

Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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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.

Curiosity to Opportunity

Luke 19: 1 – 10

There will be many times in our life that we will put forth a great effort to find something that we love, something that we have misplaced, or even something that we greatly value, when we believe that it has been lost. But how often, as believers, have we put forth the same amount of effort to be a witness to lost souls. If we are to imitate the characteristics of God, then we must show forth the same effort as God hath shown forth, and even a greater effort when it comes to finding lost souls. This means a greater effort than we would put forth for the worldly, materialistic, goods that we cherish so much in our life. We must remember that mankind is more important to God than God is to man. If we are not actively seeking after those who are lost, which means seeking after them in order to give unto them the message of salvation, then we should not be surprised when they seek to find it on their own through the world. Let us remember, that we too, were once lost in sin before Christ found us, and he found each one of us through the testimony and the ministry of other believers. Therefore, we should have a willing desire to be used, by God, to seek out those who are lost, so that they might be saved.

1 Timothy 1: 15,....this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acception, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief....

Through his word, Christ has shown unto us by his example that he is the one that seeks after mankind. So, what this means is that in this grace dispensation period that we now live, it is now the responsibility of the church to do the seeking, for the church is the body of Christ, with him as the head. Now, here is the problem in the church today, many churches today teach that it is the unbeliever's responsibility to seek after their own salvation. So, the church today is filled with contemporary music, it is filled with casually dressed motivational speakers, there is no preaching or teaching of sin and repentance, and the truth of God's word is being torn down so that the church might cater to mankind's sinful emotions and worldly desires, and this is not pleasing unto God. Sinners need to hear teaching and preaching concerning the consequences of sin, not the notion of materialistic wealth due to good deeds. Therefore, the teaching and preaching of the truth of God's word is the responsibility of the believer, and it is to be consistent when it comes to seeking after lost souls.

Romans 3: 10 – 11,....as it is written, there is none righteous, no not one....there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh God....

Seeking after God is the responsibility of service of every believer within the body of Christ, and it is this responsibility that motivates us as believers to seek after lost souls, and that is because when we were, yet sinners Christ died for us, therefore we were first sought after and then found by the redeeming blood of Christ Jesus.

So, if you will turn with me to: I want to read you a story, and I want us to see how that God uses curiosity to provide in our life with him an opportunity to seek after those who are lost.

Luke 19: 1 – 7,....Jesus entered and passed through Jericho....there was a man named Zacchaeus....and he was rich....he sought to see Jesus....he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him....when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said....make haste, and come down, for today I must abide at thy house....he made haste....and received him joyfully....they all murmured, saying....he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner....

So, as we look at this passage of scripture, we see an example of worldliness in the life of Zacchaeus, whose only foreseeable net worth is that of worldly value, but just like Zacchaeus in all of humanity is instilled the need to make a choice between that which is good and that which is worldly, or evil, and with this comes the curiosity to not only see the good, but remember since we were born with an inherited nature from Adam we also have a curiosity to see worldliness as well. Therefore, as the convicting power of the Holy Spirit entices mankind's curiosity to look toward the goodness of God, then comes our opportunity as the believer to seek out that curiosity, so that we might give an explanation of understanding unto others, concerning the saving grace of Jesus Christ. If Christ would not have sought after Zacchaeus, if the call to salvation would not have been given, then the opportunity for the unbeliever to receive understanding would have been made void. So, it is our responsibility as a believer to give opportunity, for we are the non-believers opportunity to receive.

Ephesians 4: 1, 11 – 13,....walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called....he gave some, apostles....prophets....evangelists....pastors and teachers....for the perfecting of the saints....work of the ministry....the edifying of the body of Christ....till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God....

Christ handed off the responsibility of seeking after lost souls to the church, but not without first making provisions so that all believers would have the abilities necessary to complete Gods desired purpose and plan.

Therefore, God encourages us to learn through his word, because his calling on our lives should be our first priority. It is very crucial to the spiritual health of the body of Christ that all members use their God given talents appropriately. This means that it is Christ that gives the spiritual gifts, and our focus should not be upon the gift that is given, but our focus should be upon what Christ does through the individual that he has gifted. When we as believers exercise our spiritual gifts, then the church as a whole is built up into maturity in Christ.

Therefore, it is Christ who equipped the church to do the work which he could have done himself, and he would have done it better, but he chose to turn it over to the church, the body of believers. So, I ask you, why, why give to the believer this important responsibility of seeking souls.

Proverbs 16: 22,....understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it, but the instruction of fools is folly....

If Christ had not handed the responsibility of seeking souls off to the church, then the church would have had no idea of what they were supposed to do with their time here upon this earth. Christ knew that he needed to equip us with a work to do, and that work was given unto us with a goal, and that goal was so that the ministry of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ would continue to be carried out upon this earth. Christ has also equipped us as individuals for the work of the ministry, because Christ did not want us as believers to become followers of this world, he wanted us to remain in him and in his word. So, therefore, every single believer, no matter how old, or how young, we are to be involved in the building of Gods kingdom. God does not have a retirement plan for the church here on this earth as some may want to believe. His retirement plan is a plan that is never ending, and it begins and ends with those things which have eternal value.

Psalm 14: 2,....the Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God....

The key to seeking lost souls is seeking God. The key to seeking God is having good spiritual sense, which comes from having a right relationship with him, which not only benefits us, but also is a beneficial help to others.

So, let me ask this question, do we as believers have good spiritual sense? Sadly, the answer is often time no. This is because not always do we as believers allow the consequences of our foolish actions to teach us the lessons that God would have us to learn, so that we might become wiser in listening to the indwelling Holy Spirit before making bad decisions. Seeking God means seeking after his wisdom, his knowledge, and his understanding.

Psalm 111: 10,....a good understanding have all they that do his commandments....

Those who have Godly understanding have it because they listen and receive corrections through the instruction of his word. The more understanding we receive the more that we will recognize its value. The one who receives understanding, not only listens, but seeks after the will of God, and then becomes even more obedient to his word.

The effort that we put into seeking lost souls is reflected by the effort that we truly put into seeking God.

Remember, just recognizing God in our life does not mean that we are truly seeking after him and his will, and in the same manner, just recognizing those who claim not to believe does nothing to secure their eternal life with God. As believers, we must accept the responsibility to seek and to save those which are lost.

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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