

STEP INTO GOD'S GREATER GLORY

DATE: 23 June 2019

SERMON TITLE: It's Personal

WELCOME: Welcome all New Visitors. Do an Icebreaker.

WORSHIP: SING: 1 Praise Song & 2 Worship Songs. During Prayer Time focus on God's GREATNESS AND POWER!

WORD

There is a passion for Christ which sets certain believers apart from others. **Not special people, but ordinary people with an extraordinary passion for god.** I believe God is looking for people who love Him in a special way (like treasure) – if you knew there was treasure in the House today, how would you seek it?

Read 2 Chronicles 16:19

Question: According to this verse, what is the Lord looking out for?

Answer: Those whose hearts are loyal to Him, who trusts Him with their whole heart.

Read Isaiah 6:8

We need to have a heart and attitude of: Use ME, send ME, anoint ME, empower ME, bless ME (I won't allow God's Destiny for my life to fall to the ground and make it necessary for God to raise someone else in MY place!!)

There is a PASSION (Eagerness, enthusiasm, intense desire, passionate commitment) **for God that is PERSONAL and it is REAL!**

EXAMPLES:

MOSES

Moses was the incomparable "friend of God" because **he possessed a passion for God in an unusual degree.** An angel might be all right for other people, but not for the man who was accustomed to talking with God "**face to face, as a man speaks to his friends.**"

Read Exodus 33:11

DAVID

King David was one of the greatest leaders in scripture. Paradoxically, he was guilty of dramatic acts of sin. He was an adulterer, a liar and a murderer. God judges him favourably in the New Testament: David is praised for being 'a man after God's own heart'.

His flesh and his heart cried out for the living God

Read psalm 63: 1-2

In leadership you do not need to be perfect. But you do need to pay attention to the condition of your heart. Out of your heart flow your values, convictions, motives and ultimately your actions.

STEPHEN

Like Stephen, who was a deacon (homecell leader/usher etc.) full of the Holy Spirit & Wisdom.

PAUL

In the New Testament, Paul is the outstanding example of the **man who is dominated by the passion for Christ. He had a personal encounter with the Fire of God.**

Paul understood the importance of partnering with heaven and being a builder of God's House on earth. **Paul lived with a burden (responsibility), protected the anointing and lived a separated life.** We are all commissioned to align our lives with Heaven's Cause and build the kingdom of God on earth by championing the Cause of the local Church. God is the architect; the plans have been drawn up. The foundation is laid and now you have been commissioned to labour with God in seeing His purpose fulfilled in the earth.

There is no greater privilege than building the one organisation that Jesus has promised to build. He is constructing a prevailing Church that is strong and magnificent in the earth.

Questions: What are the two things that God values and loves above everything else?

Answer: His Church & People!

OWN NOTES:

JESUS

Read John 4:34

1. Jesus was planted in the House

Read Luke 4:16

To be planted in the House means to give radically, and unreservedly contribute to the purpose of God. The more that you are prepared to contribute to the House of God, the more you place into the hands of God, for Him to build the Church He desires on the earth. Give your time, your treasure and your talent to the House of God.

2. Jesus is committed to building the House of God

Read Matthew 16:18

Jesus is committed to building the House of God on earth. **He has given us a personal commitment** to build a prevailing Church that will impact the world.

3. Jesus has a heart for the House and loves the House

Read Ephesians 5:25

Jesus loved the Church so much that He was prepared to die for the Church. His love was shown by a passion and a commitment to the Church. His commitment was total. **We are called to ensure we value the things which God values. Every leader is called to value people and value God's House. Our commitment should be total.**

Many people view Church through the lens of what they can "get" out of it. "Well I didn't get much out of that service." "I didn't get anything out of his ministry." Jesus modelled a "giving" rather than a "getting" mentality.

4. Jesus confronted people's attitudes to the House of God

Read John 2:13-17

Jesus was prepared to confront people when it came to important issues. He was prepared to confront people over their attitude to the House of God. They had used the House of God to further their own business rather than building the Father's business.

When people begin to criticise or speak negatively about the House of God then be prepared to confront their attitude. Do not allow people who are more interested in building their own business, their own ministry or their own kingdom to detract from your commitment to the House of God.

5. Jesus is praying for the Church

6. Jesus is coming back for the Church

OWN NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer:

Monday Evenings 17:30 – 18:30 pm

Friday Mornings 5:45 to 6:45 am

Pre-Prayer Sunday's – AM 07:45 / PM 17:10

Thursday Prayer Nights 17:30 – 18:30 (Intersession)

Business Home-Cell:

Friday 28 June 2019

Pierre Spies – Friday 26 July 2019

HARVEST GEORGE!!! – 30 October 2019 – Pledges now OPEN!!!

WORKS

Share feedback on each person's Harry & Sally.

Encourage one another to keep inviting people to church to be saved.

Prayer and Target Lists

Homecell Goals!

Encourage members to join a ministry of helps! Eg. Ushers / Intercessors / Altar workers