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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (10) “To Hear the Word of God” “And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets” (Luke 5:1-2).

Jesus was a fascination for many people. They came to him for a variety of reasons. They desired to see him perform miracles. They followed him to benefit from his healings. But there were also some who pressed upon him to hear the word of God.

Almost unimaginable! People actually walked in his steps, followed him from place to place, and drew near to him to hear the word of God? What did they hope to hear? How could they have benefited? Why was it special to hear the word of God?

The truth that people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God is all the more inconceivable in our day because ours is not always a time when people are fascinated with the word of God. There is a record of people who loved the word of God so that they would read every page, every paragraph, every verse, every sentence, every word. There are stories of people who knew the Bible from cover to cover and who desired to share its content with others. There exists folk tales of people who could not wait to be in Bible class to discuss Bible questions and then to return home to search the Scriptures more. But how far we are from such occurrences today!

There are images in our minds of mothers and grandmothers sitting in their resting chair with the word of God open. There are too portraits of father seated at the table, pen and notebook in hand, desiring to be filled with the truths of God's word. How did we reach a point of such low interest in the word in our time? Is it the fault of poor preachers and teachers today or of disinterested believers?

Jesus did have a record in his day of being a good teacher. In his hometown of Nazareth the people wondered at the gracious words that he spoke (Luke 4:22). In

Capernaum he taught on the Sabbath days, and the people were astonished at his doctrine (4:33). And when he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God (5:1).

The reality that people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God baffles us. There does not seem to be much that is attractive about another teacher on the scene. Especially for us. In our world of glitter, glamor, hype and wonder workers, many are deceived to believe that the primary mission of Jesus was to work wonders.

Great numbers discount the truth that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (19:10). He accomplished this through a variety of methods, and teaching the word of God is the most important method he used to win lost men and women. But for many, this does not suffice.

Why is it that many are more comfortable with Jesus as one who gives sight to the blind, the ability to hear to the deaf, the chance to be healed to the diseased, and life to the dead? Why do men and women not envision Jesus as a leader of students, disciples who hung on to the sound and meaning of every consonant and vowel? Perhaps it is because we are most comfortable when we believe in Jesus as one who does for us, but who expects us to learn very little about how we are to live to please God. In this country, there is a general distaste for some one who directs us, someone who knows how to improve the way we live our lives.

We understand that we have a problem with being directed in our society; do we not? Ours is a society that has little problem with getting everything we can from others without any sense of responsibility or amenability to the gracious person providing for us. From a very early age, children grow up believing that their par-

ents owe them whatever their hearts desire. At the same time, those children will shout, “I don't owe you anything, not even respect.”

As adults, some people work other people to obtain what they desire in life. When their goals have been achieved, when they have used others, when they have what they want, they also insist, “I don't owe you anything.” The world's use for Jesus fits neatly into this mold. Jesus must provide. When he does, the recipient of his provision assures, “I don't owe you anything.” This all plays into the dynamic that sees Jesus petitioned for his blessings, but ignored in his teachings. “Just give me what I ask, and don't talk so much about what I need, Jesus.”

The world is in love with a Son of God who will hear it in its moments of desperation. People of the world understand a Jesus who will help them to regain the love of their hearts, who will save them from accidents, who will restore health to a loved one, who will feed the hungry, who will give victory in war, championships at sporting events, crowns at pageants, material blessings in the home. The world loves the motion picture that portrays Jesus a step above Robin hood and Santa Clause. But Jesus of Nazareth is the one who teaches his followers that there is a cross to bear and lessons to be learned if we are going to live pleasing before God (Matt 10:38).

The people who pressed upon him to hear the word of God learned that disciples indeed are the ones who continue in the word (John 8:31). The world must know that we are not disciples simply because we acknowledge his goodness and blessings. We are disciples when we hear and do his word.

