

SERMON NOTES

NOVEMBER 14/15, 2015

REACH: Making Him Famous

Selected Scriptures
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So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

"Come back to God"

Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does..."

John 8:42-44 (NLT)

Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me. Matthew 12:30 (NLT)

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:10 (NIV84)

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. John 17:18 (NIV)

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15 (NIV84)

Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I now have a wife, so I can't come.'

"The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.'"

Luke 14:16-23

"...so that the house will be full." Verse 23

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His might power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

How you can make Jesus famous

1. Live your life with **excellence**, and do your job with **excellence**.

Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Philippians 1:27 (NLT)

2. **Love** and **enjoy** non-Christians.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. 2 Timothy 1:7-8 (NIV84)

"People don't care how much you know until first they know how much you care."

3. Be **ready** for the opportunities God brings to share the Good News.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Colossians 4:5 (NIV)

You are a missionary, cleverly disguised as a _____.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Memory Verse:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

Monday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Review the sermon outline. Which part of the sermon spoke to you? _____

What part of the sermon challenged you? _____

What change do you need to make in your life as a result of hearing the sermon? _____

Tuesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Acts 3:1-6. Where were Peter and John going? Why were they going there? _____

Describe the man they met. _____

For what did the man ask Peter and John? What was Peter's response? _____

Why do you think Peter demanded the man's attention? _____

Why is prayer such a vital part of evangelism? _____

How did Peter and John show openness to being led by the Holy Spirit? _____

Wednesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Acts 3:6-10. What did Peter say in verse 6? What happened to the man? _____

How did the man respond to being healed? _____

How did those who recognized the man respond to his healing? _____

How are you challenged by Peter giving what he had? _____

How is the Lord calling you to give freely what you have to others? _____

How would stepping out in this area help those around you to see Jesus? _____

Thursday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Acts 3:11-16. Why did people come running to Peter and John? _____

How did Peter respond to the people? _____

Why would the message Peter gave be hard for the Israelites to hear? _____

According to verse 16, how was the man healed? _____

Why is the message of salvation by faith in Jesus hard for the world to hear? _____

How does this story encourage you to go out and be a bold witness for Christ? _____

Friday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read Acts 3:17-26. How did the Israelites act in ignorance? _____

What did Peter tell the Israelites they needed to do (v19)? What would come to them if they did this? _____

How did God use what the Israelites did in ignorance for the good of all people? _____

How does Peter speak to the people with mercy and grace without compromising truth? Why is this so important when we are sharing Christ with people? _____