

Sermon Notes - August 9th

MATTHEW 17:24-25a

24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?”

25 “Yes, he does,” he replied.

VS.25b-26a

25 When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?”

26 “From others,” Peter answered.

V.26b

“Then the children are exempt,” Jesus said to him.

V.27

“But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”

EXODUS 30:14 (CSB)

Each man who is registered, twenty years old or more, must give this contribution to the Lord.

MATTHEW 17:24a

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LUKE 3:23a

Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

Churches in Decline

- *Are more concerned with preserving tradition than evangelism*
- *Have fewer children and teenagers*
- *Have fewer young leaders in training*
- *Have fewer opportunities for younger members to lead*

PSALM 145:4-7

4 **One generation** commends your works **to another**; they tell of your mighty acts.

5 They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

6 They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.

7 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Jesus and the Next Generation

1. choose CONNECTING over PERFECTING

LUKE 22:24

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

MARK 10:13-14a

13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the **disciples** rebuked them. **14** When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me...”

JOHN 6:60

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

LUKE 9:54b-55

54 they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” **55** But Jesus turned and rebuked them.

JOHN 13:1b

Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them **to the end**.

Jesus and the Next Generation

1. choose CONNECTING over PERFECTING

2. choose TRAINING over COMPLAINING

PHILIPPIANS 2:14 (NLT)

Do everything without **complaining** and arguing

LUKE 6:40

The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully **trained** will be like their teacher.

Jesus and the Next Generation

1. choose CONNECTING over PERFECTING
2. choose TRAINING over COMPLAINING
- 3. choose HANDING OFF over HOLDING ON**

MATTHEW 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make **disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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