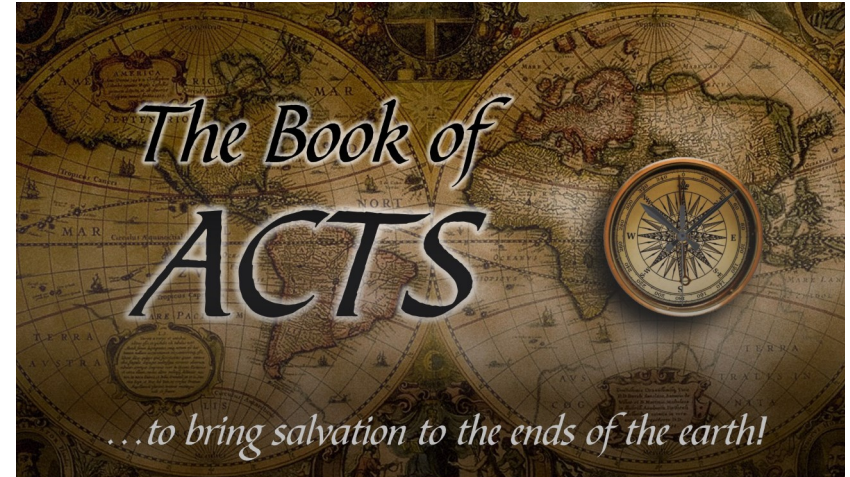


Some people say that the job of the church is to confront sin. If we follow that idea to its logical conclusion, what is the ultimate goal? Is that a realistic goal?

What do you think of the fact that God waited 400 years to save his people from slavery in Egypt? Why didn't God send Moses sooner?



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Scripture References

Ephesians 3:10-11 • Acts 1:8 • 1 Corinthians 1:17-25
2 Corinthians 6:17 • Philemon 4-17 • Matthew 28:18-20
2 Peter 3:10-13 • Acts 8:1-3 • Acts 9:1-2

Prayer Requests

- 1) Through our own _____, humanity's relationship with God, our spiritual connection to God, was broken.
- 2) The Bible draws a clear contrast between the gospel and human _____. Therefore, human wisdom can become a false gospel, in _____ with the true gospel.

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- 3) Human history shows that we are _____ of far worse than what we are now seeing in American culture.
- 4) The idea that the Church should fight to change culture fails on a very important point: the argument cannot be supported by _____.
- 5) God allowed the Hebrew people to be slaves in Egypt for 400 years before he sent Moses to free them. God used that time to transform Jacob's family into the nation of _____.
- 6) God doesn't tell us to change culture. On the contrary, God says, "Don't be like them, be _____, because you are my people."
- 7) Our mission is to make disciples, and to teach _____ to obey Jesus.
- 8) The gospel is the _____ of forgiveness of sin and a new relationship with God through the death of Christ.
- 9) Saul wanted to fight a _____ war, to overcome what he saw as the evil people who were trying to destroy Jewish religion and culture.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-25. What forms of human wisdom was Paul thinking about in verses 19- 20? What did Paul mean in verse 25?

Read James 3:13-18. What does this teach us about God's wisdom and how it should influence our lives?

Read James 1:19-21. How might this apply to our views of culture? Is verse 21 speaking on an individual basis or in a broader, societal context?

Continued on reverse.