

Sermon Text Discussion 9/17/2017

Acts 13: "How and Why We Engage in Global Missions" by Drew Hunter

Overview

1. How We Send
2. What We Say
3. Why We Keep Going

Quotations

"Healthy missional focus seeks to reach not only one's neighbors but also the nations." –Drew Hunter

"We care about all suffering, especially eternal suffering." -John Piper ("Abortion and the Narrow Way That Leads to Life," sermon from Jan 23, 2011)

Understanding & Application

- 1) How would you characterize the balance in your life between seeking to reach those nearby for Christ and seeking to reach the nations? How would you characterize Zionsville Fellowship?
- 2) According to Drew's sermon, what is it that makes a people group "unreached"? That is, how did he define an "unreached people group"? Why is it that such people groups deserve our special attention?
- 3) With reference to the quote from John Piper above, how can the church work both to alleviate present physical suffering and to spread the gospel through which God saves from eternal suffering? Must every ministry address both? Discuss some specific ministries in this light. Does your own involvement in missions appreciate the balance needed? Does Zionsville Fellowship have the right balance?
- 4) Drew mentioned the need to "contextualize" the gospel message, appropriately adapting your presentation to the specific audience being addressed. What are the essential elements of the message that must be present in *any* presentation of the gospel? Identify these in Acts 13:16-41.
- 5) Re-read Acts 13:48 and 2 Timothy 2:8-10. Why should these passages motivate us to persevere in spreading the gospel even when there is opposition?