

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Lord God, we confess that our sinful nature stands in the way of our desire to serve you as we ought. We are hesitant to answer your call to reach all people with the Gospel. We want to avoid hardship and go the easy way. But you served us before you called us. You went to the cross for our sin and saved us all.

Move in us now. Forgive us, but also renew us by your Holy Spirit. Fill us with eagerness to discover every possible way we can reach others with your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

November 16, 2008

Isaiah 52: 4-10

For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the LORD. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I." How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

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Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Outline ~ November 2, 2008
Conditions for Growth ~ Part 5
"Inspiring Worship"

Introduction:

"Where God is clearly present and actively sought."

A Worship discussion from John 4...

1. Inspiring worship "_____."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet." v.19

2. False worship _____ us from God.

"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." v.20

3. Inspiring worship helps us _____.

"You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews." v.22

4. Inspiring worship _____ His Spirit to be active among us.

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks." v.23

5. Inspiring worship is built on the _____.

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." v.24

6. Inspiring worship: "_____!"

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" v.28-29

Answers: Great Commission, go and make disciples, the Lord your God, your neighbor, one in ten, prayerfully, unburden, create an environment, sand, how much is enough?