

Living Water Part 24
Acts 11:19-30

The title Of The Message: “The Practical Gospel”

The Key Words: Preaching & Teaching

The Thought: The Gospel is practical when people believe and are moved by the Spirit, to fulfill the call of God.

The Breakdown:

Verses 19-23 The Gospel For All...

Verses 24-26 Filled With The Spirit...

Verses 27-30 The Active Gospel...

I firmly believe people have hitherto been a great deal too much taken up about doctrine and far too little about practice. The word "doctrine," as used in the Bible, means teaching of duty, not theory.
-George McDonald

The best learning I had came from teaching. -Corrie Ten boom

Verses 19-23 The Gospel For All...

Acts 11:19-20

Now those who were scattered...

Matthew 28:19

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Preaching the Lord Jesus...

Jeremiah 32:17 (NKJV) ‘Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.

Acts 11:21-23

The hand of the Lord was with them...

Matthew 7:7-8 (NKJV) 7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

The Lord was with them...

Isaiah 41:10 (NKJV) Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

Haggai 1:13 (NKJV) Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, spoke the Lord’s message to the people, saying, “I am with you, says the Lord.”

Then news of these things...

A ministry can’t turn people to the Lord unless the hand of the Lord is with them.

You can turn people to a personality without the hand of the Lord.

You can turn people to a social club without the hand of the Lord.

You can turn people to a church or an institution without the hand of the Lord.

But you can't turn people to the Lord without the hand of the Lord.

Then news of these things...

Psalm 73:22–24

When he came and had seen the grace of God...

Romans 5:15 (NKJV) But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

1 Corinthians 1:4 (NKJV) I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus...

The grace of God...

Believed and turned to the Lord...

James 2:18

1 John 3:23 (NKJV) And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Romans 13:8–10

Verses 24-26 Filled With The Spirit...

Acts 11:24

For he was a good man...

“good man.”

all believers are full of the “Holy Spirit” and of “Faith” = “Good” or “God in character”

Luke 18:19 (NKJV) So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

John 14:19–21

Acts 11:25-26

Then Barnabas departed...

Taught a great many people...

“Disciple” = “Learner”

Colossians 1:28 (NKJV) Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NKJV) Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV) 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.

2 Timothy 2:2 (NKJV) 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.

Verses 27-30 The Active Gospel...

Acts 11:27-28

And in these days prophets...

“in those days”

1 Corinthians 14:5 (NKJV) I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Thessalonians 5:20–21 (NKJV) Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 Corinthians 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

Acts 11:29-30

Then the disciples...

Application:

1. No place is ever impossible to reach people, so long as we are willing to preach the gospel in the power of the Spirit.

2. What’s the news that others are hearing about you? We should all care about how we are representing Jesus, the One who gave His life for ours.

3. No disciple is ever called to do what is outside of their abilities only according to their ability.