

THE OPENING:

- HOW MUCH ATTENTION DO YOU/ I GIVE TO THE DESIRES OF GOD?
- CAN YOU NAME ONE DESIRE WHICH GOD HAS SHARED WITH YOU LATELY?
- AND ARE YOU INTENTIONALLY MOVING FORWARD TO SEE IT FULFILLED?

- IN TONIGHT'S MESSAGE I BELIEVE THAT GOD WANTS TO SHOW US HOW LITTLE WE ARE FOCUSED ON ACTUALLY LIVING OUT THE WAYS OF GOD.
- IF YOU ARE A BELIEVER OF GOD – HE WANTS MORE FOR YOU TONIGHT.
- IF YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF GOD – HE WANTS MORE FOR YOU TONIGHT.
- IF YOU ARE A DISCIPLE OF GOD – HE WANTS MORE FOR YOU TONIGHT.

- WE ARE TO RESIST, REBUKE, & REMOVE THE ENEMY; WE ARE TO RECLAIM THE PURPOSES OF GOD; WE ARE TO RESTORE PEOPLE & PLACES FOR GOD
- WE ARE TO PRAY TO THE LORD; BRING PEACE TO THE LAND; TO PREPARE THE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS; TO PROMOTE LOVE FOR GOD, AND LIFE WITH OUR NEIGHBOR.

THE KEY POINTS:

- JUST BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE OR DON'T BELIEVE IN JESUS, SANTA CLAUS, THE EASTER BUNNY, OR THE TOOTH FAIRY DOESN'T MAKE IT REAL.
- **OSCAR WILDE** – 'A THING IS NOT NECESSARILY TRUE BECAUSE A MAN DIES FOR IT.'
- **JAMES 2:19-20** 'YOU SAY YOU HAVE FAITH, FOR YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE GOD. GOOD FOR YOU! EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE THIS, AND THEY TREMBLE IN TERROR. **20.** HOW FOOLISH! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT FAITH WITHOUT GOOD DEEDS IS USELESS?
- **MAHATMA GANDHI** – 'TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING, AND NOT TO LIVE IT, IS DISHONEST.'
- DID YOU KNOW THAT GOD SHOWED HIS DISCIPLES HOW TO PRAY?
- ARE YOU AWARE THAT HE SHOWED THEM HOW TO PRAY MORE THAN 1X?
- DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE SAID? WHAT PART OF HIS PRAYER DO YOU PRAY?

- WHAT I BELIEVE GOD WANTS US TO SEE, & TO KNOW, & TO DO TONIGHT, IS TO BECOME HIS PEOPLE... WHO DO NOT JUST KNOW WHAT TO PRAY, OR KNOW WHY TO PRAY, BUT SEEK TO FULFILL HIS PRAYER BY INTENTIONALLY STEPPING INTO REALITY WITH GOD - KNOWING THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD AND CHOOSING TO LIVE/ TO DO ACCORDING TO HIS IMMEDIATE DESIRES.

LET'S READ SCRIPTURE WITH OPEN MINDS, HEARTS & HANDS TO THOSE IN NEED!

- WHAT HAVE YOU NOTICED IN THE NEWS LATELY? A LOT OF HATE? A NEED FOR HEALING & HOPE? WHAT ARE GOD'S DISCIPLES DOING ABOUT THIS?
- WHAT DO I BELIEVE GOD WANTS ME TO DO ABOUT THIS? [**LUKE10:30-37**]

LUKE 10:25

'ONE DAY AN EXPERT IN RELIGIOUS LAW STOOD UP TO TEST JESUS BY ASKING HIM THIS QUESTION: "TEACHER, WHAT SHOULD I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?"

LUKE 10:26

JESUS REPLIED, "WHAT DOES THE LAW OF MOSES SAY? HOW DO YOU READ IT?"

LUKE 10:27

'THE MAN ANSWERED, "YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND ALL YOUR MIND. AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

LUKE 10:28

'JESUS TOLD HIM, "RIGHT. **DO THIS** AND YOU WILL LIVE!"

THE APPLICATION:

- TOO MANY PEOPLE TODAY ARE NOT - DOING THIS.
- THEY MIGHT BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD THING. THEY MIGHT THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY ENJOY HAVING OTHERS LOVE THEM.
- BUT HOW MANY OF US CAN SAY THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO HONOR THE LORD OUR GOD **AND** WHO ARE HELPING PEOPLE TODAY - REGARDLESS OF STATUS - WHO HAVE BEEN HURT AND/OR IS BEING HARMED, AND WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM RECEIVING A LIFE OF HOPE & HEALING FROM GOD?

WHAT ARE WE TO DO:

- **LUKE 10:1-4** 'THE LORD NOW CHOSE SEVENTY-TWO OTHER DISCIPLES AND SENT THEM AHEAD IN PAIRS TO ALL THE TOWNS AND PLACES HE PLANNED TO VISIT. **2.** THESE WERE HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO THEM: "THE HARVEST IS GREAT, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. SO, PRAY TO THE LORD WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE HARVEST; ASK HIM TO SEND MORE WORKERS INTO HIS FIELDS. **3.** NOW GO AND REMEMBER THAT I AM SENDING YOU OUT AS LAMBS AMONG WOLVES. **4.** DON'T TAKE ANY MONEY WITH YOU, NOR A TRAVELER'S BAG, NOR AN EXTRA PAIR OF SANDALS. AND DON'T STOP TO GREET ANYONE ON THE ROAD.
- KNOW THAT WE ARE INVITED TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD.
- WE CAN DO THIS BY PRAYING TO GOD FOR WORKERS TO BE SENT AND BY FULFILLING GOD'S DESIRE BY STEPPING OUT & INTO THE CITY STREETS.
- UNDERSTAND THAT LOVING GOD REQUIRES US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR.
- ACCEPT THAT IF WE DO NOT PRAY AND WE DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS PRAYER BY SEEKING TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS THEN OUR LOVE FOR GOD IS NOT REAL – IT IS ONLY A BELIEF – AND IT IS INCOMPLETE.

THE CLOSING:

- WHEN WE DIE TO OURSELVES, & WE LIVE FOR GOD, WE FIND ETERNAL LIFE
- PRAY TO THE GOD OF THE HARVEST
- PRAY THAT GOD WOULD SEND MORE WORKERS INTO THE WORLD
- LET'S NOT JUST BE BELIEVERS, OR FOLLOWERS/OBSERVING, BUT DISCIPLES WHO ARE DOING THE VERY THINGS GOD HAS SENT US TO DO.

MARKS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS:

DISCIPLES: GO AND GIVE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPENT

DISCIPLES: LOVE AND BLESS THOSE WHOM YOU ENCOUNTER

DISCIPLES: HEAL/HELP THE SICK AND ANNOUNCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR

DISCIPLES: HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY

DISCIPLES: HAVE THEIR NAMES REGISTERED IN HEAVEN