

Why Who We Are Matters

Scripture(s): 1 Timothy 3:14-16

What are the 5 “W” questions you always ask a passage that you are studying? There is also an “H” question.

_____ : Paul to Timothy (1:1&2)

_____ : Just after the middle of the 1st century.

_____ : Timothy is in Ephesus (1:3)

_____ : To prepare Timothy to instruct certain folks from teaching strange things as doctrine (1:3) AND in our verses this morning: SO THAT Christians will know how to conduct themselves as the gathering of God’s people!

_____ : In this case, it is a simple letter. A simple appeal with a bit of poetry thrown in.

Now we are ready for the 5th W - WHAT...

I. The first reason that God cares about the type of people we are in the church is the church is God's chosen instrument to demonstrate the _____ of the gospel. Being like Jesus matters because we are the letter God has sent to _____ the good news of Jesus.

* God has chosen to _____ His good news of salvation through the lives of His people.

God used Paul’s statement here to remind me of what Jesus said in John 13 and John 17 about how He uses us.

In command form:

John 13:34-35 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

In prayer (1st time):

John 17:17-23 20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

In prayer (2nd time):

22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me

II. The second reason that God cares about the type of people we are in the church is the path to godliness is a _____. What it means to trust in Jesus and how to live life for Jesus is shown _____ the people who follow Jesus.

Why is it a mystery? Again, from the Holy Spirit: Without Christ in us, we are _____ for the wrong things and we _____ the wrong things so we cannot see the right things in order to be saved. (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

Remember this - The glory of the good news urges us to care how we _____ that good news .

Our challenge: Care that we, both as individuals and as a church, become people who carry the good news like _____.

1. In both boldness and compassion _____ the glory of the gospel to those in your circle.

2. Keep clear in your heart and before others that godliness is not about our activities but is about _____.

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