
For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

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T E U E T O J E S U S L H E O E
P O J W S E E K J W L F O W R H
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P Y N O H Y D G T O E M K L O D
L E D R B W L D S A V E W L G X
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Y L D H D Y E M C H I L D H D R

Setting the Table: The Prep Work Before the Meal

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- Teaching & Bible study methods
- Studying the Gospels
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Teaching & Bible Study Methods

- Teaching methods
- Bible study methods

Teaching & Bible Study Methods

- Teaching methods: expositionally through books of the Bible
 - It's Biblical
 - It's helps us learn our Bible
 - It stretches the teacher & deepens his understanding
 - It puts controversial or "hot topic" issues in their proper place
 - It helps us see the full story line of redemption
 - It more greatly magnifies the glory of Jesus Christ
 - It fosters congregational patience, endurance, and commitment to the Word
 - It creates a longer pastoral and congregational legacy

Teaching & Bible Study Methods

- Bible study methods:
 - See the structure
 - Read in context
 - Consider the background
 - Grasp the main point
 - Identify the purpose
 - Relate to the Gospel
 - Respond to implications

Studying the Gospels

- What is “a gospel” and “the gospel?”
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- The 4 gospels

Studying the Gospels

- Matthew
 - Tax collector & Apostle
 - Jesus: King of the Jews
 - Emphasis on the teachings of Jesus
 - Jesus fulfills the words of the Law & Prophets

Studying the Gospels

- Mark
 - Aided the Apostle Peter; missionary; probably written first
 - Jesus: the suffering servant
 - Shows Jesus' authority, declaration of His work
 - Possible source for Matthew & Luke

Studying the Gospels

- Luke
 - Physician, historian, companion of Paul
 - Jesus: Savior for all
 - Educational, seeking to arrange details of Jesus' life & ministry in order
 - Written by a non-Jewish person to non-Jewish people

Studying the Gospels

- John
 - Apostle
 - Jesus is God
 - Written to inspire belief; written last of the 4
 - Mostly unique content, focused on signs & statements of Jesus

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Studying the Gospels

- How do we read the gospels?
 - Intended to be read in one sitting
- We should ask these types of questions:
 - What does Jesus say about himself?
 - Whom is Jesus talking to?
 - What does Jesus say about God?
 - How does Jesus react to different situations? What pleases him? What upsets him?
 - What does Jesus tell people to do?

An Introduction to Luke

- Who is Luke & what do we know about him?
- What do we need to know about Luke's gospel?
- How does Luke construct his gospel & what are the main themes?

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