



WHAT ARE WE SEEKING AND WHY?

a church in the World

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Scripture of the Day

Zephaniah 2:1 – 3

*Gather together, yes, gather,
O shameless nation,
²before the decree takes effect
—before the day passes away like chaff—
before there comes upon you
the burning anger of the Lord,
before there comes upon you
the day of the anger of the Lord.
³Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,
who do his just commands;^f
seek righteousness; seek humility;
perhaps you may be hidden
on the day of the anger of the Lord.*

Introduction

Welcome to a church in the World where we strive to coach everyone on what God means in His Word and the joy of walking that out, no matter how difficult that may be.

Have you ever done what you should have been doing for the wrong reasons? I know I have. And it does not turn out well, unless I change my actual motivation for my actions.

We are going to talk about that today as we continue to follow Jesus of Nazareth.

Body

People Want to See Jesus

We are the point in Jesus's ministry where all four gospel books (*explain*) describe the event that is going on. So we are going to take a look at all four. This is a rare event, where all four gospel writers describe the same event. Now the first three gospel writers do have a number of situations where they describe the same event, so we will start with them:

Matthew 14:13

13 As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns.

Mark 6:33

33 But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.

Luke 9:11

11 But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him.

Why Do They Want to See Jesus

John 6:2

2 A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick.

They wanted to see miracles. That was their motive.

Study Your Bible

Reading your Bible is a good first step in our learning about God, but here is a significant illustration as to why we have to do more than just read, but we need to study the Bible.

Seeking After Miracles

The Bible speaks on the subject of people seeking after miracles:

Matthew 12:38-39

"Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, 'Teacher, we want to see a sign from you.' He answered, 'A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.'"

John 4:48

"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe."

Luke 11:29

"As the crowds increased, Jesus said, 'This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.'"

Take Aways

What Should We Seek

The Bible gives numerous categories of what we should seek, but as we close, I am going to provide you with what I believe the Bible emphasizes are the three most important:

God First and Foremost

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as

well."

1 Chronicles 16:11

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always."

Psalm 27:4

"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple."

What is Eternal

Colossians 3:1-2

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Wisdom and Understanding

Proverbs 4:7

"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Romans 12:2

²Do not be conformed to this world,^[a] but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.