

Deep Discipleship & Vision Day- August 24

“Humanity falls into two equal and opposite errors concerning the devil. Either they take him altogether too seriously or they do not take him seriously enough.”- CS Lewis

Naturalism- all there is can be touched. All evil can be explained simply by people

Or Demon is behind everything- Car won't start. Demon.

Blame- I didn't steal that car- the devil made me do it. (

More horror movies produced and released today by far than there were 25 years ago.

In the last 25 years- the Spiritual, but not religious category has grown.

Boom in occult, tarot cards, astrology, and people piecing together their own religions.

When things feel out of control- we long for something to explain the evil in the world- at the same time- we don't want to relinquish control- we want to control. So a lot of folks don't want a God to tell them what to do.

Luke Slide

That's why for the last 25 years- or more really, bespoke spiritual practices have kind of been the thing.

But there is a rising turn away from that today- around the world really.

People are returning not just to “the spiritual”- but specifically they are interested in Christianity. In Jesus. Because making up your own religion is exhausting...and doesn't really work.

I don't know where you are today... or what sort of religion you've been putting together for yourself.

but the passage we are in today is going to show you what Jesus did, and when you follow Jesus- what he's going to do with you- if you trust him.

Title Slide “I Watched Satan Fall: The Mission, Message, & Motivation from Jesus”- Luke 10:1-20

In this passage today in Luke- it may surprise you that the natural world and the spiritual world are not really that far apart.

Luke 10:1-20

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and he sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself was about to go.

2 He told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. 3 Now go; I'm sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Don't carry a money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals; don't greet anyone along the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' 6 If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they offer, for the worker is worthy of his wages. Don't move from house to house. 8 When you enter any town, and they welcome you, eat the things set before you. 9 Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near you.' 10 When you enter any town, and they don't welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'We are wiping off even the dust of your town that clings to our feet as a witness against you. Know this for certain: The kingdom of God has come near.' 12 I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will go down to Hades. 16 Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 Look, I have given you the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; nothing at all will harm you. 20 However, don't rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

1) Jesus sends the church on an integrating mission.

Reality of the spiritual-

Overemphasize- always blaming the devil, always saying "It's a God thing"

Under-spiritual- there is only the material world.

He is mentioned over 250 times in the NT.

John 8:44- Father of Lies

1 Tim 4:1- corrupts truth and spreads false doctrines

2 Cor 11:14-15- says Satans and his demons take on the appearance of something righteous

2 These 2:9- they can imitate signs and wonders

1 Cor 7:5- he tempts the Christians specifically with adultery

2 Cor 2:11- tempts you to let unresolved anger turn into bitterness in the hearts of God's people

1 These 2:18-he puts obstacles in the way of the church telling others about Jesus.

Rev 12:10- the accuser of the church (opposite of Jesus- the advocate)

Ever get really down and ruminating over and over about your sin?

1 John 3:10- Father of hatred and murder at work in people lives

2 Cor 4:4- he blinds the minds of unbelievers to try keep them from understanding the gospel

1 Peter 5:8- Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour.

While there are definitely moments where demonic activity looks like a horror movie... Remember-

Satan is not really after your recognition- he's after your destruction

Satan and the demonic forces look to steal kill and destroy. They look to tear apart. Jesus- is interested in integrating. Bringing together.

The whole story of the Bible is that Heaven and Earth- creator and creation- have been torn apart by humanities rebellion against God...and God has made the moves to bring heaven and earth back together- to bring life and flourishing and redemption and restoration.

v 1

Sent- latin is Missio- or mission

Apostle- means "sent ones"

And to do what?

v 8-9, 17

Mission

Preach, a message- persuade people of the truth- KINGDOM- That Jesus is in charge.

Cast out demons- liberate people's souls from what is enslaving them

Heal the sick- mend bodies and communities.

Integrate

Back to 1)

He worked to mend the fabric of the world, which is falling apart physically and sociologically. Brings bodies to together. Brings people together. Brings people together in a body

He gives authority and power to do those things.

