

DATE: March 26, 2017

SPEAKER: Pastor Dale Oquist

TITLE: SENT - Part 2

1. Are there reasons why you don't invite non-churched individuals to church?

LOOKING BACK:

Romans 10: 13-15

In Romans 10: Paul states how can anyone preach unless they are sent? We are the current stewards of the gospel and it is our duty to bring the gospel to the people. Paul speaks on the efforts that We are sent to tell; so, that they hear, believe, and receive. To have effective communication: It must be the right person with the right message in the right way at the right time. Dynamic and powerful things will happen if these are all in place.

2. How do you know when the Holy Spirit is telling you to share the gospel with a person?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Pastor Dale spoke on Acts 8, with Philip preaching in Samaria proclaiming the Messiah. A revival was moving and the communication was effective; therefore, many were healed and great joy took over the city. In Verse 26: an angel of the Lord told Philip to go down to Jerusalem to Gaza. On the way, Philip heard an Ethiopian eunuch reading Isaiah 53, he asked the eunuch if he understood what he was reading. The eunuch said, "I do not understand unless someone explained it to me." Philip took this opportunity to explain the good news of Jesus, and afterwards the eunuch was baptized.

3. Do we always make ourselves available to God and his Word?

Philip had the supernatural sensitivity to hear what the Spirit was telling him to do. In Acts 8:29, "The Spirit told Philip, "Go to the chariot and stay near it." Because Philip also had the unwavering availability, he made himself available to God to obey what the Holy Spirit was asking him to do.

TAKING IT HOME:

All we need is a "Because" to invite somebody to church and/or to Fresno City Fest.

Divine Initiative: Philip runs up to the eunuch, and the eunuch and his officials weren't alarmed. The eunuch was probably the second most powerful person in Ethiopia. The Holy Spirit gave Philip the initiative to go to the eunuch. We must have an initiative to invite a person to hear the gospel. A study shows that 80% of non-churched individuals would visit a church if they were just invited. Annually, 21 out of 100 adult church goers will invite somebody to church. Out of the 21 adults, 19 of them are inviting somebody that already goes to another church. Only 2% of individuals are invited by another person that has no relation to a church.

* For example: Fresno City Fest, you can say to them, "You can come, because...":

- A. of the kids' activities
- B. Cross fit activities
- C. Sports Activities
- D. Music
- E. The Great Message

Again, we are the current stewards of the gospel and it is our duty to bring the gospel to the people. Therefore, we must be sensitive to hear what the Holy Spirit is telling us, have an unwavering availability just like Philip, and have an initiative to invite a person to hear the gospel.