

Hidden Truths from Jesus

(Mark 4:12)

- Introduction:
1. Sometimes there are things that, due to lack of attention, or lack of time invested, we do not see.
 2. Ills. of "Where's Waldo," "Stereograms."
 3. However, the same is true of God's word.
 4. Some truths require more than a casual glance and those who "diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6) will find.
 5. Let's consider a few of these matters tonight and the "takeaway" from a proper understanding of these passages.

I. Luke 10:2

- A. Have you ever been involved in a worship service that prayed for the lost?
- B. Can you ever remember praying for the laborers who reach the lost?
- C. (John 4:30,35).
- D. Praying for the lost is easier than praying for those to take the gospel to the lost because that involves personal responsibility.
- E. Takeaway – We have personal responsibility – "Go ye means Go me!"

II. John 3:1-8

- A. Jesus is discussing the new birth with Nicodemus.
- B. Verse 8 is not describing some mysterious work of the Holy Spirit, but is describing the work of one who has been born of water and the Spirit.
- C. Could you ever have imagined some of the people who have been born again?
- D. (1 Timothy 1:12-17).
- E. Takeaway – proclaim the gospel to all!

III. John 7:37-39

- A. Out of whom would you say "flows rivers of living water?"
- B. (John 4:13-14).
- C. But this "living water" flows from the "thirsty one who believes in Jesus."
- D. Takeaway – Upon becoming a disciple of Jesus, we have responsibilities and should be a blessing to others.

- Conclusion:
1. We probably all could spend more time in God's word.
 2. When we do, we will discover "hidden truths" in plain sight that challenge us to a greater level of discipleship.