

WEEK 3 - THE GOSPEL DEMANDS PASSIONATE URGENCY AND PASSIONATE SACRIFICIAL GIVING

John 4 (NIV) 27-42

Colossians 2:8
John 17:3

**Passionate urgency does not come from what we
know. It comes only from who we know!**

Matthew 4:4
Psalms 40:8

Joel 3:13; Revelation 14:15
Isaiah 9:3

THE GOSPEL DEMANDS RADICAL GIVING

Luke 16:14 Luke 16:15
Luke 16:19-31

1 GOD RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF THE POOR WITH COMPASSION.

1 Samuel 2:8 (cf. 1 Samuel 2:8; Job 34:28; Psalm 22:26; Psalm 35:10; Psalms 68:10; Psalm 82:3; Psalm 113:7; Psalm 113:7 & Luke 4:17-19 - Jesus' ministry; Luke 6:20-21; Luke 7:20).
Luke 7:20-22

2. GOD RESPONDS TO THOSE WHO NEGLECT THE POOR WITH CONDEMNATION

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (cf. Isaiah 3:13-24; Jeremiah 5:26-31; Ezekiel 16:48-50¹; Amos 2:6; 4:1; 8:3).

Luke 6:20-24

There are 2 choices...

1. We can continue in hollow religion and neglect the poor.

2 examples are Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus and Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus and Judgment.

James 2:14-17

2. We can turn in honest repentance to care for the poor.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Questions - Week 3 (March 11) - The Passionate Disciple

Group Leaders: Do not feel you have to get through all of these questions. Go with a sense of the Spirit's leading

Introduction

- Give each person an opportunity to share one thing God really spoke to them about out of John's sermon. Dialogue as necessary on what is shared.
- Share anything that impacted you out of:
 1. Alan Hirsch's interview,
 2. Toon's story

John 4:1-42

How would you rank your 'sense of urgency for the lost'? Scale 1-10

How has that changed over the years?

What factors contribute to that?

How can your sense of urgency for the lost be increased and put into action?

What moved the Samaritan woman to urgent mission involvement?

What was the outcome of her action?

What did you think about John's statement - "The reality is that we all frequent the farm, but most of us rarely pray for God to put us to work in it!"

When you reflect on the harvest, who do you see? How do you feel?

What do you think? Any action points that God has prompted for you?

Luke 16:19-31

What lessons did you learn from this story?

How do you respond to John's observation that, 'Caring for the poor is not an optional extra in salvation! Instead, caring for the poor is necessary evidence of salvation'. (Compare Matthew 25:31-46 & Luke 19:8-10).

Who are the poor at your gate? What is God saying to you about these ones?

Discuss any specific actions for you in responding to the needs of the poor, the lost and the hurting?

Pray for each other

¹ This is the strongest judgment - Sodom was not condemned for its sexuality as much as it was for its treatment of the poor.