Jesus' Priority of Preaching

Scripture: Luke 4:42-44

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Overview



Preaching is central to the life of the church now, and has been throughout history. As Christians, we are known for our preaching—not just in the church context—but also in our everyday lives. We talk about Jesus, the gospel, truth, and forgiveness with people in our everyday conversations. It is important for us to do so truthfully and faithfully. Why do we do this? We learn about the place of preaching in the Kingdom of God from the example and teaching of Jesus in his earthly ministry. In this passage, we see that **Jesus Christ perfectly shows us the means and the necessity of preaching.** The church then follows the example of Jesus and make its unique service to the world by offering the gospel of grace and forgiveness to the world.

Corroborating Texts

John 12:44-45,49-50; Galatians 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Romans 10:9-11

Discussion Questions

- 1. How did Jesus prepare for His ministry responsibilities? Why was it important to Him?
- 2. What does it mean to "spend time with God"? How do you do it? Where do you do it?
- 3. Why can private worship be such a struggle for us? If it's so important, how can we be so distracted? Why is it important that we persevere through the obstacles in this discipline?
- 4. How did people respond to Jesus' preaching?
- 5. Why should we be preaching today? What do we say?
- 6. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. What does it mean to preach from weakness? How is this encouraging for us?
- 7. How does God use preaching to change people's hearts? How has he worked in your heart through the preaching of others?