



PRESENTING CHRIST

Staying on Task

Luke 4:42-44

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1. Rethink _____ (v.43)

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them,
43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."
44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea. (ESV)

2. Beware _____ (v.42)

3. Be _____ (v.44)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 5:8-11**. While these men admittedly received a special calling to be a part of Christ's first-century team of disciples (and later Apostles), all of us are called to engage in the Great Commission (Mt.28:19-20) to be "ambassadors of Christ" (2Cor.5:17-20) to our own generation. With that in mind how does the response of Peter in this passage provide a good template for us when we consider evangelism in our own daily lives?
2. Read **Matthew 6:31-33**. What would you say to the guy who tells you that he has no time for sharing the gospel with others because he has to focus on making a living and excelling in his work? How can these statements from Christ to the crowds in Galilee be applied, knowing that God expects Christians to work diligently at their careers?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 3:10-15** and **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**. How do these passages motivate you to keep investing in the most important things?
4. Read **Ephesians 6:19-20**. List a few of the specific things you will pray for this week regarding the people in your life who need to better understand the gospel and rightly respond to it.

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

June 16th

Neh.1-3 & Ac.2:1-13

June 17th

Neh.4-6 & Ac.2:14-47

June 18th

Neh.7-8 & Ac.3

June 19th

Neh.9-11 & Ac.4:1-22

June 20th

Neh.12-13 & Ac.4:23-37

June 21st

Esth.1-3 & Ac.5:1-16

June 22nd

Esth.4-6 & Ac.5:17-42

June 23rd

Esth.7-10 & Ac.6

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 05-63 – **Ashamed? Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

Msg. # 08-17 – **Gospel Crazy: Sold Out for Its Advancement**

Msg. # 08-06 – **Ambassadors: Building Bridges for God's Kingdom**

Msg. # 05-60 – **Recalling Our Primary Earthly Task**

Msg. # 13-14 – **Presenting Christ: The Role of the Holy Spirit**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Coleman, Robert E. **The Master Plan of Evangelism**. Spire Books, 1963.

Downs, Tim. **Finding Common Ground**. Moody Press, 1999.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Jonathan Edwards on Knowing Christ**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1990.

Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling The Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

Harris, Murray J. **Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Hendricks, Howard G. **Say it With Love**. Victor Books, 1972.

House, Paul et al. **Who Will Be Saved? The Biblical Understanding of God, Salvation & Evangelism**. CB Books, 2000.

Hybles, Bill and Mark Mittelberg. **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. Zondervan, 1994.

Jeffery, Peter. **How Shall They Hear? Church-based Evangelism**. Evangelical Press, 1997.

MacArthur, John. **Slave: The Hidden Truth About Your Identity in Christ**. Thomas Nelson, 2010.

_____. **Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness**. Thomas Nelson, 2002.

Martin, Dale. **Slavery as Salvation: The Metaphor of Slavery in Pauline Christianity**. Yale Press, 1990.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.

Spurgeon, Charles Haddon. **The Soul Winner**. Reprint. Whitaker House, 1995.