

Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, November 8, 2020

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 14. Methodology for Ministry – Matthew 4:23-25 - Pastor Phillip M Way

Introduction – In Matthew’s account of the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, we are given the location – Galilee; the message – repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand; and the methodology – calling disciples through and to teaching, preaching, and healing. God uses means to accomplish His purposes. – Isaiah 61:1-2

- I. Teaching (Teaching and Preaching follow in Matthew 5-7, Healing in 8-9)
 - A. Systematic Instruction – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 1. Doctrine – facts, truths to believe
 2. Reproof – rebuke sin and error
 3. Correction – steps to put things back as they should be
 4. Instruction in Righteousness – walk this way
 - B. In Synagogues – the “gathering place” to study God’s Law/Word
 - C. Response to Teaching = Obedience
 1. Teach these things – 1 Tim. 4:1-11; 2 Tim. 2:1-2
 2. Teach Jesus as the Christ – Acts 5:42; Col. 1:27-28
 3. Teach good things – Titus 2:3-5
 4. Teach through singing – Col. 3:16
- II. Preaching
 - A. Public Proclamation – a herald delivering the message from the King
 - B. The Good News of the Kingdom – 1 Cor. 15:1-8
 1. Euangelion – the Messiah has come – 2 Tim. 2:8
 2. To Everyone Everywhere - Mark 10:13; 16:15
 3. The Kingdom
 - a. God’s Sovereign Rule
 - b. Instructions for living as Kingdom citizens while living in a fallen world
 4. Preach the Word – 2 Tim. 4:1-2
 - a. Convince – refute the faults, convict
 - b. Rebuke – sharp admonishment, epitimao (to make an example of)
 - c. Exhort – parakaleo – call to one’s side to comfort and encourage
 - d. With Longsuffering – steadfast patience
 - e. With Teaching - instruction
- III. Healing
 - A. Every Disease and Illness – physical, mental, spiritual
 - B. Ministry to the Whole Person – Ryle Quote
 1. Sickness is a direct result of living in a fallen world
 2. By healing, Jesus is overcoming evil
 - C. Methods of Healing in the Church
 1. Medicine – 1 Tim. 5:23; Col. 4:14
 2. Prayer – James 5:14-16
 3. Education – 2 Cor. 10:4-6
 4. Miracles – 1 Cor. 12:4-11
- IV. The Multitudes
 - A. News Spread
 1. The Spirit was drawing people in dark places to the light which had come
 2. Fame – people heard of Him – Psa. 135:13
 - B. Great Crowds Followed...for a time – John 6:63-69; Mark 14:50

Cross References and Quotes

Isaiah 61:1-3

61 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 4:1-11

4 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 These things command and teach.

2 Timothy 2:1-2

2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Acts 5:42

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Colossians 1:27-28

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

Titus 2:3-5

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Colossians 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

2 Timothy 2:8

8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

Mark 10:13

13 Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them.

Mark 16:15

15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

4 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Ryle Quote – “He, before whom no bodily disease proved incurable, is mighty to cure every ailment of our souls: there is no broken heart that He cannot heal; there is no wound of conscience that He cannot cure. Fallen, crushed, bruised, plague-stricken as we all are by sin, Jesus by His blood and Spirit can make us whole.”

1 Timothy 5:23

23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities.

Colossians 4:14

14 Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you.

James 5:14-16

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

2 Corinthians 10:4-6

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Psalms 135:13

13 Your name, O Lord, endures forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.

John 6:63-69

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mark 14:50

50 Then they all forsook Him and fled.