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2015 THEME: "IN ALL THINGS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS" (TITUS 2:7)

CHURCH LEADERS

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MICHEAL CURRY
JAMES E. GADSON
GEORGE MCNAIR
ROY OLIPHANT
BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON

Welcome

**ALL VISITORS!
YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**

CORNELIUS CORNER:

Special Adaptive Housing (SAH) grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used to adapt a home to the special needs of a disabled veteran, build a home on land already owned or apply the grant against the unpaid principle mortgage. Check it out at www.benefits.va.gov.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st, Justun Green; 5th Eric I. Nelson;
7th Cleveland Reed; 8th Joshua Caruthers, A.J. Crim; 10th Chelsea Cook, 14th George McNair; 16th Courtney Thomas; 17th Adolphus Coplin; 18th Tevin Loyd; 19th Kolbe Adkins; 20th Cynthia Judge; 23rd D.J. Crim; 25th Howard A. Brown, Tomisha Gaither; 28th Kim McNair, Elizabeth Oliver

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on November 15th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Immediately following morning worship services we invite everyone to join us as we pay tribute to all Veterans past and present for their service and sacrifice!

VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOVEMBER 8, 2015

1:00-3:00

Frank W. Dulin Fellowship Hall
Lunch Will Be Served

"The Spirit of The Korean War Veteran"



MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Our Men's and Ladies' Bible class will meet November 22nd at 5 p.m. We are encouraging all of our members to attend.



STATE EVENT

North Carolina State Lectureship
(November 12th-14th) Charlotte, NC

Theme:

**"Fortifying the Functionality
of the Family"**

Classes and events for all ages! Please join us!

Visit ncstatelectureship.org to register.



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

.21st Annual Homecoming (Nov. 4th-8th)
South Central Church of Christ
2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27610



Southwestern Christian College Lectureship

November 22nd— 26th, 2015



KURIAKOS HOUSE

Don't forget to visit the Kuriakos House table located in the foyer for events and happenings. You may contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336)767-4201 if you have any questions or need additional information.

YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari Club celebrates Native American Heritage Month on Saturday, November 21, 2015 beginning at 10:30 am. Children ages 2-12 are invited to enjoy 2 hours of fun reading activities, pinch pot making, Native American folktales, and a hot lunch! Safari activities will take place in the Frank W. Dulin Fellowship Hall. Bring your book tags, a smile, and a friend! Watch for the Safari Flyer for more details and follow us on facebook!

-- Your Safari Guide, Sis. Caruthers

NATIONAL EVENT



National Lectureship

(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit www.nlcoc2016.com for more information.



38 years-- Roy & Edelina Oliphant-- 5th
3 years- Arnold & Wendy Thomas-- 8th
36 years- Marion & Hazel Gordon-- 17th
55 years-- Johnny & Shirley Correll-- 24th
29 years- James & Angela Miller-- 29th

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
Sis. Immogene Bray
Bro. Leroy Nelson
Bro. Barry Harper
Sis. Georgia Glenn
Sis. Dorothy Livingston

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR NOVEMBER

John Foxworth
(336) 918-6359

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 6:10-15

READER: As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are the household of faith.

CHURCH: Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

READER: As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

CHURCH: For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

READER: But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

UNISON: For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, continue to develop us as new creatures who glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Isiah Black, Bro. Micheal Curry, Sis. Mary Hargrave, Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Sis. Kiona Wilson, Sis. Hazel Gordon, Bro. James Cherry, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. Roy Izzard, Sis. Emma Westbrook, Sis. Marleisha Young, Bro. Jasper Horton, Sis. Trena Wilson, Bro. Reginald Nichols, Sis. Alicia White, Sis. Latesha Page, Sis. Teresa Love, Sis. Diane Heap, Bro. Anthony Clinton, Sis. Shagail Reed, Sis. Edwena Kirby, Sis. Linda Studevent, Sis. Denise Garner, Sis. Alfreda Howell, Sis. Jewel Johnson, Sis. Edalina Oliphant, Sis. Mary Terry



