

Luke 9:1-36 – 16 April 2023

“A Conduit For God’s Word”

Introduction

- * Since Chap 4 Jesus is teaching of the Kingdom
- * Our part is to believe Him
 - * “This is the work of God to believe on Him whom He hath sent” (John 6:29)
- * But on what do we believe? HIS COMPLETE WORD
 - * We don’t trust man’s opinion
 - * We don’t trust our own feelings
- * Even if we study & learn 10% of all there is to know about this world thru science & history, we’re still woefully unprepared to face this world
- * But when we trust the words of the God who created it all, He’s promised that He’s given us all we need for “life & godliness”

Let’s look at 4 effects of God’s Word in our life

1st effect of the Word on us is that it is the power that we preach (Vs 1-10a)

Read Vs 1-2 – *Sending Disciples two by two*

1. Seems to be a short-term giving of the H.S.
2. Notice the goal is to preach and then healing was the authentication of the preaching
 - a. Authentication today is that our word lines up w/ God's completed Word (see Heb 1:1-2a)

Read Vs 3-4

1. They go serving the Word of God seeking those that find value in the Word to support them
 - a. No stave: Their protection is shield of faith
 - b. No scrip, bread or money: Their provision is the Word of God
 - c. Not 2 coats: Their warmth is God's love
2. Trip is designed to show total dependance on God
 - a. You physically need nothing to serve God, you just need something spiritual, faith
 - b. Everyone can serve God's Word to others

Read Vs 5-6

1. It's good to tell rejectors you don't have need to come back again (Act 20:26-27, Eze 33:1-5)
2. Cast out enough seed & you'll find those who'll receive it

Read Vs 7-9

1. Jesus is starting to get attention from influencers
2. Proves you don't have to appeal to the flesh to get attention (many in the church today think this)

Read Vs 10a

1. They were excited to see such things done
 - a. We'll see this same excitement when Jesus sends out the 70 in Luke 10
 - b. Read Luke 10:20 - Don't be excited for the power you have but the position you have

2nd effect of the Word on us is that it is the provision that that we exchange (Vs 10b-17)

Read Vs 10b-1 – *Feeding of the 5,000*

1. Large event that Jesus doesn't turn people away
2. Notice again: mission is to preach the kingdom

Read Vs 12-13

1. In last account, disciples weren't to take food, now they're told to provide food for the people
2. As we seek & serve God's Word, He will provide our daily bread
 - a. Mostly naturally, but even supernaturally
3. Physical provision was intended to teach them to seek spiritual provision (Read John 6:26-27)

Read Vs 14-16

1. The process & principle here: small provision that we do have given to the Master
2. Then the Master blesses the provision, then given to the servant leaders that gives to the people

Read Vs 17

1. As distributed thru the 12 disciples, there were 12 baskets left (each distributor was sufficient)

3rd effect of the Word on us is that it is the pattern that we follow (Vs 18-27)

Read Vs 18-19 – *The Great Confession*

1. Great provision going out, but who's the Provider

Read Vs 20-21

1. It wasn't time to be revealed

Read Vs 22

1. Clear prediction that Jesus will die & rise again
2. What was the disciple's reaction to this?
 - a. (Remember there're many women here also)
 - b. Didn't believe it enough to let it sink in
 - c. In fact, other Gospels say Peter rebuked Jesus for saying He was going to die
 - d. Read Luke 24:6-8: THEN they remembered

Read Vs 23

1. In the next verses, note these are characteristics of some that follow in Jesus's footstep
 - a. Meaning that all of the following is what Jesus is doing

- b. He's denying Himself & doing only the Father's will

Read vs 24

- 1. Only way to seek God is to deny our own path, b/c the 2 paths WILL diverge from each other

Read Vs 25

- 1. The value is following God's path & not ours

Read Vs 26

- 1. Judgement Day is coming in which path you choose will be revealed & rewarded/condemned

Read Vs 27

- 1. Peter, James & John are about to experience the Kingdom on the Mount of Transfiguration
 - a. Kingdom isn't a place, it's a state of being
 - b. This will reveal to them the value & worthy of what Jesus is saying
 - c. This will reveal to them the truth that the full Judgement Day of the kingdom is coming

4th effect of the Word on us is that it is the priority that we live (Vs 28-36)

Read Vs 28 – *The Transfiguration*

1. Jesus is demonstrating for His inner circle His healthy habits of prayer and focus on the Father

Read Vs 29-31

1. So Jesus is literally interacting with the real and living spiritual world that's all around us
2. Why Moses & Elijah?
 - a. These are only 2, during time of Israel that have circumstances surrounding their death
 - b. Seem to represent the “Law & Prophets”
3. Notice, they’re focused on Jesus’s death
 - a. Not from sense of hopelessness, but of awe
 - b. Center feature of life is the cross of Jesus

Read Vs 32

1. Our flesh thinks prayer is dullest thing there is, yet in reality, it’s the most exciting thing there is

2. Later in Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus finally expresses to them just how sad it is that they don't see the value of interacting with God in prayer

Read Vs 33

1. Peter mistakenly equates Jesus w/ the others!
2. Peter just had to say something, & it was stupid
3. Notice that Peter recognized the men
 - a. We're not dumber in eternity if Peter can recognize them here
4. We don't *lead* a spiritual charge; we simply follow Jesus in *His* spiritual charge

Read Vs 34-36

1. We seek Jesus & His Words
 - a. We're not attracted to man's word or the devil's
 - b. We don't even get distracted w/ other heavenly things or like visions of heaven
2. Don't be distracted away from listening & obeying Jesus and His Word

Conclusion

Do you see the focus Jesus puts on believing His Word? Are we being a conduit to bring in & put out God's Word?

1. **The Word is the power we preach**
 - a. "For the Word of God is alive & powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword..."
 - b. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation"
2. **The Word is the provision we exchange**
 - a. "Give us this day our daily bread"
3. **The Word is the pattern we follow**
 - a. "I come to do Thy will O God"
4. **The Word is the priority we live**
 - a. Jesus is embodiment of the Word of God
 - b. Jesus is the image of the invisible God & the Head of the church that in all things He might have the preeminence