

Everlasting Truths for Everyday Living

Lesson 1: Sermon Preparation

Matthew 9:36

GETTING STARTED

1. List at least three privileges God gave to His ancient people, the Jews.
2. How much appreciation for these privileges did most Jews who lived during the days of Jesus' earthly ministry show?
3. List three privileges God has given you.
4. How much appreciation for these privileges do you show?

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

5. Read Genesis 1:24. What privilege and authority did God give Adam and Eve, the first people?
6. Read Genesis 3:6 & 24. How did Adam and Eve lose this privilege and authority?
7. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, who has ruled over mankind since Adam and Eve?
8. What humanistic kingdom-building efforts do you see today?
9. Agree or disagree: Mankind *cannot* build a kingdom of peace and goodness on earth. Explain your response.

10. Compare Genesis 12:1-3 with Galatians 3:13-14. How did Jesus make possible the blessing God had promised to the nations of the earth through Abraham?
11. Read Exodus 20:1-17. What goes through your mind as you read the Ten Commandments?¹ Do you feel a sense of *pride* or *guilt* in living up to this standard?
12. Read Galatians 3:19-24. What purpose did the Law serve? Have you found that the Law has fulfilled its purpose in your life? Explain.
13. How would you answer someone who claims that God is too loving to punish anyone?²
14. What does the "heart" have to do with obedience?³
15. Do you think some churches have lowered Biblical standards of righteousness to make people feel good about themselves? Answer gracefully, but honestly.

¹ Matt. 5:21-22, 27-28.

² Heb. 12:1-11.

³ Deut. 30:2, 6, 10, 14, 17.

Everlasting Truths for Everyday Living: The Sermon on the Mount. (Schaumburg, IL: Regular Baptist Press, 2005), 9-16.

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