

SBC22 9 Marks at 9: What's Wrong with Us? Revival vs. Revivalism

October 29, 2023 Matthew 9:37-38

Solution: churches known for loving God, loving neighbor—germ that leads to this is following Jesus; **do you love God? how do you grow in loving God?** Very important to consider this b/c those who love God see something desirable, beautiful, faithful, and as result, pay attention to, study Him, listen to Him; THIS is what makes us lift up HIS desires/will, imitate, want to be a part of His work; **these LISTEN to His Word/obey it—looked at opposite in Jeremiah**, some other Scriptures as did NOT listen to words, sloppy w them—did this to help us find some of where we must focus if want to reveal and change our hearts from inside; Jer. 6:10, 19, 11:8, 10, 13:10-11, 17, 17:23, 22:5, 21, 25:4-5, 7, 29:19, 32:33, 35:14-16; NT Matt. 7:24-27, 13:15, Jn. 3:36, 6:60, Acts 28:27, II Tim. 4:3-4, Heb. 5:11; **when God's Word is Ps. 119:105 lamp to feet, Ps. 1 meditate, Josh 1:8-9**), creates longing satisfied by God alone (for life, direction, truth) **Then how does loving God lead to following Jesus?**—those who listened/trusted took apart/studied God's Words, lived in them trusting even when didn't understand **I Pet. 1:10-12**, THESE look to Jesus b/c God points us there; **those who love God want His kingdom/will done—Jesus is only One who can bring it to completion!** Simeon **Lk. 2:25-38**, saw it in **Rev. 5** then look at role all way through to ch. 8) see glory and centrality of Christ prophesied in OT, but then seen all through NT **but in Him ALL THE FULLNESS of deity dwells in bodily form Col. 2:9-14**; this is my beloved Son, listen to Him; Christ in us, the hope of glory, Then Christ who is our life is revealed—Jesus treasure of heaven because brings us to God; **the gospel is grounded by person/work of Jesus, but miracle of gospel is God opening our eyes to riches in Christ—2 Corinthians 4:4-5 (NASB95)** in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. When see/hear all this, just like disciples left John the Baptist to follow Christ—we leave wherever else looking and follow Jesus; We are to be followers; **what does being a disciple/following imply/necessitate?** be with Him, watch, see Him doing and imitate, let Him critique; Matt. 11:28-29, **John 12:26** “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.” Gal. 2:20, follow even when don't understand how Christ fulfills all promised in our lives—Jn. 6 hard statements i.e. Says persecution, give up those closes on earth, etc. but also, you are loved, forgiven; **if still believe that when hard, will keep us from?** Feeling little worth, not heard which makes us look to others to be understood, accepted, listened to when should seek this from GOD—THIS is what means to live the gospel/grow in grace/knowledge of Lord & Savior Jesus Christ; Only when receiving identity, worth, purpose from God can we more fully see God's provision for us in Christ and Christ truly becomes the hope of glory; Then we can follow in his steps even through suffering and find Hope; **Is your life filled with following? what comes between you and active following of Christ?** but then come back to Dever's words—Germ is following Jesus; i.e. see it in discipling—me helping other people following Jesus; Dever said, **if I claim I'm following Jesus, but don't help others following Jesus, then what do you mean about following Jesus?** **Doesn't seem to be what Jesus said would be normal for those following Him;** **Matt. 9:37-38, Matt. 28:19-20, Matt. 16:16-20—**are you going and making disciples? need some guilt if failing, but in order to repent—confess then obey, must examine **What does this say about our following Jesus if not actively helping others to follow Jesus?** Different priorities in following Him; means mission from God slightly different—notice where love from God leads Paul in **II Cor. 5**—where is focus? Starts w life/death, then? love of Christ controls—Christ entreating through us be reconciled to God; so let's think about this; **what does make disciples mean/include?** we call others to follow like you follow; but this entails NOT merely being nice, talking to those who seek you out, but work of interaction—costs to invest in lives of others (Col. 1 end to 2 beginning—Gal. 6:1-2, Heb. 10:22-26 individual responsibility to follow, TIED w responsibility to help them in same areas; I Pet. 1:17-2:5 individual tied w responsibility to include them in same process (Rom. 13:8 owe nothing except to love one another), Eph. 4 shows how; this is HOW we love others—**focus is helping us/them follow Jesus**; if we have ways of following Jesus that don't focus here, must not necessarily get rid of all ways you seek to follow, but MUST pull out inhibitors to work of discipleship; **What would be some of the inhibitors to us cultivating this germ of following Jesus ourselves and helping others follow Jesus in the church? How would following Jesus deal with these inhibitors?** (Training of the Twelve AB Bruce, MacArthur has book 12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You), therefore, positively **What do we need to do to strengthen this germ/root of following Jesus in our lives individually and as a church?** 1. **Are Churches Losing the Battle to Form Christians Brett McCracken Gospel Coalition** 2. **BBC Classic: Five Indicators of a Healthy and Transforming Soul Care Ministry by Garrett Higbee** 3. **Five Reasons We Don't Disciple by Barry Cooper Nine Marks** final part of this section-- **Why will following Jesus individually/together naturally result in a culture of discipling, evangelism, raising up leaders, church planting, and missions? What is the tie? How do they flow from each other?** Looking to—following HIM—i.e. When young, LOVED going to Grandpa Jongewaard's office, to grandma's chagrin—meant interacting w “his girls” – Barb, Dort, Gayle—part of His world; gave job—sort pill samples, gave provisions—Mt. Dew and access to his office—I was IN HIS WORLD—we do same with Jesus; talked some about discipling—see Him do, we join Him in doing this—THEY part of His world (saved or unsaved INSIDE priorities He has given us—

