

“What Are You Talking About?”

Acts 8:4

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INTRO: Let's play a **spiritual spy game** to begin today...

- > If someone had been listening in...
- > Over the last day, week, month, year, decade...

*What would they have heard you
talking about the most?*

Culture? Career? Country? Children? Church? or **Christ?**

NOTE: Before you write me off with the old: “Here we go again...”
Let me ask you think about Jesus and His 3 years with His disciples...

Which days did Jesus and/or His followers stop fishing for men?

PRAYER

We don't focus on what we think about... **we think about what we are focused on....** Stated differently, in this fallen world, our head (and hands by the way) follow our heart (which is inherently wicked and easily deceived - cf. [Jeremiah 17:9](#)). By contrast, in God's divine design and Christ-like, created-order, it is Truth that defines love and, in proving-validation, it is Truth that sets us free ([John 8:32 & 36](#)). In other words, our heart (and hands) are to follow our rightly-informed head, and thereby bear the righteous fruit of true truth... and the Lord's lasting love. Remember...

Jesus taught that where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also - JDP

CONTEXT:

- > 2021 Sermon Series: *“Show And Tell”*
- > Weeks 1 & 2 = “Show” then “And”
- > Subtitle: (*The Word of God*) a.k.a. Jesus/Bible
- > Today’s focus: Acts 8:4 AND our call to go “Tell”

BIG IDEA:

ALL biblical telling will be Christ-like, authoritative, AND loving!

T/S: Define “Tell” & “Telling”

PREVIEW: Today we’ll take a quick look at the pillars of telling...

1. Who
2. What
3. Where
4. When
5. Why
6. How

TEXT: Acts 8:4

***Those who had been scattered
preached the word wherever they went.***

* **NOTE:** This is a both/and, descriptive **AND** prescriptive verse!

I. WHO?

A. LOST

John 3:16 is definitive here!

B. FOUND

Acts 1:8 & 8:4 are equally clear.

II. WHAT?

A. To LOST:

1. Introductory Evangel
2. Invitational Evangel

B. To FOUND:

1. Informing Evangel
2. Inspecting Evangel
3. Inspirational Evangel

VIDEO: *"Harvey"*

C. To ALL:

We take people from off the street... to ordination!
(See our: mMm; Stickman; The FLOW; ComeAndSee...)

Our "telling" includes:

- 1). **Person** of God
- 2). **Purity** of God
- 3). **Power** of God
- 4). **Plan** of God
- 5). **People** of God

*You have a Creator.
He has a Plan.
You need a Savior.
Jesus Christ is Both!*

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III. WHERE?

Mark 16:15

*And He said to them, "Go into **all** the world **and** **preach** the gospel to **all** creation.*

- A. Locally - family, friends & community...
- B. Regionally - Fred & Uganda & India & Kenya
- C. Globally - China, Uganda, India, Kenya, Nepal

VIDEO: "Sumanta & Vijay/Timothy"

> At home, work, school, play... **everywhere!**

IV. WHEN?

- A. Morning
- B. Noon
- C. Night
 - > When Scripture mandates...
 - > When the Spirit initiates...

V. WHY?

A. LOVE

1. Down - John 3:16
2. Up - John 14:15
3. In - 1 Thessalonians 2:8
4. Out - 1 John 3:18

B. LEARN

1. Here

Luke 18:1

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not become discouraged,

(Have-to ----- Get-to)

2. Heaven
3. Hell

Romans 10:1-17

C. LORD

1. He came to testify to the truth!
2. John 14:15
3. Great Commandments
4. Great Commission

VI. HOW?

(A,B,C,D,E of How?)

[Authoritatively, Biblically, Christlike, Discipling, Empowered]

A. Authoritatively:

Titus 2:15

*Declare these things. Exhort **and** rebuke with **all** authority. Let **no one** disregard you.*

B. Biblically: Matthew 10:16

C. Christ-like: John 20:21

Christ-likeness includes **Form & Function**

- > Proclaiming / Preaching
- > Prophecy
- > Praising & Worshipping / Singing
- > Praying
- > Teaching (show AND tell = equip)
- > Testifying (BC @ AD)
- > Reminding
- > Poetry
- > Skywriting
- > **Warning**.....

Disconnecting “ands” is disobedience! —JDP

*Don't confuse walking WITH God and...
wrongly THINKING you are working FOR God. -JDP*

*There's a world of difference between talking to God
and talking about talking to God. -JDP*

Ditto with hearing God vs hearing about hearing God!

Don't ever forget the eternal differences between:

***** Cain vs. Abel**
***** Ishmael vs. Isaac**
***** Judas vs. Jesus**

D. Discipling: Matthew 28:18-20

D = Defining Doctrine
I = Invite & Invest
S = Serve & Share
C = Church in Community
I = Inspect & Inspire
P = Perfecting & Purifying
L = Live HIS Love
E = Everyone, Everyday!

E. Empowered: Acts 1:8

REVIEW: Who, What, Where, When, Why, & How...

CLOSE:

I pray that today you've grown to understand how and why we tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth!

I pray that you have a new appreciation & commitment, a new understanding and application in regards to talking about what really matters most...

Colossians 1:28

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

I pray that today... and everyday we get together... you hear the message of warfare... through the mission of worship! -JDP

Colossians 1:29

29*For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.*

(Unpack all the all's and and's in Matthew 28:18-20)

PRAYER

Closing Songs: telling of sin, sovereignty, & our Lord/Savior!

1. "Please Come Down To Me" - Crabb Family
2. "It's ALL God" - Soul Seekers
3. "Christ Is Risen" - (w/ David Bowdan)