

the TAKE HOME 03.12.17

Sermon Notes

Today's Scripture Passages:

Memorize this verse!

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

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5 (ESV)

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:8 (ESV)

Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect... 1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)

Our Fallen Condition: Sometimes our compassion can turn to pride and we withdraw from unbelievers. Sometimes our pride can cause us to fight a culture war or expect perfection from ourselves when speaking of Christ.

Application Questions

- I am hypocritical? Do I lose sight of the whole person in trying to "save" them? Am I known more for what I am against than what I am for? Am I sheltered? Am I allowing my politics to obscure the gospel? Am I judgmental?
- At the very beginning of the day, how can I commit to humility in sharing my faith?
- How might I enter into the world of unbelievers the same way Jesus entered into mine?
- How can I share with people not just the gospel, but my own self? How can I give myself away for the sake of the gospel?
- How can I tune into the Spirit of God more so that He can produce humility in my witness?
- How can I be gentle and full of grace in my approach to those without Christ?

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Application

- Put on humility first thing in the morning** (1 Peter 5:5)
- Enter into their world** (John 1:14)
- Share yourself** (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- Tune into the Spirit** (Galatians 5:23)
- Be gentle** (1 Thessalonians 2:7)