

A Sermon: Good News!

By Bob Young

[Note: this sermon includes points which could be used by any, but the illustrations are personal.]

Introduction

The Bible is God's revelation; above all, especially in the Gospels, God reveals himself

→ God's Three Big Incredible Ideas

Christ, church, Christians

Saved in/through Christ (Gospels), united in the church, and transformed for good works (Acts/Letters)

The wisdom of God is to human beings mere folly

God recreates his creation; those who "were not" now "are" (Acts)

→ Power of... grace/gospel/preaching, preach/teach/heal, word; all show power of God

→ This sermon is autobiographical, generally chronological

→ Readers can appreciate the main points without the details of the illustrations

Power of the Ordinary

Routines of life: daily life, ministry, perseverance (Matt. 5:13-14) – Dierks, 1970-1972

Tim Brock (you baptized me....)

Darrell and his wife (they were there, just lost son, they were at church)

Power of Relationships (Matt. 7:12) – Holmes Road, 1976-1987

Francis Campbell—visits, Jan was special....

Bruce Tanner—baptized 85-yr-old grandmother before he was baptized, became preacher

Bob Pollard—made a difference to me

Power of Encouragement—compassion and caring (Matt. 5:16) – Fort Gibson 1987-1995; OVU, 1995-2002; mission work

J.D.—met him in the county jail....

Amy Stone—in prison, 2 daughters baptized, mother restored, 2 nieces baptized; work continues

Iris—became a Christian in prison

Power of Teaching (preaching/teaching/healing, Matt. 7:28-29) – OVU, 1995-2002

Darrell Henderson—in prison, time to change life, "Who's Who..."

Jason Manning—in trouble, time to change life, now active in ministry

Dorn Muscar—baptized, became Bible major

Power of a [shared] Vision (Acts 16:9-10; Matt. 6:33-34; parable of two builders)

Eastern Honduras [1982]

Quechua—building [1996]

Baxter—50 years of history, over 500 graduates

EVO—leadership development [2011+]

Power of Asking (Matt. 7:7) – Holmes Road, 76-87; OVU, 1999

E.L. and Carolyn Thompson, the seed was planted, will anyone ask?

[Roosevelt Bullock, will anyone ask?]

Guyana—Bible studies the first afternoon, will anyone ask?

Power of Preaching, Power of Word of God (Matthew 5:1-11; Rom. 10; 1 Cor. 1)

2005 Honduras campaign—42 baptisms

2006, San Isidro, Dixiana....

2008, Honduras campaign, Las Casitas, 9 baptisms, + 6 in follow-up