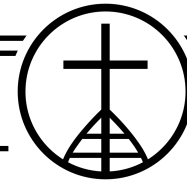


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Leader: Example

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

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Prayer & Praise: For the recent teachings of Jim Newheiser at HBC in biblical counseling and parenting teens, that the Word would take root and bear fruit in our church family..

It's Not About My Word, It's About God's Word. (v.13)

When Paul talks about accepting the Word of God as it really is, what is he helping us to understand about how we approach and handle the Word of God? Why is that a needed reality in our culture today?

Had you ever learned about the Protestant Reformers definition of saving faith in three aspects: notitia, assensus, and fiducia? How is that helpful for thinking about our efforts in evangelism and discipleship?

It's Not About Your Life, It's About Jesus' Life. (vv.14-16)

Cross-reference John 15:18-25. Do you think that message has been lost in the mainstream church today? How does being reminded of affect the way you think about suffering for Christ?

It's Not About My Absence, It's About Jesus' Presence (vv.17-20)

Paul longed to be with the Thessalonians again and used a powerful image of a parent "torn away" from his kids. Yet he was only with that church a short amount of time. How is that possible? Have you ever been impacted that deeply with a Christian relationship in a short amount of time?

Satan's hindering efforts were to cut 'ditch' between Paul and his people, in the hopes of the love growing cold. Have you ever seen distance between believers create a spiritual "coldness"? How is that the opposite of Paul's attitudes and efforts in Philippians 1:25? What does Hebrews 10:24-25 say to this matter?

Mutual Ministry: Paul calls those he is discipling his hope, crown, glory, and joy. Who is on that list for you?

What efforts are you making to make your love known to those disciples?

Man's word is a little sound that flies into the air & vanishes; but the Word of God is greater than heaven & earth, greater than death & hell, for it is the power of God & endures everlastingly.

Martin Luther