



Sermon Notes (9/28/14)

A Ministry Saturated In Scripture

Acts 20.1-16

Q. If at the end of your life you could say one thing to the next generation of church leaders, what might it be?

- A. “This is risky...but I think I'm going to say to them on my death bed, ‘Make the Bible the supreme intellectual and emotional authority in your life, for the sake of magnifying Christ in the fullness of his person and his work, so that generation after generation preserves the foundation and the capstone of the glory of God in Christ, and the grace that is the apex of that glory...Be a Bible saturated people.’ That is what will make for long term staying power for the gospel.” **John Piper** <http://www.dominion.org/interviews/if-you-could-say-one-thing-to-the-next-generation-of-church-leaders-what-would-it-be>

WHAT FUELED PAUL’S GREAT COMMISSION FOCUS: saturating churches with the Word (20.1-3)

*But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. **Hebrews 3.13** ESV*

WHAT HELPS US BEAR THE GREAT COMMISSION BURDEN: A Blessed Band of Brothers (20.4-6)

*God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. **2 Cor. 4:6-10** ESV*

But 2 things come to mind that need to be further addressed...

- 1) We should pray our congregations become more like the KoG every week...
- 2) As family, if we’re going to fulfill our King’s GC command, we *really* need each other!

THE HUMOROUS HEALING THE WORD OF GOD BRINGS TO LUCKY ONES LIKE US (20.7-12)**MINISTRY TENSION: PURPOSEFUL, YET PULLED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS (20.13-16)**

Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. 2 Corinthians 11:24-28 ESV