

Sermon Notes

May 19, 2019 - 1 Kings 8:41-43, 56-61

The Mission of God's People 4: Attracting Others to God

Summary: Part of God's plan for renewing all things is for His People to live lives that attract others to God. But this can only happen when we rest in God's love and embrace the fullness of the Good News of what He has done for us through God the Son, Jesus Christ.

Intro: Buying a map to navigate throughout the Lower Mainland

- A. Maps for life
 - B. The Christian life map
 - C. Part of God's plan for renewing and restoring the world
 1. is for His People to be so attractive that they _____ others to Jesus
 2. So how _____ be the difference that makes the difference between someone following Jesus or not?
- I. **Solomon's Prayer for the Foreigner** (1 Kings 8:41-43)
- A. Solomon's odd assumptions
 1. He assumed that foreigners would _____ about the God of Israel
 2. He assumed that foreigners would come & _____ to God at the Jerusalem Temple

- B. Solomon's bizarre request
 1. Solomon is asking God to hear & _____ favorably to the foreigner who prays to Him (1 Kgs 8: 42b-43a)
 2. Solomon's motivation – That all people of the earth will come to know & _____ in God (1Kgs 8:43b)

II. **The Attractiveness of God's People** (1 Kings 8:56-61)

- A. What Solomon is saying is this:
 1. God has given His people rest
 2. God has kept and will continue to keep His promises to His people
 3. God can give us the desire to follow the way of life that He has given us
 4. God will uphold the cause of His people each day
 5. Because of what God does for and through His _____
 6. People all over the earth will _____ that this is the one, true God
- B. Why are things not working out this way in our present time?

III. **The Gospel Gap** (from *How People Change* by Timothy Lane & Paul David Tripp)

- A. The Gap – When people know the Lord but their lives fail to produce the expected fruit of faith
- B. Reasons for the Gap
 - 1. We understand the _____ implications of the Gospel (Jesus died for all our sins)
 - 2. We understand the _____ implications of the Gospel (Jesus is going to come back to make us & all things right)
 - 3. But we are blind to what the Gospel means for us in the _____
- C. 3 kinds of Gospel Blindness
 - 1. We are blind to our true _____
 - a. We don't see ourselves as sinners who need the Gospel
 - b. We don't see ourselves as the beloved, forgiven child that Jesus has made us
 - 2. We are blind to God's _____ (2 Peter 1:3)
 - a. God has given us Jesus, who lives within us
 - b. Jesus is all that we need to grow in godliness

- 3. We are blind to God's _____
 - a. God is continually helping us to grow in Christlikeness
 - b. God is willing to sacrifice our comfort to help us grow

Conclusion:

- A. Regularly _____ on the beauty & sacrificial love of Jesus
- B. Keep _____ yourself what Jesus & His love means for you
- C. The gift of Holy Communion
- D. Application: How does this message apply to your life?
