

Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions

Acts 4:8-13

Two important truths stand out in this passage: The Power of the Gospel and the Centrality of Christ. To what did I say these are the foundation and why?

I shared about the Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, sharing with Dwight Moody in the shoe store about Jesus. Then, we see the influence that D. L. Moody had on F. B. Meyer, Meyer on J. Wilbur Chapman, Chapman on Bill Sunday, Sunday on businessmen, who invited Mordecai Hamm as evangelist to Charlotte, NC, where Billy Graham, as a teenager, received Jesus Christ as Savior. What are some important things that you see reverberating through these individuals over about 100 years?

Peter and John were noted by the religious leaders that they were with Jesus. A couple of Bible versions states that they were companions of Jesus. How would you describe yourself as a companion of Jesus?

The theme of the message is how can we become known as companions of Jesus?
From the Bible I present three essential components for companionship with Jesus.

BY EXPERIENCING THE NEW BIRTH

Why is the New Birth so essential for being a companion of Jesus?

Read – John 3:3,5

Titus 3:5-7

I stated that the New Birth is a Decision. What is involved in a decision? Read John 1:12-13

BY KNOWING JESUS THROUGH THE BIBLE

In Acts 3:22 – 26 Peter refers to Moses and Abraham. What do these verses have to do with Jesus and His mission?

We should read the Bible because it points to Jesus and His ministry. What is Jesus stating in John 5:39-40 that is significant?

Look at the booklet *Seven Minutes with God*. What is your take on it?

BY ABIDING IN JESUS

Read John 15:1-8 – What is Jesus saying in these verses to you?

A friend wrote in a letter to the China missionary, J. Hudson Taylor, as he was working hard but struggling in his Christian life and ministry, "Don't Strive but Abide." What do you think the friend was saying to Hudson Taylor?

What are the four ways presented for abiding in Jesus?

Application: Is there some step that you need to take today to be recognized as a Companion of Jesus?