

Message Notes

Scripture Passages

"How to preach (listen to) a sermon!" pt 1

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Previously on 24, er, Church in Crisis: a study of 1st Corinthians!"

The Ten Problems in Corinth

Paul's Heart for the people

"the cross emptied of its power"

Christ Crucified - foolishness and scandal or power and wisdom

Remember where you came from

This week - Paul's continued attempt to kill divisions

REMEMBER THE PREACHING YOU HEARD!

Know with all your heart it is not about you!

1 Corinthians 2:1-2a

Exodus 4:10-13

Luke 17:7-10

Preach the message of the Cross!

1 Corinthians 2:2b

Be afraid...be very afraid

1 Corinthians 2:3

Expect God to who up and transform people

1 Corinthians 2:4

Luke 24:36-49

The goal - life transformation, through faith, by the power of God

1 Corinthians 2:5

1 Corinthians 4:20

Application - "How do you preach (listen to) a sermon?"

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

Exodus 4:10-12

¹⁰Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." ¹¹The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹²Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Luke 17:7-10

⁷"Suppose one of you had a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

1 Corinthians 4:20

²⁰For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.