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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 01.19.25 Pulpit Curriculum

Woe to Me: The Necessity of Gospel Witness Part 2

Main passage: 1 Corinthians 9:15-18

1) The Context of 1 Cor. 9- Paul releasing his rights

[Phil. 2:5-8]

2) The Privilege of Evangelism- Paul's problem or ours?

[1 Cor. 11:1]

3) Evangelism is Necessary for all Christians

[Phil. 3:12; Rom. 1:14-17; Rom. 13:8; Rom. 5:5]

- Evangelism- proclaiming the message of the gospel; the Person, work, and words of Jesus Christ, with biblical clarity and personal authenticity
- We often think of missions and evangelism as an extracurricular activity rather than a privilege and a calling placed on every believer. When Christ's life intersects with Paul's example, necessity is laid upon us as a believer, and this is true for evangelism. It is the glory of the Lord and the joy of our lives.

A) Necessity is laid upon me (v. 16a)

B) Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel (v.16b)

C) I am entrusted with a stewardship (v. 17)

- 2 Cor. 5:17; Col. 1:25-29; Col. 4:17; 2 Tim. 1:11-14; 1 Pet. 4:10
- The root of the word "entrust" (pisteuo) is the trust which is a synonym to have faith. We trust in Christ for salvation, and he then entrusts the gospel message into our hands.

A. What is the meaning of the word "stewardship"? List scriptures that characterize it. _____

B. What does it mean that we've been *given* the ministry of reconciliation and *entrusted* with the message of reconciliation? _____

C. What am I doing with this gift that Christ has entrusted to me? How are you guarding it? _____

4) Evangelism's Reward (v.18)



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- The reward for gospel faithfulness is the satisfaction of serving God well, having fulfilled the calling to live a gospel life. The reward is to live for eternity, walking into eternal bliss, and an enhanced eternal praise that only comes through selfless Christian living. The ultimate reward is being welcomed into the “joy of your master” (Matt. 15:20-21).

D. What does it mean to live a life that allows us to enter into the joy of our master? _____

E. In what areas will God find you to be a faithful steward? Where do you need to grow? _____

5) A Life of Proclaiming Christ

[2 Cor. 4:1; 2 Cor. 5:18-21]

- Every Christian is called, entrusted, and accountable to preach the gospel. We are called to proclaim Christ and His excellencies to the world.
- Our Christian calling to evangelism
 - Matt. 5:13-16 Salt and Light
 - Mark 1:17 Fisher of Men
 - John 15 Bear Fruit
 - Acts 1:8 Witness to the World
 - Luke 10:2 Laboring in the Field
 - 2 Cor. 5:19-21 Ambassadors for Christ

F. How does our unresolved sin affect our evangelism? _____

G. What excuses do I tell myself to neglect the command to evangelize? Confess your sins to a person in Lifegroup. _____

H. Compelling evangelism flows out of a heart of worship. How are you cultivating a heart that is overflowing with worship? _____

I. Write down three character traits that need to change in your heart to be more obedient at evangelizing (love, care, kindness, tenderness, etc.) and ask someone to pray for you. _____