

For the week of May 21-27, 2017

Based on Pastor Tucker Maile's message from May 21

Apostles of the Gospel

Best Way to Prepare for Your Group? Listen to the teaching and read the appropriate scripture. Please give emphasis to the latter. These notes are prepared on Fridays. Sometimes, Pastor Tucker modifies his sermon right before service. So, allow for flexibility. Remember, your time together isn't meant to be a re-teaching of the most recent lesson. Instead, the discussion points and questions are designed to encourage group members to share insight and application of what they've learned from God's Word—and thereby grow closer to the Lord and each other.

[Format for the Evening]

WELCOME:

Get to know each other. Re-introduce yourselves if need be and welcome any newcomers. Invite those new to the group to share a little about their lives and Christian experience. Spend some time talking about real-life issues that may have come up during prayer or fellowship time the previous week. These Community Groups are more than Bible studies. They are designed to help believers form deep and lasting relationships.

KEY PASSAGE: *Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name. –Romans 1:5*

REVIEW: This week we review Pastor Tucker's introduction to the Book of Romans, a letter dealing with understanding and experiencing the Gospel. In the most recent message Pastor Tucker offered insight into Paul's emphasis on the importance of the Gospel in our lives.

THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING: The Gospel influences everything about our lives.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul explains why all people need salvation. He also makes it clear that Jesus provides that salvation. This week's passage establishes some of the advantages we have as a result of the Gospel. We see that Jesus is the Son of God and that His resurrection brings power.

TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING: The power of the resurrection

1. How does the fact that Jesus is presented here as God's Son affect you personally?
2. What does it mean to you personally to have power and victory because of Christ's resurrection?
3. Be real. How often do you stop to contemplate the power and victory you have in Christ?
4. How could a greater awareness of Christ's power in your life change the way you live?

THINK ABOUT THE TEACHING: We are all apostles.

When we accept the victory of Christ we are empowered by His grace. We have access to a Spirit of obedience, and in obedience we are called to be apostles. The role of apostle is not reserved for great heroes of the faith such as Peter and Paul; it belongs to us all. It is a call to worship Jesus. It is a call to learn more about Him, our Living Word. It is a call to study His promises and it is a call to share our faith with others.

TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING: What does apostleship look like in your life?

1. What do you think it means to be an apostle who is obedient to “the faith among all nations”?
2. Does that verse require that you be a missionary? If so, what does that look like in your life?
3. Is there a difference between an apostle and a missionary? Discuss why you answered as you did.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY:

Please pray that, as we embark on this study of Romans, we are all ready to grow deeper in our knowledge of the power and victory we have because of Jesus and that we are more aware of ways we can share our faith with others.

TRANSITION TO REAL LIFE:

Before you head home take some time to talk about the week ahead, make note of any needs and prayer requests, and enjoy each other's company. That's what family does.

Note: *Pastor Tucker welcomes your feedback. Please email him at tucker@ccboise.org with your insight.*

WEEKLY PRAYER REQUESTS

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the Gospel of God. - Romans 1:1.

I ordained you a prophet to the nations. -Jeremiah 1:5.

Why did God make you? Ask what your work in the world is—that for which you were born, to which you were appointed, on account of which you were conceived in the creative thought of God. That there is a divine purpose in your existence is indisputable. Ask God to help you realize what you are to do with this life. Never doubt that you have been endowed with all the special aptitudes necessary to achieve whatever God has for you to do. God has formed you specifically for it, equipping your mind with all that He knew would be necessary for your life work. It is your part to elaborate and improve upon, as much as possible, the “talents” however large or small that you have been given. –F. B. Meyer

About the Author: Frederick Brotherton Meyer was a Baptist pastor in England and an active participant in the early Keswick Convention—an evangelical Bible teaching series that began in 1875. A friend of D.L. Moody, Meyer influenced inner-city mission work and revival on both sides of the Atlantic. He lived from 1847 until 1929.

Our Community Group:

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Prayer Requests for Our International Missions

- Please pray for the upcoming, three-day youth retreat taking place next weekend. Approximately 400 kids, representing Calvary Chapels from throughout Southern India will gather. Pray that their faith grows deeper and that they have a joyful experience glorifying God.
- Please pray for Brother David, one of our native Indian workers, who is HIV positive and was recently hospitalized. Also pray for his daughter who is also HIV positive. Pray that they will be comforted by the Lord’s presence during this difficult season.

Prayer Requests for our Local Ministry

- Please pray for the Senior High ministry to have all the resources necessary and all the volunteers required to reach the next generation for Jesus. Pray that the youth would all engage in developing a deep faith and personal relationship with Christ and that they would be apostles wherever they go—now and in the future.