Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Jesus Christ the True and Ultimate Prophet – John 1:1, 18

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of understanding God's will
2. Christ Reveals God to Us
3. Christ Illumines Our Hearts to God
4. Conclusion – illustration of the Road to Emmaus

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Deuteronomy 18:18 - I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.
- Hebrews 1:1-2 - Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son…
- Mark 1:14-15 - …Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- Luke 7:16 - Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"
- John 17:6 - I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world.
- John 15:15 - …all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.
- 2 Corinthians 2:14 - The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God…and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
- Mark 4:11 - To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables.
- Matthew 16:17 - Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.
- John 16:12-13 - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- Luke 24:25-27 – "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
- Luke 24:32 - Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 - For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Discussion Questions

- When you think about God revealing His will, what comes to mind?
- What does it mean that Jesus reveals to us the will of God for our salvation?
- Why does Scripture say that no one can see God and live?
- What does John mean when he says in verse 18 that Jesus has made God known?
- How is it comforting to know that God has chosen to speak through His Son?
- What can we learn from the fact that one of the main ways Jesus reveals God to us is through words?
- How does this reality shape our approach to Scripture as individuals, families, and as a church?
- Why is it not enough for Jesus to reveal God's will in the external sense?
- What does it mean that Jesus illumines our heart to God?

- What are some practical things you can do to seek Christ's illumination in your heart and life?
- How does the illustration of Jesus on the road to Emmaus help explain how Christ is the true and ultimate prophet?
- What impact does Christ's prophetic office have on how you think about others who claim to be prophets?
- How does the following shape your approach to the Christian life: to know God we must know Jesus, and to know Jesus we must know Scripture?
- What impact does the following quote from John Flavel have on your heart: If we know Christ and the truth as it is in Him, one drop of our knowledge is worth a whole sea of other people's natural abilities?
- How does this passage and sermon help grow your view of our glorious Savior?
- How does this passage and sermon impact how you go about your daily life?