



CAPE TOWN 2010 SESSION SUMMARY AND SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

This Summary and Synopsis document has two components:

Page 1 is the summary of all the speakers in the 90-minute session.

Pages 2 and following include a synopsis of each specific video segment extracted from the full 90-minute session.

FULL SESSION SUMMARY - Biblical Exposition of Ephesians 4: 16 – 6: 9

DATE OF SESSION: 23 October 2010

SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY: Amy Katterson (CT2010 Communications Session Summary Team)

PRESENTER(S): Calisto Odede

KEY POINTS:

- * Christian doctrine must affect daily walk of life
- * Walk in newness of life
- * Walk in love
- * Walk in the light
- * Walk in diligence

Calisto Odede welcomed us to this “marathon session” in Ephesians. Earlier in Ephesians, Paul spent time painting a picture of the believer’s position in Christ, examining it from every angle, like a multifaceted diamond. Now he brings us to the implications of that wonderful truth, to where the rubber meets the road. He uses a phrase common to life: “walk.”

Throughout Ephesians, “walk” is a significant term (2: 2, 2: 10, 4: 1, 4: 17, 5: 2, 5: 8, 5: 15). No wonder the Chinese leader Watchman Nee summarized Ephesians with the ideas “sit, *walk*, stand.” In this passage, Mr Odede pointed out four different descriptions of how we must walk.

First, we must walk in newness of life (4: 17- 32). No longer should our lives reflect the same immorality, anger, lying, stealing, and unwholesome talk as the world, but it must reflect our new life in Christ and the difference that comes to all areas of our life through him.

Second, we must walk in love (5: 1-6). We are called to imitate God’s love because we are his beloved children, as the saying goes, “Like father, like son.” This kind of walk will require a sacrificial lifestyle, as Christ gave himself up for us. The world embraces a counterfeit love in all manner of ways, but Paul tells us that sexual immorality of any kind is out of place.

Third, we must walk in the light (5:7-14). Paul contrasts the immoral lifestyle of darkness to the holiness of walking in the light. Rather than continue in shameful ways, we must embrace ways pleasing to God. For believers, transparency is essential. Disclosure leads to transformation and restoration, while covering up and hiding often lead to public disgrace of Christ’s name.

Fourth, we must walk in diligence (5: 15-6: 9). Believers must walk wisely and redeem the time, allowing the Spirit to fill, enliven, and shape our church life, our households, and all our lives.

Takeaway

We need to turn our Christian principles into practice and let our walk reflect Christ.



1. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Eradicating Biblical Poverty: Video
SEGMENT TITLE: Scripture in Mission: From Orphans to Sons and Daughters
SEGMENT DATE: 23 October 2010 (Ephesians Study)
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Vladimir Pikman, Daniel Nessim (CT2010 Globalink Team)

This Scripture in Mission video contrasts darkness and light. Various people testify how and when the Scriptures became available to them in their own heart language. The love of the Father God changes their lives. It is key for people not only to be able to read the Bible in any language, but in a language that touches their heart. We need to work together to see that the Word of God is available in everyone's heart language.

Study Questions:

1. Why is it important for people to have the Bible not only in a language they understand but in their own language?
2. How can you personally use the principle of speaking people's heart language to reach them with the Gospel?



2. SEGMENT SYNOPSIS

TOPIC: Biblical Exposition of Ephesians
SEGMENT TITLE: Ephesians 5 – Calisto Odede (Part 1 and Part 2)
SEGMENT DATE: 23 October 2010
SYNOPSIS WRITERS: Vladimir Pikman, Daniel Nessim (CT2010 Globalink Team)

Part 1: Kenyan pastor Calisto Odede preaches on Ephesians 4: 17 – 6: 9. He asks whether we consider the world an opportunity or an enemy. In recent times the distinction between the Christian and non-Christian lifestyle has been steadily eroded. This passage of Ephesians teaches us how we ought to walk and how we ought to live in the world. The first instruction of Paul in this passage is that we must walk in the newness of life. Our faith in God must have practical implications for our daily lives.

Study Questions:

1. What is the newness of life that we have been called to?
2. How can you make your life more distinct from that of the world?
3. How can your organisation function in a way that is distinct from the world?

Part 2: Calisto Odede continues in Ephesians. In this second part of his message, he explains the Apostle Paul's instructions to walk in the love of God, to walk in the light of God and to walk diligently. Walking in the love of God requires that we take up a sacrificial lifestyle, avoiding the false love of immorality with which the world tempts us. Walking in the light of God requires us to be transparent and confess our sins. Walking diligently requires that we grasp the opportunities God gives us to reach the world. A closing illustration reminds us of the dangers of compromise.

Study Questions:

1. What does it mean to live a sacrificial lifestyle?
2. Why is transparency so important for us as followers of Christ?
3. How can the church maintain its readiness to take the opportunities God gives?