

Centered by the Cross

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

LUKE 2:41-52

I. Developing a “Cruciformed” Life

A. Jesus Did It by Making “*the Father’s business*” His Business

1. A “cruciformed life” is something we need to begin developing early in our walk of faith.
 - a. Jesus recognized this was His life’s purpose even from this early age.

2. This commitment to “*be about His Father’s business*” can be seen throughout Jesus entire ministry...
 - a. From the very beginning of His ministry . . .

Matthew 3:13-15

Romans 3:10

Luke 7:30

Isaiah 55:8-9

- b. So Jesus is constantly seeking to help people understand the things He says/does from His Father’s perspective...

John 5:19

John 12:49-50

Colossians 3:17

Matthew 28:18

B. The “Cruciformed Life” was and Still is Misunderstood

1. At the height of His popularity many saw Jesus the Messiah as a revolutionary political leader..
 - a. Politicians today, whether on the political Left & Right still try to force Jesus into politics

John 6:14-15

- b. The religious, saw Jesus in terms they already understood...

Matthew 16:13-14

John 7:45-46

Mark 2:12

- c. So Jesus then introduces His "*Father's business*" to His disciples by asking them the same question

Matthew 16:15-18

- d. He then gives His disciples the specifics of what the "*Father's business*" is for His life....

Matthew 16:21

2. However, just like John the Baptist earlier, Peter tries to prevent Jesus from doing *the Father's business*.

Matthew 3:13

Matthew 16:22

- a. But Jesus points out the problem with this sort of thinking...

Matthew 16:23

3. So what does this mean for us? How can we be about "*the Father's business*" each day?

- a. How we TALK is the "*Father's Business*"

Colossians 4:6

Ephesians 4:L29

- b. How we ACT is the "*Father's Business*"

Colossians 3:17

1 Corinthians 10:31

- c. How we PLAN is the "*Father's Business*"

Proverbs 16:3

James 4:13-14

GUESTS: You have a choice. . . **Luke 7:30 or Matthew 3:13? - Mark 16:16?! No tomorrows promised, Jms. 4:13, 2 Cor. 6:2**