

Contagious Christianity

Sermon notes for August 28th

Scripture Reading: (Matthew 5:13-16)

Introduction:

1. Usually, the term “contagious” has a negative connotation.
2. Contagious simply means that something is transmissible.
3. What gives it a negative connotation is that we usually speak of it with reference to disease.
4. However, are there not many good things that are and that we could wish were contagious?
5. In this lesson, let’s examine some things that we can do that will help make Christianity contagious.

I. Becoming Contagious Christians

A. People sometimes think that being contagious involves, size, money, entertainment, theatrics, etc.

B. However, we may never become a “mega-church,” but we can be a contagious church.

C. Three principles that are contagious:

1. Be Amazed at the Glory of God.
2. Be Transformed by the Love of Jesus.
3. Be Yielded to the Word of God.

II. How Jesus Drew People To Him

A. Jesus talked “to” people, not “at” them (John 4:7).

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

B. Jesus turned ordinary conversations to spiritual conversations (John 4:10, 13-14).

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

B. Jesus gave people reason to follow Him (John 4:13-14).

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

C. Jesus didn’t force Himself on another (John 4:26-28).

26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” **27** Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” **28** Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

D. Jesus created intentional encounters (John 4:4).

4 Now he had to go through Samaria.

Conclusion:

1. May we so live that our lives are a reflection of the Son of God.
2. With a greater awareness of how blessed we are, we can be contagious to those with whom we come in contact.

Matthew 5: **13** “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. **14** “You

are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.