

"Paul's Mission"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (February 16, 2014)

Introduction: As we are following **The Story**, we don't want to lose anyone to fall asleep! God has consistently demonstrated the fact that He wants to win people back to Himself. Part of His plan is to place the gospel in the hands of the body of Christ. We are given the obligation as ministers in the kingdom to share the good news. I would like for us to focus on one of the great ministers of the church: Paul. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Future of the Kingdom

A. The work of the Lord must go on.

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16

B. The ways of the Lord must be carried out.

I Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4-5

C. The will of the Lord must be fulfilled.

Acts 1:8, Romans 1:16

II. The Future of the Gospel

A. Saul of Tarsus was an unlikely candidate.

Acts 9, 22, 26

B. Saul of Tarsus was an unlikely character.

Acts 13-15, Philemon, I & II Timothy

C. Saul of Tarsus was an unlikely correspondent.

I Corinthians 15:9

III. The Future of the People

A. The danger of exclusiveness in the church.

Acts 15, Galatians 1-2

B. The danger of extremes in the church.

Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2

C. The danger of exile for the church.

Daniel 2:44-45, Acts 1:8, II Peter 3:17

Conclusion: We need to praise God for men like the apostle Paul. We need to support mission efforts that attempt to take the gospel into the whole world. But we also need to make sure that we stay active as an individual Christian. The church needs to have an "all hands on deck" approach to get the mission of God accomplished. This means we need to start where we are! It's okay to fix your eyes on Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Rome like the apostles did, but don't neglect your own family, your own school, and your own community. Are you ready to fulfill God's will for your life? Are you ready to seek His purpose for you? Will you surrender to Jesus? Will you conquer your mission field?