

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Manna Church West Florida is taking a *Road Trip* this Summer! Join us as we hear from pastors and leaders from around the nation who have a vested interest in what God is doing both in and through Manna Church. They're bringing a fresh message from God's Word to speak to our hearts and encourage our journey. Don't miss a week - it's going to be a great summer!

Acts 18:1-11

"Outreach is the heartbeat of the church."
"We can't say we love God if we don't love the world."

1. Share the Gospel as Your Main Occupation

- Paul was occupied with the Word.
- Your occupation should be sharing the Good News!
- Share what God has done in your life.

2. Share the Gospel Even When You Face Opposition

- Paul faced opposition and revilement but kept preaching.
- We don't wrestle against flesh and blood.
- Spiritual warfare is real, but the gates of hell won't prevail against the church.

3. Share the Gospel Because There Are Great Opportunities

- Paul found a worshiper of God named Titius Justus.
- Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord along with his entire household.
- There are people in your life who are your opportunities to share the gospel.

4. Share the Gospel with a God-Given Optimism

- God told Paul, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent."
- Even when facing challenges, maintain a positive outlook.
- Jonah's story shows that even a simple sermon can lead to great revival.

Practical Steps

Be occupied with sharing who Jesus is.

Don't take opposition personally.

Look for opportunities to share the gospel in everyday life.

Maintain a God-given optimistic outlook, trusting that God is with you.



Discussion Questions

1. Why is personal evangelism important according to Pastor Riley?

Pastor Riley explained that outreach is the heartbeat of the church and it comes from the pastor's heart. How have you experienced personal evangelism in your own life, and what impact did it have on you?

2. How does the story of the rich young ruler relate to the concept of loving God and loving what He loves?

Jesus told the rich young ruler to sell everything and follow Him, but he couldn't. Pastor Riley emphasized that we cannot claim to love God without loving what He loves, which is reaching out to the lost. In your own life, how can you apply this principle of loving what God loves to your actions and priorities?

3. What does it mean to 'level up your outreach' and how can we implement this concept in our lives?

Pastor Riley encouraged the congregation to level up their outreach using the analogy of video games and cheat codes. He shared examples from his own life and experiences in sharing the gospel. What specific steps can you take to level up your outreach and share the gospel with those around you?

4. How can the apostle Paul's journey in Corinth help us when facing opposition and challenges in sharing the gospel?

Pastor Riley used examples from Paul's journey in Corinth to emphasize the need to continue sharing the gospel despite opposition, and not to take it personally. Can you think of a time when you faced opposition while sharing your faith? How did you respond and what could have been handled differently?

5. What are some effective ways of finding opportunities to share the gospel and how do you think this can impact others?

Pastor Riley stressed the importance of finding opportunities to share the gospel and shared personal stories of how reaching out to individuals led to their lives being transformed. How can you identify potential opportunities to share your faith in your everyday life, and what steps can you take to seize these opportunities?