



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 24:44-49 (NAS)

Topic: "Focusing on the Mission"

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- 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."
45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,
47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48 "You are witnesses of these things.
49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

I. THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE MISSION

- A. The Unchangeable Word Of God
- B. The Central Theme Of Scripture Is Christ's Work *vs. 44,46*
 - 1. He explained this to the men on the road to Emmaus
 - 2. He explained this to the apostles
 - 3. He came to do the will of His Father
- C. No Man Or Church Permitted To Teach Another Message
- D. You Are Called To Be Witnesses
- E. Scripture Is Understood Through God's Enabling Power
 - 1. When you approach Scripture, pray for understanding
 - 2. When you teach Scripture, pray for the understanding of others

II. SCRIPTURE'S GREAT THEME IS MAN'S RECONCILIATION TO GOD

- A. Christ's Work Makes This Possible
- B. Christ's Teaching On Repentance
 - 1. Awareness of sin is necessary *Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18; 26:18*
 - 2. It Is God's work to open your eyes to your sinfulness *Acts 5:31*
- C. The Directive Is Given To Proclaim The Need For Repentance
- D. Forgiveness When Granted Is Total *1 John 1:7; Hebrews 10:14; Romans 8:33-34*

III. THE EXTENT OF THE OFFER

- A. To Be Made In Christ's Name
- B. To All Nations—To All Ethnic Groups