

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH, Part 4 Compassion

INTRODUCTION

- As a disciple of Jesus, are you led by His he____, His m____? See Philippians 2:1-11

HEARING & SEEING THE CRY OF OTHERS

- What were the economic conditions at that time? _____
- How is the outcry similar/different from Exodus 3:9? _____
- Their slavery was much more like inden_____ servants. Then read Proverbs 22:7
- But at the core of the issue is selfi_____.

STANDING FOR GOD'S WORD AND THE COMMUNITY

- Why is it important to take a moment rather than speaking in anger only?
 - Nehemiah focused on what was r_____ according to God's word and what was b_____ for the community as a whole. What's the danger of doing only one or the other? _____
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- It is C_____ J_____ and His cr_____ that should guide you in all things.
 - Truth without _____ is often h_____ and cruel. Love without tr_____ is often mea_____ platitudes. See Ephesians 4:15
 - We are to walk in the _____ of our God. What does that mean? See Deut. 10:12-13

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- Because Nehemiah's life was founded upon the fear of the Lord, Nehemiah had _____ fear of any_____ else.
 - Did Nehemiah point finger and blame? What did he do? _____

BECAUSE OF LOVE

- Nehemiah's appeal wasn't just about following God's word. It was based in the _____ of God.
- To know the love of God has for _____ in Christ Jesus is to have love for oth_____, to have comp_____ for those in need. See 1 John 3:16-18
- Matthew 25:35-36 is not a pre_____. It is a de_____. What's the difference?

LIVE CONSISTENT WITH GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

- To be a disciple is to live consistent with God's word and walk alongside one another in love as _____ and _____ in Christ. Sharing the _____ and the sor_____; rejoicing in times of plenty, sac_____ in times of needs.

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

Because of His Love

- Have the mind of Christ among yourselves.
- Stand for God's Word *and* the Community
- Live consistently according to His word and His love



How to Prepare for The Lord's Supper

In order that you may receive this Holy Sacrament in a worthy manner you should carefully consider what you must now believe and do.

From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; This is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins;" you should believe that Jesus Christ is present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words, "For the remission of sins," you should also believe that Jesus gives to you His body and blood to strengthen your assurance that your sins are forgiven. And, finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says: "Take, eat; Drink of it, all of you; This do in remembrance of me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He has commanded, then you have properly examined yourselves and may eat Christ's body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. You should, also, unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus, with the whole Christian Church, have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father give you His

Sermon Notes

Scripture Readings
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Pew Bible page numbers

Nehemiah 5:1-19
p. 471

Matthew 25:21-46
p. 988

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance. We believe that the in Lord's Supper Christ Jesus is truly present in body and blood, given in bread and wine for us to eat and drink. We also believe it is a means by which we receive true forgiveness of sin.

The Lord's supper is for those who baptized and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior.

 Learn more on how to prepare for
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