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Roy Izzard
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth
INVOCATION Jerry Evans
SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
SCRIPTURE Doug Crim
RESPONSIVE Ron Jessup
PRAYER Richard Jones
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
OFFERING Reginald Nichols
LORD'S SUPPER Thomas Loyd, Sr.
READER Randy Dulin
CLOSING PRAYER James Gadson
VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth
INVOCATION George McNair
SONG DIRECTOR Timothy Pilson
SCRIPTURE Bernard Wallace
RESPONSIVE READING Victor Baldwin
PRAYER Walter Weathers
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
OFFERING Harold Brown
LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton
CLOSING PRAYER D. J. Crim
VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 6:6)

And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Curtis Conner	William Scott
A. J. Crim	Braxton King	Jeff Patton
Isiah Black	Kwali Bunker	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	James Cherry	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

Michael Terry · D. J. Crim
Elijah Gibbs · George Eichelberger

COMMENTARY CORNER

Let none be discouraged by this revelation. Everything God expects from us, he created in us the ability to do. The ability to hear the word is not something we have to wish for, hope for, and pray for; we are created to hear the word of God.

We are fashioned as creatures who can hear the voice of God and respond with understanding. His word is neither so difficult nor so distant that we cannot grasp it. The word is not very far from anyone of us.

One may not be what he desires, but he needs to be assured that the word is near. The lady may believe that she has messed up, returned; messed up and returned too many times already, but she needs to be assured that the word is near.

Another may have rejected the word time and again, may have distanced self from God and all that is religious, but the word still remains near. Paul wrote that the word was as near to us as in our hearts and our mouths (Rom 10:8). He continued, "That if thou wilt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom 10:9). We need not just to know the word is near. We need also to be as eager to hear the word of God as were the persons who pressed upon Jesus to hear God's word.

Many who came to Jesus and many who were in his path walked away from him with sight and hearing restored, issues of health resolved, loved ones raised from the

dead, and hope for their tomorrows. But some walked away with more. And we should seek to walk away with what they received. Many came to hear the word of God and left filled with the word of God.

We should appreciate this scene from the ministry of Jesus. It is a scene of people clamoring to hear the word. They were pressed upon Jesus to hear the word. Pray God that our day will become one when eagerness to hear the word of God is evident at our buildings, displayed in our Bible schools, and expected among the faithful. Pray that we seek a blessing that does not just take care of an immediate need, but also informs us and directs our steps daily. Let us press upon him to hear the word.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship..... 8 A.M.
Bible School..... 9 A.M.
Morning Worship..... 10 A.M.
Evening Worship..... 6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting..... 9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)
Clothing Bank..... 10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)
Youth Fellowship Meeting..... 10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group... 10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)
Young Adult Ministry..... 6:30 P.M.
(4th Friday)

**WORSHIP TO THE
SICK & SHUT-IN
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**
Walter Weathers



BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.
Bro. George McNair
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.

Thursdays @ 2 P.M.

1340 AM

1400 AM

103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

1st Howard & Saroya Brown
8th Howard & Saroya Brown
15th Diane Foxworth & Veronica Sides
22nd Tamah & D' Asia Williams
29th Leah Adkins & Sherri Pilson

NURSERY DUTY

1st TBA
8th Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson
15th Treva Loyd & Edelina Oliphant
22nd Tonya Bellanger & Maegan Gomez
29th Shundra McLaurin & Valerie Coplin

NOVEMBER GREETERS

1st Kim McNair
Shundra Mc Laurin
8th Lillie Holmes
Devonda Holmes
15th Linda Burgess
Frances Mason
22nd Meredith Boyd
Willie Mae Cherry
29th Raymona Brown
Theresa Rucker

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Edelina Oliphant



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Lillie Holmes
Wanda Jones
Shanita Green

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