

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

February – The Heart of the Mission

Week 9: Urgency of the Mission

Luke 9:57-58

- This man comes up to Jesus and says all the right things, but Jesus sees his heart and immediately challenges him with the fact that this will not be comfortable, that following Jesus' missionary call will result in forsaking many of the comforts we desire in life to instead devote those same resources, time, and energy to reconciling men to God.
 - *What life comforts are you not willing to live without?*
 - *What sacrifices scare you?*
 - *How does forsaking comforts relate to trusting Jesus?*
 - *How can you give up 1 comfort to save more souls today?*

Luke 9:59-60

- This man is directly called by Jesus to go and change the world, yet he is hesitant. His request to first go and bury his father is most likely not a request to have a funeral, but rather the implication would be I will follow you after my elderly father dies, allow me to stay and care for him and once he dies I will follow.
- Jesus' response shows the priorities that Jesus had and the priorities that he expected his disciples to have, preaching to the lost is the most important use of our time and our greatest priority.
 - *What are some ways in which you see Jesus prioritizing his evangelism over most of the needs in His life?*
 - *Why do you think Jesus had and expects such an urgency about proclaiming the message?*
 - *Where would Jesus tell you to "let the dead bury the dead," where would he challenge you to let go of a concern in order to preach more often to people?*
 - *How often are you proclaiming the Kingdom of God? Would outsiders say it is your 1st priority?*

Luke 9:61-62

- Jesus understood the urgency of our mission, the importance of this calling called for absolute focus, that we cannot allow anything to distract us from the incredible purpose we have been called to
 - *Where in your life do you "look back"?*
 - *Why do you want to make disciples?*
 - *Why should this be our primary focus and concern?*

Jesus both lived and expected His disciples to live a life where preaching the gospel to those around us was our number one priority. Jesus expects that those understand the gospel urgently get that same message out to anyone and everyone who will listen.

Application- This week, identify 1 thing in your schedule or in your focus that can be eliminated in order to make time to reach out. If you are currently studying the Bible with someone, see how you can make more time to spend with them allowing them to see your life as well as your faith. If you are currently not studying the Bible with someone, clear time to go out and find an open person, go where the people are and reach out praying for God to send you an open soul to help see the gospel fully.