

Grace Comes First
Community - Week 2
February 17, 2019

THE PRACTICE (From Week 1)

1. EMBRACE THE “_____” OF HOLINESS.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Matthew 5:13

We’re not just set apart _____ the world, we are also set apart _____ the world.

2. ENGAGE EVEN THOUGH IT IS _____.

3. EXPECT A _____.

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. (1-3)

Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. (4)

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (5)

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” (5-12)

Mark 2:1-12

The Mission of the Church, is to bring _____ to the feet of _____, trusting that Jesus has the power to _____ and to heal _____.

Three Characteristics of Followers of Jesus

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the Week Ahead

Who are three friends that you want to bring into the presence of Jesus?