

It is Good For Us To Be Here

(Matthew 17:1-8)

- Introduction:
1. If you had a time machine, where would you choose to go?
 2. We would probably pick some significant days in our lives and significant days in history.
 3. And when we witnessed these days, we would probably say, "It is good for us to be here."
 4. Let's consider some examples.

I. It Is Good For Us To Be Here - Past Application

- A. Mt. Of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8).
 1. Parallel - (Luke 9:27-36).
 2. Imagine the impact that this would have had on these disciples.
 3. Peter later recalls this day (2 Peter 1:18).
- B. Noah's Ark (Genesis 6-8).
 1. Would you not have given thanks for being in the ark on the day the rains came.
 2. Your mind could have remember times when others tried to influence you to give it up, but you remained steadfast.
- C. The Passover (Exodus 12).
 1. Would you not have given thanks for hearing and following the instructions.
 2. Would you not have been encouraged by God's demonstrations?
- D. The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-42).
 1. Appearance of Jesus on the road as well as before the disciples.

II. It Is Good For Us To Be Here - Present Application

- A. The Glory of the Church - Hickory Plains.
- B. We have reason to give thanks to God for our presence here today.
- C. There are good, faithful congregations of the Lord's people all over the world, but among them is this particular group of disciples!
- D. People have moved just to be a part of Karns.
- E. We live in a fallen culture and it has affected the church (2 Tim. 4:1-5).
 1. Preach the Word – (Content).
 2. Be Faithful In and Out of Season – (Constance).
 3. Reprove, Rebuke, and Exhort – (Balance).
 4. Don't Compromise in Difficult Times (Virtue).
 5. Be Watchful in All Things – (Informed).
 6. Endure Hardship – (Persevere).
 7. Do The Work of an Evangelist – (Reach the Lost).
 8. Fulfill Your Ministry – (Leave No Obligations Undone).

- Conclusion:
1. I hope our time here, past, present, and future, will be such that we can all say, it is good for us to be here.