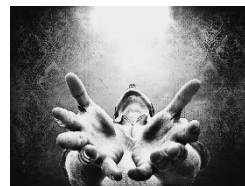


SURRENDER (Session 4)

A Surrendered Focus

Luke 9:57-62



THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

Do we _____ this Book?

Do we believe what the Book says about the _____? (*Luke 9:57-62*)

I. WILL WE CHOOSE _____ OR A CROSS? (*MARK 12:38-40; MATTHEW 8:19*)

- You don't come to Jesus as the means to an end. You come to Jesus to get _____. (*Luke 9:58*)
- Will we choose maintenance or _____? (*Luke 9:59-60*)
- Will we choose indecisive _____ or undivided _____? (*Luke 9:61-62*)

II. DO WE BELIEVE WHAT THE BOOK SAYS ABOUT THE _____? (*2 THESSALONIANS 1:7-9; REVELATION 20:15*)

- Over _____ billion people in the world, and _____ people in Denver are on a road that leads to an eternal hell.

III. DO WE BELIEVE WHAT THE BOOK SAYS ABOUT THE _____?

- Over _____ billion people live and die in desperate poverty, living on less than a dollar a day.
- Close to _____ billion others live on less than two dollars a day.
- Close to _____ children will die today due to either starvation or preventable disease.
- We are not inconvenienced by this extreme poverty because those stricken by it are not only poor, they are _____.
- God measures the integrity of our faith by our _____ for the poor. (*Isaiah 58:8*)
- Jesus tells those with abundance that if they do not feed the hungry and clothe the naked, they go to _____. (*Proverbs 14:31, 21:13, 28:27; Luke 6:20-21, 6:24-25; James 5:1; Matthew 19:21-23, 25:41*)
- If we live with so much _____, there's reason to question whether Jesus is really in us.

GOING DEEPER THIS WEEK

MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 28:7

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DAY 1 - DO WE REALLY BELIEVE THIS BOOK?

- For many of us belief in the bible isn't much more than an intellectual ascent. Belief isn't measured by intellect; it is measured by obedience. If we were judged not by our words but by our commitment to do what the Bible says, our answer to the question of "Do we really believe this book?" might be different.
- Take some time and consider the following areas of your life: money, the lost, sin & the church. Write a couple scriptures about each of them.
- Now think about whether your actions line up with the scriptures you've written.
- Go to God in prayer and ask Him to continue to change your inner most parts to reflect His character and attitude.

DAY 2 - ROAD MAP FOR LIFE?

- The Bible has been described many ways. It's been called a road map, love letter and a guidebook. If we are going to have surrendered focus on the Word of God, we should be clear from the onset about the bible's main intent.
- Is there anything wrong with these descriptions? Why or why not? If the previous descriptions about the Bible are true, then who is at the center of the biblical revaluation?
- The Bible is a revelation of God and Christ alone!
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & Hebrews 4:12-13. What do these say about how we should allow the Bible to shape us?

DAY 3 - THE WORD IS ENOUGH

- Prayerfully consider... What if church was a place where there was no worship, no sound system, no screens, no lights, just people crammed together with the Bible. Would you still attend church? Could all these "things" dull our sense of need for God's Word?
- Take some time and allow the Lord to show you the things in your life that dull your sense for God's Word?
- Read Matthew 4:1-4. What does Jesus' response to satan reveal about the sufficiency of God's Word?
- When was the last time you fasted? What is something that you think you need that you could sacrifice for more time in God's Word?

DAY 4 - THE WORD DOES THE WORK

- Read Matthew 28:18-20. How do you see the Bible at work in the great commission?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13. Where do you see the Bible in the list of qualifications for church leadership?
- Read John 15:1-8. How does this passage relate to the previous two passages you read?
- How do you think Jesus' teaching in John 15:1-8 would empower someone to bring glory to God?

DAY 5 - A CHURCH THAT'S FOCUSED ON THE WORD

- Read acts 6:1-7. How do you see this church being centered on the Word? Is it vital for a church to be centered on the Word of God? Why do you think so many "churches" aren't centered on it?
- What could happen if we became a church of people who not only learned the Word, but applied it? How would your life change? How would our families and communities change?