

On-Mission Class #4

Christ Proclamation Church; Sunday, December 17, 2017; Steve Thiel

I. Welcome

- Tonight's Goal
 1. Application of David Platt's "*Follow Me: A Call To Die. A Call To Live*"
 2. Bible Doctrine – (ch.7) What is Man?, (ch.8) What is Sin?, and (ch.9) Who is Christ?
 3. Christian Discipline – (ch.3) Memorization, Meditation, and
- Tonight's Plan – Combination of Discussion, Lecture and Small Group Interaction

II. Application of David Platt's "*Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live*"

A. Clarification from Reading "*Follow Me*" – 5 Things

- David Platt is writing in a specific context.
 - Mega Church Pastor in the bible belt – southern Christianity
 - Cultural Christianity – simply attend church, that's the extent of it
 - Nominal Christianity – Christianity in name only
- David Platt is NOT writing only to pastors
 - That's NOT the audience that he's addressing
 - He's also NOT writing to "Super Christians"
 - He would have tension with the idea of pastors having a different standard
 - Qualifications for pastors and elders are very good goals for everyone!
- David Platt is NOT expecting everyone to leave their jobs and go to the missions field
 - All of his suggestions and applications can happen right here in Windsor
 - Why? Because the mission field has come to us!
- David Platt is NOT trying to make you feel guilty
 - He is NOT trying to make you feel guilty or crush your spirit
 - He is simply encouraging you to move forward in your faith
 - 2 Peter 1:5-11 – "For if these qualities are yours & are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so near sighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior J.C."
- David Platt is arguing from the Bible
 - He is also arguing from the bible that "*Following Jesus*" looks like something
 - If your Christianity doesn't look like something, you should be concerned
 - And it's biblical to test yourself – 2 Corinthians 13:5 – "Examine yourself, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you faith to meet the test."

B. Purpose for Reading "*Follow Me*" – 2 Goals

- 1.) For you to grow in your relationship with the Lord
 - You can't teach what you haven't learned
 - If you're NOT delighting in the Lord, you won't evangelize or disciple anyone
 - If you're NOT overwhelmed by your salvation, you won't evangelize
 - If you're NOT seeing victory over your sin, you won't encourage others
 - If you're overwhelmed by God's goodness, sharing comes much easier!

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- How do you grow in your relationship with the Lord?
 - Reading, listening, and understanding the Word of God
 - Memorizing and meditating on the Word of God
 - Praying the Word of God that God might help you to move forward
 - Applying the Word of God to your life personally
- 2.) For you to grow in reaching out to others – evangelism and discipleship
 - Evangelism – What are some ideas of how we can move forward?
 - Discipleship – What are some ideas on how we can move forward?

C. Practice from Reading “Follow Me” – 2 Goals

- Have a goal of inviting 10 people to the Christmas Eve Service
 - Let’s start by listing your neighbors – those you know and don’t know
 - Then list the people at work that you could invite
 - Now let’s list other folks in your life – (sports, kids sports, school, hobbies, etc.)
- Steve Example
 - Neighbors – Ben Dow, Mr. Johnson (law firm), Stan & Kristen, Unknown
 - Across the Street – Todd & Becca, Unknown, Unknown
 - Basketball – Mark, Dan, Jeff, Russ, and Pete – I will invite this Wednesday!
 - Connections – Don Trinks, 2 Church Neighborhoods – I will invite this week!
- Share with someone – Great idea for your Life Group or accountability partner
- Pray for these people by name – Share and pray with others

III. Bible Doctrine – (ch.7) What is Man? (ch.8) What is Sin? (ch.9) Who is Christ?

A. What is Man? – Chapter 7

- Created in the image of God – Genesis 1:27
- Created to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth with God’s image – Genesis 1:28
- Created to bring glory and honor to God – Isaiah 43:7
- After the fall, we are still commanded to fill the earth with God’s image – Matt. 28:18-20

B. What is Sin? – Chapter 8

- What is sin? – Sin is lawlessness – 1 John 3:4
- Where did sin come from? – God’s command – Genesis 2:16-17
 - God commanded Adam before Eve existed – So Adam is responsible
 - Eve was tempted by Satan – Genesis 3:6
 - Adam was standing there and also sinned – Genesis 3:6
- Where did sin come from? – Adam – Romans 5:12
 - Romans 5:12 – *“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”*
 - Romans 5:19 – *“For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”*
- How much does sin affect us? – Total Depravity – Definition and Explanation
- How do Romans 5:12 and 5:19 help us understand the gospel?
 - For as by the one man’s sin (Adam), the many were made sinners!
 - For as by the one man’s righteousness (Jesus), the many were made righteous!

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C. Who is Christ? – Chapter 9

- Jesus is fully man
 - Holy Spirit will come upon you – Matthew 1:18
 - The power of the Most High will overshadow you – Luke 1:35
- Divinity took on humanity – Philippians 2
- Jesus was truly a man
 - Experienced everything of a man – marvel, wept, hunger, thirst
 - Truly tempted by the devil – Matthew 4
 - Sinless – 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5, and Hebrews 4:15
 - Jesus had to be truly tempted for him to be truly obedience – Romans 5:12, 19
- Jesus is fully God
 - “*In the beginning was Word*” – John 1:1, 14
 - “*Before Abraham was, I AM*” – John 8:57-58
 - “*In Him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell*” – Colossians 1:19
- Why is it critical that Jesus is both God and man?
 - He has to be man to be an adequate substitute for our sins?
 - He has to be God to pay for an infinite amount of sins?

IV. **Bible Intake (Part 2) For the Purpose of Godliness – (ch.3)**

- Memorization
 - Benefits – memorization strengthens your faith
 - Benefits – memorization prepares us for witnessing and counseling
 - Benefits – memorization allows meditation at any time
 - Benefits – memorization is possible for anyone
 - Benefits – memorization helps you put sin to death and walk in righteousness
 - Method – have a plan
 - Method – how do you memorize Scripture?
- Meditation
 - Benefit – a simple analogy would be a cup of tea – Page 47 Quote
 - Benefit – Joshua 1:8 – “*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*”
 - Benefit – Keeps you mind filled with godly thoughts – Philippians 4:8 – “*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*”
 - Method – Emphasize different words
 - Method – Rewrite the text
- Application

V. **Closing Comments**

- Next Meeting – Sunday, January 28th – 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Assigned Reading – “*The Unfolding Mystery*” – Ed Clowney

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VI. Questions

- What is Man – Questions
 - What is the significance of being created in God's image?
 - How does being created in the image of God impact your view of people?
 - What are some examples of ways we can fulfill the purpose we were created for?
- What is Sin – Questions
 - How would you define sin?
 - How does sin affect our lives and the world we live in?
 - What are some of the results of sin in the life of a Christian?
- Who is Christ?
 - What are some of the ways that we know Jesus was fully man?
 - What are some of the ways that we know Jesus was fully God?
 - Why is it critical that Jesus is both God and man?
- Spiritual Disciplines – Memorization
 - How does Jesus' confrontation with Satan (Matthew 4:1-11) illustrate the power of Scripture that is committed to memory?
 - How does Psalm 119:9-11 give us one of the main motivations to memorize Scripture?
 - What is the best strategy for you to memorize Scripture?
- Spiritual Disciplines – Meditation
 - What is the difference between memorization and meditation?
 - What are some of the benefits to meditation (Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8)?
- Spiritual Disciplines – Application
 - When you read the Bible, do you find it easy to apply the word to your life?
 - Do you find it difficult to be a doer of the Word (James 1:22-25)? Why or why not?