Questions for Discussion

September 27, 2020

Habits of Grace: Praying the Promises of God

Live Like Jesus

Matthew 9:35-38

*We live like Jesus when we love lost people enough to share our faith with them.*

1. Our passage today begins with Jesus sharing the “gospel of the kingdom” (verse 35). Can you think how the three ways Jesus called people to faith in his world apply to how we’re called to share our faith with the lost people in our world? How might you engage in TEACHING others the truth about Jesus? How can you be PROCLAIMING the gospel message of Jesus to the people around you? How can you connect with people who need the HEALING power of Jesus?
2. Verse 36 of our passage highlights the compassion of Jesus as the motivation behind his gospel. We drilled down into that amazing word and the startling and powerful way it defines Jesus’ passion for lost people. How would you describe your own feelings toward lostness—in your family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors? Do you feel the sense of pity, mercy and concern that Jesus felt? If not, why not? For many of us, we don’t take the claims of the gospel seriously enough. For others, down deep we really don’t think there are eternal consequences to unbelief. Then there are those of us who don’t really invest in thinking about the spiritual needs of other people at all. What do you think it would take to shift your perspective enough to share your faith on a more frequent basis?
3. Our sermon concluded this morning with the four steps of a personal testimony:

Life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meeting Jesus

How you knew you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

Your decision to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

Life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meeting Jesus.

*Almighty God our Savior, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*