Learning Evangelism

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INTRODUCTION

- How about saying I'm ready for things to get back to where they ought to be?
- Sometimes maybe the lesson that we need is not in how to do it, but in being motivated to do it.
- We're going to talk about three teachers that we have that we find in the scriptures, three people that we can learn from when it comes to evangelism.

1 Isaiah: Here Am I, Send Me

Isaiah 6:8; Isaiah 6:1–3; Isaiah 6:5–7

- I also heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I, send me.
- Isaiah sees this vision of God in his majesty on the throne.
- It's got to be us, doesn't it? We're the ones who see the majesty of God.
- Isaiah sees the majesty and the might of God. And he does, as every rightful person should, he recognizes his inadequacy in that position before God.
- Your iniquity is taken away, your sin is purged.
- I know who God is, and I know what he's done for me. That's the lesson we need to evangelize.

2 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well

John 4:9; John 4:16–20; John 4:27

- But rather than using this occasion to rest, Jesus used this occasion to teach.
- Jesus takes this earthly conversation and turns it to a spiritual conversation.
- How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?
- There's many excuses that could be given not to talk to her, but there were three reasons why he did talk to her.
- Number one, he saw her as a lost soul.
- And secondly, he had the answer to that lost condition. And thirdly, he had a deep concern for all of mankind.

3 The Pharisees: How Not to Do It

Luke 18:9–14

- Sometimes we need a negative teacher. We need somebody to show us how not to do it.
- He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others.
- God, I thank you that I'm not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.
- Beat his breast, saying, God be merciful to me, a sinner.

- I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.
- Do I recognize my own unworthiness and like Isaiah, say, I'll go.

THE CHALLENGE

Will we strip ourselves of our self-righteousness and self-importance and come bowing before God, offering our obedience and our allegiance to Him? Would you do that this morning?

MY NOTES