

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 1st May 2022
Sermon Title: I am sending you: to walk in my ways
Bible Passage: Genesis 18:16 - 33

Introduction

Take time to read the passage from a couple of different translations.

- What stands out to you from this story?
- What do you think the main point of the story is?
- What does this passage teach us about prayer?

Recapping the Preach

Stu began by setting the scene. he pointed out that oftentimes the main application point is to do with prayer. This raises some questions worth thinking about:

- If God is going to fulfil his sovereign plan, why do we need to pray?
- What difference does Abraham's intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah make?
- How can we know to persevere in prayer the way Abraham does?

Stu went on to highlight that vs.19 is filled with instruction about mission and God's plan to bring blessing to the nations. He made the point: how we walk matters. More specifically how we walk with God and in God's ways, it matters. It matters to our own lives but also deeply affects our witness to others.

- Make of list of characters from the Bible who did not walk in God's ways or who wandered from God's ways. What impact did it have in their lives? What went right or wrong?

Stu then highlighted that how we walk matters because we are chosen (vs.19a), so that we can walk in God's ways and teach others to do the same (vs.19b) so that God can wilful his purpose of bringing blessing to the nations (vs.19c).

- How should we respond to the truth that we have been chosen by God?
- Read John 15:16 - why did Jesus say he chose the disciples? What 'fruit' do you think Jesus has in mind here?
- Read Deuteronomy 10:12-19 - what does it meant to walk in God's ways?
- Genesis 18:19b says we walk in God's ways 'by doing what is right and just'. What do think it means to do what is right and just? What will this look like on your frontline?
- Compare Genesis 18:19 with Matthew 28:19-20. What are the similarities of these verse? Are there any differences?
- Compare Genesis 18:19 with Romans 10:14-15. What are the similarities of these verses? Are there any differences?

Stu concluded that the way we can grow in walking in God's ways is to spend time in His presence, immerse ourselves in His Word to learn His ways and then do what what Scripture says.

- Which of these three do you need to work on?
- Which of our six pursuits at KBC are reflected in this passage?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?
- How can you 'walk in God's ways' and show others to do the same on your frontline?

Prayer pointers

- Take time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>