry, he wants us to trust that the Father will provide for us all that we will need, this is because he values us greatly. Where do we get our confidence to do this, by pursuing God's kingdom, and trusting in his righteousness, leaving everything to him, because God is in control. Only by putting God first can we pursue his righteousness. The word teaches us how to avoid the uselessness of fretting, the fruitlessness of worry, and it teaches us that the only thing that will come out of trusting in our own self-righteousness, is anxiety. Our thoughts, and our pursuits should be on Gods eternal kingdom. As we trust in God to fulfill his promises, we will see that he is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask.

John 21: 9 – 14,....as soon as they were come....they saw a fire of coals....and fish....and bread....Jesus said....bring of the fish which ye have now caught....Peter....drew the net....full of great fishes....one hundred and fifty three....Jesus saith....come and dine....Jesus then....taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise....this is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead....

When, and how often do we realize, that we are indeed in the presence of the risen Lord. One way is when we, come to the understanding, that God is in complete control. Humanity was given the ability to make genuine choices which have real consequences. Even though we make choices, God allows all that happens to happen, but ultimately, Gods will is going to be accomplished. Another way is when in our everyday life, we allow him to remove all cause for worry. We can trust in the promises that are given unto us through the word of God. These promises given unto us by God, he backs up through his heavenly abilities, which he shows unto us through his love. This brings us into his obedience. The more time that we spend in the presence of the Lord, the more obedient to God that we become. The more obedient we become in the sovereign will of God, the greater we become in our spiritual maturity to him. This in turn brings us back to the choices that we make. Our spiritual maturity affects how that we make decisions. We recognize that living in Gods will does not mean that we sit idly by and allow life just to happen. It means that we boldly live our life in Christ, trusting in him, knowing that he is faithfully working in all things in our life, for the glory of the Father.

Romans 8: 28,....and we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose....

In our life, we may have to face difficulties and dangers, trials and tribulations, for all who live godly lives will suffer persecution. But we have Gods unfailing assurance, that all who have believed upon the shed blood of Christ, which was shed upon the cross, these will be conformed to the image of his Son, and given the hope of eternal life with him.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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