

To Learn, Minister, and See

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus had the disciples tell Him what they did and taught. (Mark 6:30)
- B. Through this model, the speaker will report on his worldwide trip with the Navigators.

II. What the speaker did.

- A. The speaker visited ten countries on his trip.
- B. The Lord gave them strength to endure and power to achieve. (2 Samuel 22:33)

III. What he saw and felt.

- A. He saw vast amounts of poverty, which made him wonder what to do.
- B. He became convinced that it is better to be taken ninety nine times to help one little boy get a bowl of soup.
- C. He felt the high cost of living in New Zealand and Australia.
- D. He felt the heat that people never really get used to.

IV. What they taught.

- A. To know that God is with you is more important than success, prosperity and having prayers and promises fulfilled. (Exodus 33)
 - 1. God's people were to be distinct because of God's presence.
 - 2. Before you begin a trip, you must pray for every aspect of it.
- B. God's grace - let God do something for you before you do something for God. (James 4:6)
 - 1. Self-centeredness and being self-asserted allowed sin to enter the human race. (Isaiah 14, Genesis 3)
 - 2. God's grace requires our surrender. (Romans 12:1-2)
 - 3. One cannot solve spiritual problems with organizational solutions - surrender of position is key.
- C. We want more laborers for Christ.

V. What the speaker learned.

- A. When God wants to start a work, He will do it with or without us.
- B. The importance of hard work. There is no discharge from the spiritual battle.
- C. The importance of one's whole spirit, soul and body being preserved as blameless. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
 - 1. The means serving.
 - 2. This means pushing the limits.
 - 3. This means emotionally having a positive mental attitude.
- D. The importance of applying the principles from the Bible over learning the facts of the Bible.
- E. The importance of pacesetting.
- F. The importance of learning to do by doing.

Application questions

- 1. Which lesson that the speaker taught stands out to you ? Explain.

- 2. Which lesson that the speaker learned strikes you as most important? Why is this so?

- 3. Why is it important to minister to and have a vision for the body of Christ around the world?
How can you increase your personal world vision?
