

Sermon Discussion Questions

We Have a Mission

Romans 7:7-22

September 2, 2018

1. Jeremy quoted Jesus' words in Matthew 5:14-16. Read this passage again adding Matthew 5:13 and discuss in practical terms what it means to be salt and light to our world (i.e., how are we or can we be salt and light).
2. In Romans 11:9 Jeremy highlighted that "their table" refers to wealth and abundance (remember it is a quote from David in the heyday of Israelite's history). How have you seen that abundance gets in the way of (or hardens people's hearts against) being a part of God's work in the world?
3. Remember Jeremy's story about the horse walking backwards? Who is in your life that seems to be walking backwards when God wants them to walk forward? How can we still love them toward God's plan for their lives?
4. Jeremy mentioned five ways we need to stay on the right track in order to stay effective in being a part of God's Great Commission (see Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15 on what this commission is). Review those five things and have a candid conversation on where we as a church are strong and where we are weak. Then discuss how we can bolster our strengths and strengthen our weaknesses.
5. Are there any stories you have heard or have been a part of that indicate that we are on track with being used by God to bring the gospel to east central Wisconsin? Brainstorm ideas on how you as an HDG can shine God's light brightly.
6. See if this is a viable event (i.e., if it would be a success) to share Christ with our community: We bring in a well-known speaker (like a Brian Gutekunst, GM of Packers) to talk about a subject (e.g., leadership), and they share the gospel (Brian, by the way, is a Christian) and a response is asked. Prior to the event we have outreach-oriented people who will sponsor tables. They would invite people to fill the table with people who are not Christians or not close to Christ. Then we have response cards for people to fill out afterwards so we can follow up with them. What do you think? What would have to happen to have an event like this? Are there other ideas you have to reach our community for Christ? (leader—share these ideas with Pastor Jeremy or Pastor Pat)