70 Table of Nations in Genesis- Bringing together the nations.

Send in latin is Mission- Mission

EVERYBODY who comes in contact with Jesus- is on a mission

You are called RADICALLY in- to experience him up close and intimately...a

....and now Jesus says you are sent radically out.

I bless you to be a blessing.

Focus on the needs of others.

Abraham...You will be Father...to bless nations

Moses...Come into the burning bush (personal experience holiness of God...to go out set my people free)

Isaiah- let me heal you from your sin...now Go and preach

My own son...his last Sunday at City church before he goes to college.

Intimate...come in...to raise you up to send you out.

This is the patterns of fathers with children..and I don't him to go out and live for himself...but for others.

Eph 2:10

Gods workmanship...for good deeds prepared for you to do. There are some needs only you can meet.

Combats the reigning worldview that there is no particular reason for you to be here. A SENT person has to have a sender.

CRITIQUE of MAKING ON MEANING or PURPOSE

People have grown weary of the materialist no mission lifestyle— because you weren't made for it .

2) Jesus' Gospel is Good News for those that repent, and bad news for those that don't. But it's never good advice.

The Kingdom of God is near...and to those that won't listen...the Kingdom of God is near

v 9 & 11-12

GOSPEL- news of objective history changing event that affects everyone. You reject- Jesus' kingship is bad news to you. You accept- its the best news.

Maybe he's your emperor, but not mine.
CRITIQUE of YOU DO YOU AND I DO ME

Its the same objective message- but responded to in 2 different ways. Very different from you do you and I'll do me and we'll be fine.

Marathon- Persians and Greeks 26.2 miles back "We won." then died.

Beginning of the gospel of Caesar Augustus- the gospel is an announcement of kingship. Lordship. and the kind of kingdom

v 18

"I saw satan fall from heaven" I was there before the material universe existed. I am the uncreated 2nd person of the trinity.

Its not advice about how to live. Its a declaration of reality.

"You cant try to convert people!"

That itself is appealing to a standard that you say applies to all people- abandon your cosmology and theology and adopt mine. You are making an absolute religious truth claim. Better to ask - what is true and how can we determine that?

3) Our motivation for the mission is always love, not power.

v 17

Wow- the demons even submit to us!!!

18-20

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 Shining morning star,
how you have fallen from the heavens!
You destroyer of nations,
you have been cut down to the ground.

13 You said to yourself,
“I will ascend to the heavens;
I will set up my throne
above the stars of God.
I will sit on the mount of the gods’ assembly,
in the remotest parts of the North.

14 I will ascend above the highest clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.”

15 But you will be brought down to Sheol
into the deepest regions of the Pit. -- Isaiah 14:12-15

Said to yourself- I- no community- All meaning and purpose is self-defined.

I will
I will
I will
I will

18-20

Look at second clause- what does it mean to have name written in LBoL

To have a name in ancient times meant to be somebody. I saw what made Satan fall- Pride- if you rejoice in your accomplishments- what happens when you stop being effective.

you arent somebody BECAUSE you are doing ministry. you are SENT to do ministry BECAUSE he’s made you somebody

This is what people see that make them reject religious truth claims. Satanic pride in Pastors.

The gospel is that your name is already written down.

You don't rejoice in what you do- but who you are in me.

You are already in. Accepted

The door on which you have been knocking your whole life- all the beauty ever sought, love you ever sought Heaven. God. welcome into the heart of it. The door is open

Don't rejoice in great mother or father...

Moses Connection- Transfiguration, Luke 9:49- like the prophets outside the camp, 70 elders,

Book of Life to atone for their sins- they will have, When he tells them to

Exodus 32:31-33

31 So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Oh, these people have committed a grave sin; they have made a god of gold for themselves. 32 Now if you would only forgive their sin. But if not, please erase me from the book you have written."

33 The Lord replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will erase from my book."

Exodus 32- Moses- blot me out instead of them.
Let me take the punishment.

Jesus is being blotted out in your place on the cross

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

You aren't proving yourself

enormous gentleness- saved by grace
courage and empathy

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