

"Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen."

Proper 28, BCP

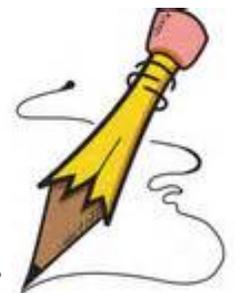
Personal Concluding Thoughts



Sunday Oct. 9, 2016

Sermon Notes: "God's Everlasting Word"

Genesis 12.1-4, Romans 10.8-17, John 1.1-5, 9-14



"But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim)."

-Romans 10.8

"Proclaiming God's Word"

Proclaiming God's word is simply taking the meaning of Scripture and applying to our lives. In sermonary, I was asked to draw an image of a river. This river would symbolically tell my life story. Every major moment, in my life, caused the river to flow in a different direction and at a different pace. Then, I had to connect scripture to those moments. What I realized was God's word spoke

"IT IS NOT ONLY THE FIRST MARK; IT IS FAR AND AWAY THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THEM ALL, BECAUSE IF YOU GET THIS ONE RIGHT, ALL THE OTHERS SHOULD FOLLOW."

MARK DEVER

What came up in the sermon that you were surprised at? Did anything in the sermon speak directly to you, personally?

EVERY CHURCH MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE TEACHING IN HIS OR HER CHURCH IS FAITHFUL TO GOD'S WORD.

Proclaiming God's Word in the world deals with what we take in as much as we it deals with what we share with others. Whose words are we listening to, and what words are we sharing with others.

What/who are you listening to (i.e. music, books, podcasts, news, etc) that potentially affect how you view of the world and your faith?

Have you ever walked out of a movie, stopped reading a book, changed the channel? Why? What would potentially have been the effects if you didn't walk out, stopped reading or changed the channel?

Read 2 Timothy 1.1-16

Proclaiming God's Word is most commonly a one-to-one ministry.

Based on this passage, would it be fair to say that the pastors were the only ones who taught the Word in the earliest days of Christianity? Why or why not? Who taught you when you were younger?



According to verses 15-16, by what means does the body of Christ grow to maturity?

How many of the body's members contribute to its growth by speaking the truth in Love?

ONE-ON-ONE, SMALL-GROUPS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, SERMONS, BIBLE STUDIES, CONFIRMATION, MISSION TRIPS: THE DIVERSITY OF SETTINGS SHOULD ONLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE RICHNESS OF THE CHURCH'S OVERALL MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

How have you benefitted from other Christians personally teaching you the Word of God?

What are some specific ways in which you could work this kind of personal ministry of the Word into the existing routines and rhythms of your life?

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

-Colossians 3.16