

Sunday Sermon Notes

"The Power of One"

Numbers in the Bible:

3 is the number of the Trinity
7 is the number of perfection
12 is the number of discipleship
40 is the number of a generation
But the most important number of all is One

One is the number of our God: There is no other God
God's name is "Yahweh" (I am that I am)
God is Father of everyone
God has made Himself known in Trinity

One is the number of salvation: Jesus is our only Savior
There is only one way to salvation
There is only one truth for salvation
There is only one life in salvation

One is the number of God's love: God loves even me!
God knows even me
God seeks even me
God saves even me

One is the number of the church: We are unified as one
Unity is what God expects of us
Unity is our responsibility
Unity is becomes our blessing

Has the Power of One become a reality in your life?

Pastor's bonus point:

Let's not let "one" become a lonely number for us!

Each one of us can reach one for Jesus.
Challenge for Easter: Each one invite one

Digging Deeper

Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion

Reviewing the Sermon:

How does the idea that God is "one" make a difference in how we think of God? If there is only one God, then what is the problem with saying that people of other religions (for instance, Moslems) do not worship the same God as we do? Who do they really worship?

To say that Jesus is the only way of salvation is not a "politically correct" thing to say. How can a Christian be loving to those who do not believe and also true to his convictions.

How amazing do you think it is to think of God actually loving you as an individual? Aren't we being kind of arrogant to claim that God takes an individual interest in each one of us?

Why is it so important for the church to be unified? What happens to the church when it fails to be unified? What is the relationship between a church being unified and a church experiencing revival?

Discussion Questions

(Remember that not all questions must be used)

After construction of the first temple in Jerusalem was completed, King Solomon led the nation in its dedication. Which is recorded in 2 Chronicles, chapter 7. After leads in the consecration of the temple, the Lord appeared to Solomon and spoke to him and the people. Our Bible study this week focuses on part of what the Lord says to His people.

Please read 2 Chronicles 7:11-16

How important do you believe it was for Solomon and the people to know that God had accepted the temple as his place for sacrifices? How can we be assured that God's presence also abides with us?

Verse 13 implies there are occasions when God is responsible for bring hard times on his people. While this does not mean that every hardship comes from God, how does it make you feel to know that at least sometimes God brings them?

What are the four things God tells the people they must do in verse 14? Which of these things do you think is the most difficult for God's people to do? Where do you think we are most likely to fall short when it comes to seeking God in times of hardship?

Verse 14 also teaches that God will do three things: hear, forgive, and heal. Why is it important for God to say that he will "hear"? For what types of things can we be in need of forgiveness? In what ways might people going through these hardships need "healing"?

What does verse 15 tell us about God's desire to hear our prayers? Why do you think we often struggle with feelings that God does not hear us?

Not only was Solomon's temple destroyed, but the temples that were built after that were also destroyed. How, then, can it be true that God's presence will be in the temple forever? What might this teach us about where God's temple exists today?

What do you think it means that the Lord says, "my eyes and my heart will always be there"?

Prayer Time: Ask each person in your group to share one thing they would like to see come from revival. Take time as a group to pray for each others hopes and expectations for revival.

Revival Fires

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Ephesians 4:1-5

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