

Message Series: MOVEMENT – Following Jesus into the Harvest (9-25-16)

DISCOVERING A PERSON OF PEACE

I. PARTNERING WITH HEAVEN

A. Jesus lived His life in tune with the movement of the Father's heart.

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does (John 5:19)

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. (John 8:28)

1. We abide in God through regular daily time in the Bible and in prayer. As we go through our day, we live with expectation that God is moving in the world.
2. Pray for the things God calls us to pray for in the Bible. Receive revelation of who God is and what He does. Live our lives confident in love in light of the above 2.

II. PRAY

- A. Unless we pray, we cannot live in the way that Jesus calls us to live in His Kingdom. In the place of prayer, we begin to connect with the God of the harvest, who is already been working on people's hearts in the harvest.
- B. It begins with praying that God would send forth laborers into His harvest field. Without prayer, the burden becomes the burden of man. Without intercession and receiving the message and mandate from heaven, it just becomes a man shouting on the earth. But when we as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God, declare the glorious gospel that comes from the very throne of God, we are able to extend the peace of God's Kingdom, for man to be reconciled to God.

III. PERSON OF PEACE (LUKE 10)

A. Jesus' method is to look for persons of peace. The phrase comes from Luke 10:1-6.

¹After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ²Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. ⁵

But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'⁶ ***And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. (Luke 10:1-6)***

- B. God has been moving the person of peace before you arrived. A Person of Peace is someone who receives the Messenger (you), the Message (the Gospel), and the Mission (to reach the people around them).

IV. PARTNERING WITH HEAVEN

- A. In Jesus' instructions to His disciples regarding finding a person of peace, we get a very clear glimpse into the way we are to look at life in cooperating with the Kingdom of God.
- B. In some ways, what Jesus instructed His disciples to do seems quite systematic, scripted, and... ordinary. The Lord of the Harvest has already been working in people's lives before you arrive. But the way you find them is by going from one place to the next and offering the peace of the Kingdom of God. If they respond positively, then God has been working there.
- C. Instead of thinking: If I do something good enough, God will come join me and bless it. RATHER: I begin to pray and receive revelation of God's heart. I live my life with confidence that I'm in God's will and I can face rejection and disappointment because I know God's heart and big plan.
- D. To find the person of peace, you have to be willing to be okay meeting those who are not the person of peace. If you use Jesus' method, you will have to go through some rejections to find the ones that God's been preparing ahead of time.
- E. What do we do if a person we care about is not a person of peace? We can't do anything to give spiritual birth to people. We simply sow the seed, and water where things grow. It's God that makes things and people live and grow. (1 Cor. 3:6). They are not the Person of Peace right now. Kindly move on. Keep praying for them.

V. CONCLUSION

- A. **Main Idea:** God has been at work before you arrived. So what should we do?
 1. Pray
 2. Receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation (Eph. 1:17-21) to know God more.
 3. Live each day with faith and expectancy as an ambassador of Christ. You will discover that God has been moving before you arrived!
- B. There is a powerful current of the love and power of God that is going throughout the earth since the beginning of creation. If we will align ourselves with His heart revealed in His Word and our hearts empowered in love in the place of prayer, we will find ourselves caught up in the movement of God. Life only begins to make sense when we are caught up in God's movement.