

Plundering the Enemy

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Webster's dictionary defines "*plundering*" as wrongfully robbing of goods or valuables by open force, violence or fraud. Yet, the Bible uses this idea of "*plundering*" in a very positive way. Jesus Christ, our one True King, has secured our victory over sin, death, and our enemy, the devil. Through faith in Him, we have the hope of eternal life and are enlisted to plunder the enemy that others might be liberated to eternal life. This is the mission of the church!

I. Picture of Plundering – Read 1 Samuel 17:48-53

- A. Who are the main players in this narrative and how would you describe them?

- B. What changes do you see in the Israelites as soon as David defeats Goliath?

- C. How do these details provide a picture of plundering the enemy?

- D. What connections can you make to Jesus and our mission as a church to evangelize the lost?

II. Clarity on Plundering – Read Mark 3:13-30

- A. What is the context in which Jesus teaches the parable of plundering the strong man's house?

- B. Who do you think is the strong man and when was he bound?

- C. According to Jesus, what does it mean to plunder the strong man's house?

- D. How is Ephesians 6:10-17 help us understand that this is a spiritual battle?

- E. How does John 8:31-36 clarify that being set free is a metaphor for eternal salvation?

III. Vision for Plundering – Application

- A. How are you doing at cultivating a love for the Lord Jesus Christ and the gospel?

- B. How would you evaluate your confidence that the gospel is the power of God for salvation?

- C. In what ways could you grow in prioritizing evangelism in your life?

- D. What are your thoughts about team evangelism and ministering the gospel together as a church?

- E. Would you consider yourself willing, equipped, and available to the call to plunder the enemy?