

"WHAT GOES ON HERE?"

TEXT: NEHEMIAH 2:19, "WHAT IS THIS THING THAT YOU ARE DOING?"

THIS IS THE QUESTION ASKED BY OUTSIDERS, UNBELIEVERS, AND MOCKERS, OF NEHEMIAH AND THOSE WHO WERE BUILDING J^ELEM AS A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

PEOPLE TODAY PASS OUR CHURCHES AND ASK, "WHAT GOES ON HERE?"

1. WORSHIP. Ps. 95:6, "O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN: LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD OUR MAKER."

1. THE PLACE OF WORSHIP

2. THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

3. THE PRACTICE OF WORSHIP

II. PREACHING AND TEACHING. THIS IS OUR MESSAGE:

1. MAN'S SINFUL CONDITION

2. GOD'S GRACIOUS REDEPTION

A. Ex. 12:14 WHAT IS THIS?

BY STRENGTH OF THIS

LORD BROUGHT US OUT FROM THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE."

III. SOUL-WINNING

1. THE COMMAND FOR SOUL WINNING.

A. THE GREAT COMMISSION

2. THE PASSION FOR SOUL WINNING

A. THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINS ME

3. THE METHOD OF SOUL WINNING

A. LIVE A CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIFE

B. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

C. WIN THE CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT OF ALL

D. TELL OTHERS WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND WHAT HE CAN DO FOR THEM.

E. WITNESS ABOUT JESUS

F. ASK THEM TO RECEIVE, CONFESS, AND FOLLOW CHRIST THEMSELVES.
(ILLUSTRATION OF THE SALESMAN TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE AND SELL A KEY-MAKING MACHINE, FINALLY GOT AROUND TO ASKING THE PROSPECT "WHY DON'T YOU BUY IT?", AND THE PROSPECT ANSWERED "WELL, WHY DON'T YOU ASK ME TO?")

WHEN LYMAN BEECHER WAS PASTOR OF A BOSTON CHURCH SO EONE ASKED HIM WHY HIS CHURCH WAS SO NOTABLY SUCCESSFUL. "WHY," EXPLAINED BEECHER, "I PREACH ON SUNDAY, AND THEN I HAVE 450 MEMBERS WHO TO OUT ON MONDAY TO PREACH THE SAME GOSPEL EVERY WEEK."

PRAYER

INNOVATION

Lord 10 Thou whom we cannot love unless we love our brother: to remove from us and all men both hate and prejudice, that thy children may be reconciled with those whom they fear, resent, threaten, or feel threatened by; Grant that we may all live together in peace.

Monarchy. Theology of Critique and Party. In our peasant mode of life in Russia and Great as any place as we like

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INVOCATION

AMEN

Our God our Father, Creator of the universe and Giver of all good things: we thank thee for our home on earth and for the joy of living.

We praise thee for thy love in Jesus Christ, who came to set things right, who died rejected on the cross, and who rose triumphant from the dead. Because He lives, we live to praise thee, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our God forever.

Hear us and bless us as we lift up our hearts unto thee in prayer and worship. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN