

Handwriting lines for taking notes.

1. GOD LOVES YOU and wants you to have eternal life with Him.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a SIN problem which SEPARATES him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

3. The good news is that JESUS CHRIST is God's solution to your sin problem. He is the ONLY way to heaven.

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

4. Therefore you must REPENT of your sins and place your FAITH in JESUS alone to save you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a NEW LIFE with complete assurance of SALVATION.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."



The Marks of a Missional Church

Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3
Last week's message

We have learned that some Christian Jews who were dispersed by the persecution have reached Antioch. God's grace was visible as they remained faithful in proclaiming Jesus despite their sufferings. We will continue with a brief survey of Antioch.

Antioch - A city in darkness. Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman Empire, next to Rome and Alexandria. It was progressive and cosmopolitan, but it was also a morally bankrupt city.

A Glimmer of Light. Light shone in Antioch when some of the persecuted believers reached this dark place and preached the Lord Jesus. The Antiochenes were pagans who worshipped the Greek gods such as Artemis and Apollo. They had no Old Testament background about God and the promise of the coming of the Messiah. We praise the Lord that there were those who came from Cyprus and Cyrene and upon reaching Antioch, began to speak to the Greeks, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. Luke wrote that a great number of the pagans turned to Christ.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ANTIOCH CHURCH IN CHURCH HISTORY. The Antioch church was a missional church. It became the Hub of the Mission to the Gentiles, playing a significant role in World Missions during that period. The first missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, who were sent out to preach the gospel to the gentile world, were part of the leadership team of the Antioch church. The church also played a significant role in clarifying doctrinal issues to the Jerusalem council that would have affected the forward movement of the gospel to the Gentile world.

THE MARKS OF A MISSIONAL CHURCH

Devoted to knowing Christ. In Antioch, many had turned to faith in Jesus, as Luke's description in v. 26 is that those who were taught were "a great many people." Barnabas and Paul would have taught these new converts about historicity and significance of the life, death, resurrection, exaltation, and future coming of Jesus Christ. This community of new believers in the faith was not only devoted to knowing Christ, but they were also devoted to loving Christ and people.

Devoted to loving Christ and people. At that time, there was animosity between the Gentiles and the Jews. Gentiles mocked the Jews for their religious practices - i.e., abstinence from certain food, Sabbath day rest, and belief in a God who is not seen - and the Jews, on the other hand, scorned the Gentiles. Jesus Christ changed this animosity by uniting them in Him. As the apostle Paul said in Galatians 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. "All one in Christ Jesus" is the Divine design of the church, and this love for Christ and people are shown through giving and sending. The Christians in Antioch gave financial support to their Jewish brothers in Judea. Next, they sent their best people, Barnabas and Saul, not just to bring their love gifts to their brothers in Judea but also to the Gentiles for the forward movement of the gospel.

Reflection: What is the relevance of the passage that we studied?

First, keep abiding in Christ by continuing to know and love him. If you love Him, you will obey His commands. The church is composed of people, but you and I are powerless to be witnesses for Christ, and be a missional church unless we abide in Christ.

Secondly, keep on learning God's Word. Come to hear the sermon on Sundays. Be part of a D-Group that meets regularly. Set aside time each day to read, meditate and study God's word, lest the busyness of life deplete our spiritual zeal. Loving Christ means obeying him. Are there areas in our lives that we have not surrendered to Him?

As we grow in knowledge of the Truth, in knowing Jesus, we grow in loving Him more.



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Order of Service

April 2, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Call to Worship
Praise and Worship
(Dismissal of children 3-12 to Sunday School)
Announcements
Sermon
- Communion
Response Song
Benediction

Join a D-Group

A Discipleship Group or D-Group is a great opportunity to meet regularly with a small group of people from CCF to study the bible, pray and support each other. D-Groups meet regularly in different parts of the Lower Mainland. Please send us an email (with your address) at contact@ccfvancouver.org and we will find a group for you.

NXTGen for Kids

... is our Sunday School ministry for kids aged 3 to 12. Through a Bible-based curriculum, we aim to inspire children to become Christ-committed followers.

NXTGen classes are held every Sunday, and conducted simultaneously with our worship service. Lessons are easy to understand, creative, and strongly encourage parent-child interaction.

An Invitation to Share Your Story

Would you like to encourage one another, and give honor and glory to God through your personal testimony? Get in touch with Bryan Pinpin through email ebpinpin@gmail.com.

Parking

Parking is available along 7th St. and Agnes St., and free until 12 noon, Sundays. Parking along the south side of Royal Ave. directly across the College is free all day on Sundays.

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Family Relationships 101: Walking Together Hand in Hand with God

April 2, 2017 | 10am
700 Royal Ave. New West



Giving

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income. Then your barns will be full, and your vats will overflow with fresh wine. PROVERBS 3:9-10

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
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
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If you're giving via cheque, please write it to Church Planting Ministries Inc.

For your convenience, an online giving facility thru Paypal will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Total tithes raised in March - \$9,268.12

Tithe goal for April - \$10,000