home, church, job, neighbors, relatives—SOME go across world but dependent on NORM being done by others so home built up—then THEY held accountable by others as reach beyond); **now talk about evangelism—how would following Him produce this?** Agreeing that gospel is good news from heaven; failure to see Him as creator makes us king—then resent His kingship—resent hell b/c don't want to be w Him, but don't want to be judged; perhaps find gospel coalition article about this; **Raising up leaders? Church planting? Missions? --which of these 5 focus on? which neglected?** Where do you see anyone doing any of these or having more of a heart for this? Following Jesus includes looking for the pieces that lead to these—but above all, looking to Him (not yourself or other amazing examples) **What is the Mission of the Church AJ Gibson**

Why 8 years future grace? Remember where started? Father gave short book on fear, worry, pride, lust, etc.—I saw that it was shorter version of book future grace—thought why focused on character/deep-rooted issues—they have vertical dimension or we will just focus on what we want/need from God and not be changing “by faith in future grace” – discouraged when seemed that few read—weight on teacher to make it come alive w/o any work put in—when issues too heavy (one who left 5 years ago said—not sure how you are going to handle some heavy themes toward end), little reaching for them—like/not like Piper based on personality, fervor, couple key issues—NEVER really hear what he is saying—we doing that w me/Pastor Jahn/others in here—snap judgments w/o building careful foundations—AND, for few that get it—don't feel obligation to help others—this VERY much feels like “ears tickled” “own desires” – you need something that is beyond you, above you—transcendent, but INSIDE God's word—don't value theologians, value performance, value issues—live in the face of God—THIS book was vertical AND within reach—NOT deep compared to much in my library—dangerous to health of church when unnecessary for individuals and for group as whole—realized MUST learn to not agree blindly, but to process—learn to think in ways not used to—desire things not used to—care about others—humble so if THEY getting it, ask them instead of just group of people agreeing that don't get it . . .

Youth trip—trying to get them to do this—taking it much slower – they started to get it on Thursday night – years of work in youth group—Mark Dever said, take it slow—2016 T4G????

—you ARE getting it—more answering questions, means more interacting—more thinking about it and talking about it afterwards—some of you are not yet on the wagon—DO IT! I'm sorry for every word misspoken, every button needlessly pushed, but roots of this discussion FULLY convinced of—you hurting the gospel you profess, you undermining the Head of the Church and setting future church up for more erosion if neglect roots of what talking about – you must work with me/Pastor Jahn, not against—NEVER asking you to go against conscience, asking you to see it as means of grace to not mirror your values or priorities—we are not always right, don't agree w each other, but we are NOT YOU—consider it, be trained in righteousness . . .