

Disciples Sent into the World

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Sermon Synopsis - June 18th 2023

Gospel of Matthew 10:16-33

Pastor Eric, in this sermon at the call to preach, draws particular attention to the profound message in verse 28 of Matthew chapter 10. As he delves into the scriptural lesson, he underlines the significance of these words spoken by Jesus: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Pastor Eric explains on the crucial theme of misplaced fear. He emphasizes that Jesus is redirecting the disciples' focus from the temporal, physical threats posed by those who can harm the body to the eternal consequences determined by God. The congregation is encouraged to reflect on the nature of fear and to recognize that while individuals may have the power to cause physical harm, they are ultimately powerless over the soul's eternal destiny.

This verse serves as a pivotal point in the sermon, urging the audience to reconsider their fears and anxieties in the face of worldly challenges. Pastor Eric passionately delivers the message that genuine fear should be reserved for God, who holds authority over both the physical and spiritual realms. This powerful reminder prompts the congregation to reevaluate their priorities and to cultivate a fear of God rather than being unduly distressed by the challenges of the world.

In weaving together the themes of shrewdness as snakes, innocence as doves, and the redirection of fear, Pastor Eric delivers a compelling and impactful sermon that resonates with the congregation. The congregation is left with a profound message, encouraging them to approach their mission in the world with a balanced perspective and an unwavering fear of God.

Amen.