

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: A Calling to Faith and Knowledge

Sermon Text: Titus 1:1-4

INTRODUCTION

There seems to be two kinds of people in the world. The first group is more trusting, willing to take risks, and doesn't need all the information before making a decision. The other group is into gathering as much information as possible, getting all the facts, and probably taking longer before deciding on anything.

Are you more like one of these groups than the other? And how does this work in terms of trusting in God? That's what we'll consider this session.

OPENING QUESTION

1. Are you more likely to be gather as much information as you can before making a decision or not? Try to give a specific example of such a decision.

INTO THE BIBLE (Read Titus 1:1-4)

1. The writer, Paul, states that God has called him to further the faith and knowledge of God's people. Do people usually see faith and knowledge going together or not? Why or why not?
2. In the sermon we learned that faith is trusting God more, and knowledge is having more information about God. How do faith and knowledge work together to grow a person's relationship with God?

GOING DEEPER

3. Paul measures a growing faith and knowledge in God by how godly a person or group is becoming. Do you think people commonly see this connection, or do they measure growth in faith/knowledge in other ways? (If there are other ways people see this connection, what are they and how valid are they?)
4. How does having a clearer vision of heaven and hope for eternal life move a Christian to grow in faith and knowledge of God? How clear and biblical is your vision of eternal life?
5. How much does solid preaching and studying of God's Word help someone grow in faith and knowledge of God?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If you're not a Christian, maybe the idea that faith and knowledge going together is something you can consider more. Know that Christians ought to grow in both, and that if you were to become a Christian, it involves both a growing trust and a growing understanding of who God is.

If you're a Christian, how can you practically fulfill your calling for furthering faith and knowledge? Should you grow in your understanding and eternal hope in heaven? Should you commit to a greater intake of God's Word? And are those contributing to actual greater godliness in your life?