

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Missions Conference

These questions are for the **March 3, 2019** sermon, "Today I will . . ." Please read the sermon passage (Matthew 9:35-38; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE CONSIDER OUR OWN LOCAL OBEDIENCE, WE MUST BE . . .

1. Moved to take action like Jesus (Matthew 9:35)
 - a. The mission of Jesus was characterized by teaching, proclaiming and healing.
 - b. If we are to love like Jesus, then we must
 - i. Learn and teach the Word of God.
 - ii. Live and proclaim the good news of God's kingdom.
 - iii. Relieve the suffering/oppression of the people around us.
2. Moved with compassion like Jesus (Matthew 9:36)
 - a. In order to see people like Jesus saw them, we will need a radical paradigm shift.
 - b. Jesus did NOT see . . .
 - i. politics, positions, race or preferences as the key identifying factor.
 - ii. People as an inconvenience.
 - c. He saw all people with compassion, and as sheep who need a shepherd.
 - i. your neighbors have been harassed by life, and are helpless in their flesh.
 - ii. Sheep need someone to protect them, feed them, lead them.
3. Moved to pray like Jesus (Matthew 9:27-38)
 - a. How did Jesus remain so focused on the mission God had for him?
 - b. Eyesight leads to appropriate emotions--leads to disciplined words.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: As he accomplished the mission that God laid out for him, Jesus taught the Scriptures and proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom. How many conversations have you had in the last 4 weeks about the sufficiency of Jesus, and your joy in him?
2. Based on #1, above: Jesus had the power to literally heal diseases. You do not. But we can pray for healing, and we do possess the ability to relieve suffering and oppression. In the last 4 weeks, how have you relieved the suffering of the "crowds"? Would you say that you are moved to take action to show kindness to people who see life differently than you? How?
3. Based on #2, above: Dr. Sisk spoke of a radical paradigm shift in the way we see people. EXAMPLE: unruly children on a subway car with a passive father. Once we understand that the children's mother had just passed away, we want to help them, rather than judge them. Their behavior may not change; but our perspective can change. Apply this to your liberal neighbor. Your same-sex attracted nephew. Your "missing the mark" co-worker. Would you describe yourself as compassionate? or judgmental? How might Jesus be calling you to change?
4. Based on #3, above: 27% of the world's population woke up today with no gospel witness. What do you sense God calling you to do that is "locally faithful" in the mission? What might he be calling you to do that is "globally faithful?" How might your missions prayer life improve?