

September 9, 1982

Elders

Lagrange Church of Christ

Lagrange, Indiana 46761

Dear brethren,

Enclosed is a list of the subjects I will plan to speak on in the meeting there beginning October 31, unless I receive some word from you as to a desire to change them. I am also listing some of the possible alternative subjects if you so desire. I will try to give a brief summary of each lesson. If you wish to substitute or re-arrange the subjects, it will be alright with me, but please let me know. I might also say that if you wish to extend the meeting through Friday evening, it would not involve any further expense or problem since I will already be there. Of course, I assume you had a reason for the days set for it to run.

Here are the scheduled subjects:

SUNDAY

Bible classes combined:

HOW TO MEASURE YOUR SOUL! (I will point out that the soul is measured by (1)its manifestations,(2)determining the heights of its ambitions,(3)depths of its convictions,(4)length and breadth of its love,(5) the breadth of its service,(6)weight of its influence.)

A.M. FIVE SOULS AT THE JUDGMENT! (This is an original outline that I came up with which discusses the situation of people who will be at the judgment as to their birth, death, rebirth, and how they die, as to their spiritual condition)

P.M. PERFECT HATRED! (I try to emphasize that while divine love is perfect, divine hatred is also perfect, and that we as God's people should hate the same things His perfect hate hates.)

MONDAY

HE PITCHED HIS TENT TOWARD SODOM! (I attempt to discuss WHY he pitched toward Sod~~o~~m; the consequences of his choice, and the lesson for today)

TUESDAY

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH JESUS? (This is an old lesson which has been preached by many brethren over the years. A few answers are given to the question such as (1) I will sell him,(2)I'll deny him,(3)Let him be crucified,(4)I'll be neutral, etc)

WEDNESDAY

EVANGELIZE OR FOSSILIZE! (I discuss the first part of the "Great Commission" as it applies to the local congregation and point out that the consequences of not evangelizing is fossilizing. NOTE: I considered using this one on Sunday A.M., but decided that the real disciples who will probably benefit most will be present on Wednesday)

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE SUBJECTS

A.W.O.L. CHRISTIANS AND WEEKEND WARRIORS! (I may have used this lesson there on a visit a few years ago; if so, I did not record it. I use

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the principle of the church as an army; the problem of some being "absent without leave," etc.; and the truth that the true soldiers of Christ will be victorious)

TOMORROW! (Just what the title implies; the danger of putting off)

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ORDINARY AND UNUSUAL PEOPLE? (The lesson boils down to one thing--The difference is what ONE DOES)

HOW DO YOU TALK TO YOURSELF? ( I discuss how (1)some say there is no God,(2) others speak of indulging themselves,(3)some pity themselves, (4)some justify and excuse themselves,etc)

LESSONS FROM INSECTS! (I take several common insects as object lessons to teach lessons on external religion, all noise and no work, beautiful but destrutive and cannot take solid food, bed bugs-'nuff said, some don't know some things are impossible-bumblebee)

A CHURCH TOO BUSY TO GO TO HEAVEN! (Just what the subject implies. I use Bible men to show that God never called a person who was not already busy)

HE FOUND THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS WRITTEN! (I discuss the problem of sin as to its importance, and, the solution for sin)

If you wish to alter the proposed list of subjects, or make any substitutions, please inform me a few days ahead of time. Also, if you should desire to add two evenings to the meeting and choose the two subjects, you may do so.

I am looking to the meeting with a great deal of anticipation. I will be sending a bulletin article or two a little later, the Lord willing.

Thanks for the invitation to come home.

Yours in His service,

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