

The Task Before Us

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I. Introduction.

- A. In our ministry we need to follow Acts 17:17 involving ourselves with the nonreligious.
- B. Jesus was moved with compassion on the people noting the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. (Matthew 9)
- C. One of the reasons that the laborers are few is because many do not have a heart for the battle or the know-how.
- D. The Navigators set about to do something about the need for laborers.

II. The underlying basic beliefs we want to pervade our lives and ministry.

A. The Lordship of Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9)

1. Life is following thousands of voices.
2. Jesus is to be the one dominant voice we follow.
3. Two basic questions: who is Jesus Christ and what does He want to be?

B. The authority of the Bible.

1. The authority of the Scripture and of Jesus fall together. (Ephesians 2:18-20)
2. Evangelicals are those that claim that Jesus is the Son of God and that the Bible is the Word of God.
3. The biggest problem is whether or not the Bible is trans-cultural or not.

C. The grace of God.

1. We have all gone astray like lost sheep. (Psalm 119)
2. This is for our life and our ministry. (Matthew 15:13)
3. We ought to be careful that our ministry plans are in line with God's.

D. The importance of every individual.

1. Everyone is important to God the Father by virtue of creation. You can never know who you are until you know who God is.

2. Everyone is important to the Son of God by virtue of what He cost—His own life.

3. Everyone is important to the Holy Spirit by virtue of what he can be.

E. Our task is to serve.

1. We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord.

2. How to serve God and man when you can only have one master: do what is right with peace and joy in your heart. (Romans 14:17-18)

3. We seek peace in our heart, righteousness in the Holy Spirit and joy in our task.

Application questions

1. What are the basic beliefs of the Navigators? How do they all come together?

2. Why can it be said that every individual is important?

3. In what ways can you serve this week that is outside of your normal routine? How will it look different as you are serving both God and man?
