

Gospel Boldness

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 2 (2-16-22)

Matt. 5:13-16

I. Why?

- A. The Gospel is for everyone, and they need to be told!
 - 1. Jesus never refused anyone!
 - 2. He "...is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9
 - 3. Romans 10:14 - "...how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard..."
- B. Because we "ought to"
 - 1. Eph. 6:18-20
 - a) Paul was an ambassador for the Kingdom of God, and we are too!
 - (1) Ambassador = An authorized representative. A government ambassador is an agent of the highest rank.
 - 2. We have been commanded to. Mark 16:15-18
 - 3. Acts 4:20 - "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."
- C. It should be our nature to be living the gospel out on display
 - 1. If we are light, then naturally we should be shining light into the darkness.
 - 2. If we are salt, then naturally we should be gritty, pull out flavors, preserve things well, and be healing.
 - 3. The church has allowed itself to be discouraged by the things they see happening in the world. No matter what happens in this dark world, we are still light, and need to continue shining. The darkness can NEVER extinguish the light! - John 1:5

II. How?

- A. 7 Sources of Boldness for the Gospel
 - 1. Boldness from joy - Nehemiah 8:10
 - 2. Righteousness (right standing with God) - Proverbs 28:1
 - 3. We are not alone (God is always with us) - Joshua 1:9
 - 4. Spending time with Jesus - Acts 4:13
 - 5. Filled with the Holy Spirit - Acts 4:31
 - 6. Consistent Obedience to God's will
 - 7. Being surrounded by bold believers - Acts 4:23
- B. Know that the Gospel is the truth, and trust that it will defend itself.
 - 1. When you know without a doubt that something is true there is no fear of opposition because nothing can change the truth!
 - 2. The more solid you are in the truth of the gospel, the more bold you can be with it.
 - 3. 1 Peter 3:13-16
- C. Create/find an environment to develop your confidence and boldness in the gospel.
 - 1. Learning to live our faith boldly is a process
 - a) 1 Peter 3:15

- (1) It must be obvious that we are living with hope. The way that we are living should be spilling over with joy, peace, hope, etc.
 - (2) We should be living bold enough in our faith that it is obvious to everyone else. - there was evidence of the kingdom when Jesus ministered the gospel of the kingdom.
- b) Proverbs 4:18 “the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”
- 2. Philippians 2:12-15 - Amp
 - a) Work out your own salvation - learning to walk out our faith
 - (1) Our “work” is to believe the gospel - John 6:29
 - b) vs 13 - It’s God that works in us to do what we ought to do, not our own strength.
 - (1) We must consistently be submitting ourselves to the Father so that His power comes out not our weakness.
 - (a) Romans 12:1-2
 - c) vs 14-15 - We learn to walk out our faith in boldness to grow ourselves but also to be a witness and a light in this dark world.
- 3. Laney’s story - held back for many years, has now been given opportunity and is flourishing.