

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL

1 August 2021

Text: John 6:22-29

Subject: Evangelism

Focus: Key Issues

INTRODUCTION

1. There may be some who appear
 - a) To be interested in Christianity
 - b) They may even “follow”
2. Much discernment is needed
 - a) To know who are genuinely interested
 - b) To know who have personal self-interests at heart

APPARENT INTEREST

1. Polite talk
2. Small talk

“Rabbi, when did You come here?” John 6:25

3. Apparent concern shown

REASONS FOR SEEKING THE LORD

“You seek Me, not because you saw the signs,
but because you ate the loaves and were filled” John 6:26

1. Candid conversation
 - a) Why do people seek the Lord?
 - b) Two reasons brought to the forefront
 - i) Was it because of the signs the Lord Jesus performed?
 - ii) Was it because of having eaten the loaves the Lord gave?
2. Wise to understand why people seek the Lord Jesus!
 - a) No discouragement intended

- b) Just needed candidness
- c) It sets the stage for further discussion

ENCOURAGEMENT TO SEEK ETERNAL THINGS

“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”
John 6:27

1. Labouring for food which perishes

- a) Food may represent:
 - i) Physical focus
 - ii) Material matters
- b) Many will labour
 - i) To have material blessings
 - ii) To have healing

2. Labouring for food which endures to everlasting life

- a) This is the correct focus
- b) Everlasting life is to be given full consideration

3. The Son of God

- a) He has the Seal of God, the Father
 - i) Evidenced in His life
 - ii) Seen in His sign-miracles
- b) He can give everlasting life
 - i) To all who seek this life
 - ii) And will seek the Lord Jesus for who He is

QUESTIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

John 6:28

1. "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

2. What this question showed:

a) They picked up on what the Lord Jesus said

"Do not **labour** for the food which perishes,
but (**labour**) for the food which endures to everlasting life"

b) "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God" John 6:28

i) That we may work

Same word that the Lord Jesus used, translated as "labour"

ii) The works of God

c) There is presumption here

That one can "work the works of God"

d) There is wrong understanding about obtaining everlasting life

That if one does the works of God, one would be rewarded with
everlasting life!

THE ANSWER THE LORD JESUS GAVE

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him
whom He sent."

John 6:29

1. This is the work of God... that you believe in Him whom He sent!

a) The idea of "the work of God"

i) This had been misunderstood

ii) This was now explained even more clearly

iii) Misconceptions must be cleared up

b) The work of God is to believe

i) To believe in the Lord Jesus

- ii) To believe that God had sent Him to give us everlasting life

2. Elucidation from the writing of the Apostle Paul

“⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”
Titus 3:4-7

a) Believing God as our Saviour

- i) He is kind

- ii) He is loving

- iii) He is merciful

Titus 3:4-5

b) How a person is not saved

Not by works of righteousness which we have done

Titus 3:5

c) How a person is saved

- i) Regeneration

Washing of regeneration

- ii) Renewal

Renewing of the Holy Spirit

- iii) Outpouring

He is poured out on us

- iv) Through the Lord Jesus

Through the Lord Jesus Christ
(His atoning work)

- v) Justification

Justified by His grace

d) One special result highlighted

We become heirs of the hope of eternal life

CONCLUSION

1. Focus on Everlasting life
2. Focus on Faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ
3. Check comprehension of doctrine of salvation (Titus 3:4-7)