

Sermon Notes
May 26, 2019 - Acts 3 & 4
The Mission of God's People 5:
Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus

Summary: Our values are very important because they guide our decision-making. We often have values that lead us away from life with Jesus, but God pursues us with His love and transforms our values. As life with God becomes our greatest value, God gives us opportunities to share the gift of life with God with others.

Intro: The castaway who built a church

A. Values

1. Conflict is often about differences in _____
 2. Values guide our _____-making
 3. Questions that can help us _____ our values:
 - a. What are some qualities, characteristics or experiences which, if we had to live without them, we would be devastated?
 - b. What are some qualities, characteristics or experiences which, if they were able to be in our life with abundance, would give us great joy and fulfillment?
 4. _____ our values
- B. Discovering, examining and evaluating our values is soul work. _____ is the best at doing soul work in us.
- C. Key question: Do my values lead me to make decisions that draw me away from life with Jesus, or toward a deeper life with Jesus?

I. **Beggarly Values**

- A. _____ Using other people to accomplish our own goals & objectives
- B. _____ far too low
1. we aim for less than what God can give us when we _____ to handle our life in the present on our own
 2. we miss out on all the joy, growth, and sweetness that we would experience if we were living our life with God as the lead _____ instead of us.

II. **God's Agape Love for Us**

- A. God is loving, gracious & merciful toward _____

1. God _____ us with His love
 2. God _____ out to us to get our attention
 3. God gives us an _____ of life with Him
 - a. We value God more
 - b. That value leads us to make decisions that draw us deeper into life with _____
- B. God sent _____ & John to the lame man
1. Peter & John revealed their _____ (Acts 3:6)
 2. Because they were loved by Jesus
 3. They knew that the most important thing in the _____ was unconditional, choosing, sacrificial (*agape*) love.

- C. The importance of self-giving, sacrificial _____
 - 1. Illustration: *Avengers: Endgame*
 - 2. What Jesus has done for us
 - 3. Illustration: *A Mighty Fortress* (vv. 3 & 4)

III. Jesus' Love Transforms Our Values

- A. John & Peter knew that the greatest gift they could _____ the lame man was the gift they had been given:
 - 1. life in _____ with God
 - 2. In His Kingdom
 - 3. _____ His *agape* love
- B. Peter commanded the man
 - 1. to get up & _____ in the name of Jesus
 - 2. And _____ healed the man
- C. Peter & John let Jesus _____ with their values. Those values led them into a moment where they could share the Gospel of Jesus
 - 1. With a man who had been lame for _____ years
 - 2. With a _____ that gathered in amazement when he was healed
 - 3. With the authorities that seized Peter & John in anger & _____
 - 4. God only knows how many people were welcomed into His family because Peter & John let Jesus love them & _____ their values

Conclusion: Let Jesus love you

- A. Let Him mess with your _____
- B. With Jesus loving & guiding you
 - 1. You will be able to live with _____ & purpose
 - a. Loving God
 - b. Loving people
 - c. Watching for opportunities to _____ what has been given to you
 - 2. More & more people will experience the greatest _____ they could ever receive: living life with God & His *agape* love.
- C. Application: How does this message apply to your life?
