

SERMON OUTLINE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Burning Bright for Christ

FIVE BASIC CONVICTIONS ON MISSIONS

God's Word Is Ultimate Authority

God's Glory Is Ultimate Goal

Love for the Nations

Definition of Missions

Universal Call to Missions

THE GOSPEL AND ITS MISSIONS IMPLICATIONS

The Gospel Lens

The Gospel Inwardly

The Gospel Outwardly

THIS YEAR'S MISSIONS WEEK THEME: BURNING BRIGHT FOR CHRIST

Closest to Jesus

Clean "Mirrors"

Shining Together

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this sermon (along with all missions week) is that God's Word calls God's people to glorify God by calling all people everywhere to follow Jesus and we do that best by burning bright for Jesus. The main takeaway, then, is to call all people everywhere to follow Jesus by burning bright for Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of missions?
3. Which of the five basic missions convictions mentioned by Pastor Dave is easiest and most difficult for you to embrace?
4. When it comes to missions, are you "burning bright for Christ"? If so, what does it look like? If not, why not?
5. Which of the practical aspects of burning bright stands out and why (close to Jesus, clean mirror, shine together)?
6. What does it look like in your life to look at everyone through a gospel lens? How does that affect your missions burden?
7. On a scale of 1-10, how much do you appreciate God's saving grace in your life? How does that affect your view of missions?
8. Is it easy for you to see yourself as an ambassador for Christ? How does that work itself out in your life?
9. Have you ever implored someone to be reconciled to God? Why/not? If so, what happened?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?
11. Have you thought much about participating in missions? What is the biggest obstacle in the way of doing so more fully?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

12. Get closer to Jesus. Have a quiet time every day this week. Begin practicing a new spiritual discipline.
13. Clean off your "mirror". Confess your sin, turn from them, accept the forgiveness that is already yours, and walk in freedom.
14. Shine together. Find a way to work together with a group of Christians to bring the gospel to someone who does not believe.
15. Learn the gospel. You probably know it, but I promise that there are greater depths to plumb.
16. Believe the gospel. Fight with God's help to grow in your belief in the gospel for every area of your life.
17. Live the gospel. Live your life in such a way that makes it obvious that Christ's transforming power is in you.
18. Share the gospel. Share it with those around you and watch the power of God change minds, hearts, and lives.
19. Take the gospel. Begin praying about and working towards taking the gospel to places it doesn't already exist.
20. Support the takers of the gospel. Read newsletters to know how to pray for, check in on, visit, and financially support them.
21. Pray the gospel. Pray that God would be pleased to cause every one of our missionary efforts to bear good fruit.
22. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
23. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

PRAYER POINTS

24. Adoration. Praise God that He is infinitely glorious. Praise God for His mercy and grace. Praise God that He is King of all.
25. Confess. Confess a lack of biblical conviction regarding missions. Confess a lack of awe at the glory of God and love for the nations. Confess any dim burning for missions, distance from Jesus, dirty mirror, or individualism. Confess a failure to live fully in light of the gospel—inwardly and outwardly. Confess a lack of support for our missionaries.
26. Thanksgiving. Thank God for granting you trust in the gospel. Thank God for the privilege of sharing it with the world.
27. Supplication. Ask God to strengthen our missionaries. Ask God to help us better support our missionaries. Ask God to help our gospel witness to bear much fruit among the nations. Ask God to raise up more missionaries to send out from Grace.