Is The Word Sounding Forth From You?

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INTRODUCTION

- We have choices to make. Things don't just happen to work out.
- This is a church from whom the word of God was sounding forth. Can that be said about us?
- It was the individuals who went out and reasoned through the scriptures, who studied and taught.

1 They Gathered and Studied the Word

Acts 17:11; Hebrews 5:11–13

- First of all, they gathered and studied the word.
- Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica. They received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so.
- You can't teach what you don't know.
- If you don't know it, read it. If you don't know it well enough, read it some more.
- It's one thing to study, it's one thing to not know, but it's another thing if it's inhibiting you teaching the word.

2 The Every Member Concept of Teaching

Acts 8:1–4

- Notice another method of the New Testament church at teaching is hinted at here. It's that every member concept of teaching.
- Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.
- That word is the very same word that got them jailed, that got them separated and scattered to begin with.
- It didn't matter about the persecution. The Christians simply taught Jesus.

3 Just Teaching Everywhere

- And the one final New Testament evangelistic method was just teaching everywhere.
- You have a jail that the gospel was initially taught in, the marketplace, churches, homes, streets, a chariot. What place was off limits to teach the gospel?
- The people, the apostles, the evangelists, went everywhere preaching the gospel.

4 What's the Big Deal? The Power of God for Salvation

Romans 1:16–17

- The message that the Christians fought for, that they went all about teaching was Christ.
- For I am not ashamed of the gospel. For it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- The answer is it's a huge deal. It is the power of God for salvation. That's why it matters so much.
- Eternity is at stake. Shouldn't we be just as passionate?
- It's not something to be contained.
- It was individuals who taught the gospel and led to more people seeing that Jesus is the Christ.

5 Is It Really So Different Today?

- I understand it's not the same today as it was then. But let me ask you, is it really so different?
- People know the Bible less than ever before.
- The world needs the gospel now more than ever before.
- We're not talking about numbers, we're not talking about bodies. We're talking about souls.
- People need to know. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What have you not given to God this morning? What do we have left to give?**

MY NOTES