



Where is Your Zeal?

“Come with me and see my zeal for the Lord.” 2 Kings 10:16

Too often, we have all the mechanics of ministry mastered, but we leave the Master and His zeal out of our plans! It is simple to become so involved doing what we feel comfortable in that we fail to understand the Lord calls us to “uncomfortable living.” We misplace our “zeal for the Lord,” and lose our focus. There is real spiritual energy for living when we are zealous for what God desires. We can’t just focus on what we want or the things that we think will make us committed believers and servants. The zeal for Christ and His kingdom involves making His priorities for reaching a lost world the immediate focus and vital cause of our day to day lives. It’s easy to lose your zeal! We replace the zeal for Christ with being “busy” with what we think is Kingdom business. All the while we wonder why we lack the drive to move forward and accomplish more and more for God. Could it be that we have shoved our zeal for the Lord deep into a spiritual closet and have just forgotten the joy of sharing Jesus with a person who doesn’t know Him? Being zealous for Christ underlines the need to do some spiritual house cleaning, bring all our confessions before the Lord and let Him motivate us for the ministry! There is nothing like the energy and joy that is created when we lead one lost person to the Savior. Jesus is the One who saves, we are just the ones He may use to tell the story. Where is your zeal for Christ today? Hidden or out in the open and ready to be used?

I want to remind you that this Sunday, November 1st will be our Missions Celebration at River’s Edge. It is an opportunity to share all the mission endeavors we support as a church and to hear from Pat and Traci Ragan who serve as mission leaders at AMG International. Folks, I need you to be here this Sunday. God is rekindling our zeal to reach our world and He will use this Sunday as a foundation stone. Missions and Evangelism are at the heart of our church’s purpose. Unless we have the desire to reach our world with the Good News, there is really no need for us to exist as a church at all. Let’s fill the house up this Sunday morning at 10:45 am. Invite people this week. Revisit those who you have invited before. Be consistent and zealous for the Lord! He will reward your faithfulness. He will prepare all of us for the next great step for River’s Edge!

I love you all and will see you Wednesday night and Sunday morning!

Pastor Stephen