

Sermon Notes

Lessons Learned: Part 1

June 5th-6th, 2021

- **Lessons Learned: Intro**
- I remember years ago as a new Christian not having a clue. I was out of place and unsure.
 - o However, I like to think that I have picked up a few things along the way.
 - o This summer we will talk about some of those things in our series called “Lessons Learned.”
- **Week 1: God calls on regular everyday people like you and me.**
- Some people are afraid of God or intimidated by spiritual things. They think they have nothing to offer and that God can’t use them for anything because they are just normal everyday people.
- But God has a history of calling on regular everyday people. **Acts 4:8-13**
 - o Unschooled and ordinary. So, regular everyday people. Who were Peter and John?
 - o One account of their calling is **Luke 5:1-10**. They were fishermen. Just normal everyday people.
 - o Paul the Apostle describes the members of the Corinthian church in **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**.
 - o Jesus even told a parable about this very idea. **Matthew 22:1-14**
 - Main point: Regular people are invited, but then you need to get with the program!
- God does call some to lead. **Luke 6:12-16, Ephesians 4:11-13**
 - o But these are still the unschooled ordinary people!
 - o Some are called to full time ministry, but all are called to full time Christianity.
 - All are called to prayer, worship, sacrifice, into spiritual gifts, service, fellowship, etc.
- So, don’t elevate Christian leaders too high. We’re normal everyday people, remember!
 - o Now, don’t forget about things like **1 Timothy 5:17-20** and **Hebrews 13:17**.
 - o But sometimes people get confused. Little Jacob and “God swears.”
 - o If you elevate leaders too high you will: 1) be set up for disappointment 2) Under value your role.
- Don’t under value what God can do with you!
 - o Ex: witness, prayer, serving, mentoring, your example, caring for others, etc. God is calling on you to make a real difference!
 - o If you think you have to be someone super extraordinary then you may abdicate your role because you are intimidated.
 - If you do, the irregular people may step into the void! (Me at that conference.)
 - You don’t want to miss your calling because you were looking at yourself!!
 - o We need you. That’s the whole point of 1 Corinthians 12. Not necessarily Good Hope, but the global redemption revolution needs you!!!!
 - o Don’t be too cool for Sunday School either. ‘Hypocrite’ excuse and being judgmental.
- I’m trying to encourage you to see your value and answer God’s call as a regular everyday person.
 - o But Value = Responsibility, so it can be scary. My rollercoaster.
- They key really is **John 15:1-8**.
 - o It’s not about the fancy branches, it’s about the vine and the gardener.
 - o Regular everyday people can be branches. Just stay connected to the vine!
 - o Let’s stay connected by receiving Holy Communion today!
- Get personal prayer by emailing prayer@goodhope.ag.