

Training the Next Generation

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 2.5 (3-2-22)

Duet. 6:4-9 & 12

- Jude 3 - We need to be contending for the faith! Contend = Strive in contest or rivalry or against difficulties - to struggle for
- We have taught people **about** the gospel for a long time, but we need to train/show people how to **live** the gospel.
- Jesus hand picked His disciples, showed them what it looked like to preach the gospel, and then sent them out to do the same.

I. It Starts with Me

- A. The first person you have to learn to lead is yourself.
- B. You can't give what you don't have, and you can't take someone somewhere that you have never been.
- C. 3 "P's" of personal discipleship
 1. **P**riorities -
 - a) "...Love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." - Duet. 6:5
 2. **P**practice -
 - a) "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ..." - Philip. 1:27
 - b) "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." - Colossians 3:17
 3. **P**atience -
 - a) "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience." - James 1:3
- D. It starts with me, but we are not meant to do it alone
 1. Philippians 1:27
 - a) It takes all of us doing our part to spread the gospel.
 - (1) We all need to be united by the same spirit living by the same spirit.
 - (2) When we are all being led by the same spirit, we will all be communicating the same message by the way that we live.

II. The Home

- A. Joshua 24:15
 1. If it's only going to be me and my family serving God, so be it.
 2. He took responsibility for the direction of his own family.
 3. Because Joshua was established in his walk with God, he then made sure that his family would follow suit.
- B. Don't Forget - set up constant reminders!
 1. Duet. 6:8-9

2. God knew that if they were not in the habit of recognizing God for their blessings, then they would forget about Him.
3. Judges 2:10 - It only took one generation to forget!
 - a) Psalm 71:15-18
 - b) Psalm 145:4

C. Acts 16:30-34

1. This man's decision to follow Jesus impacted "all his house."

D. 1 Timothy 3:5

1. You be the Bishop of your home!
2. The way that you lead your own life and your home will reflect how well you can lead other people with the Gospel.

III. Beyond

A. The Way that We Live - Ephesians 2:14-15

1. When we are leading ourselves and our families to live the gospel it will spill over to the people outside of your home.
2. We will be living as lights shining wherever we go. Our very presence will be radiating life to the people around us.
3. Sometimes we never know that impact that we have made on other people just by the way that we live our lives.

B. Getting in The Way - Jude 20-23

1. Sometimes we have to just get in the way, and be very intentional.