

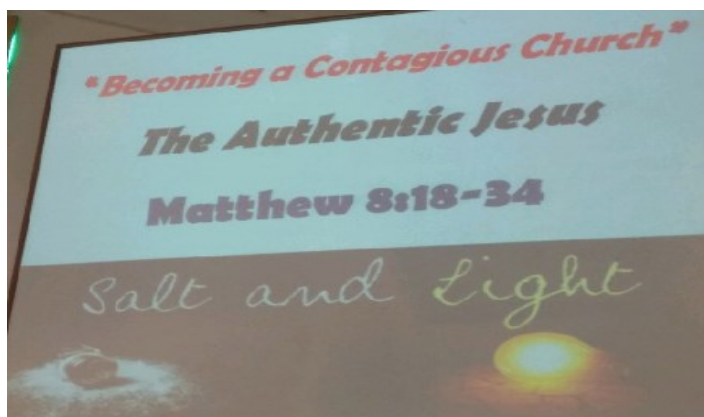
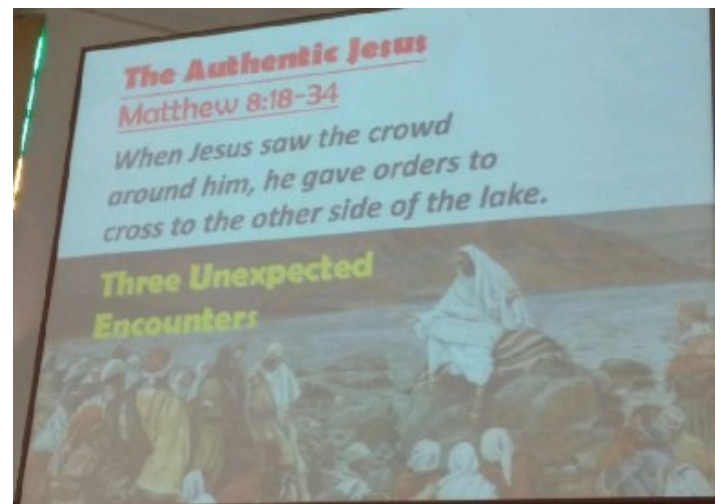
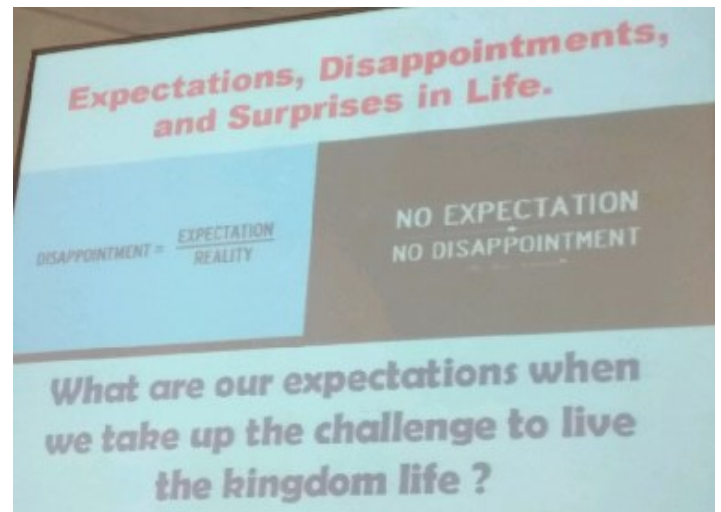
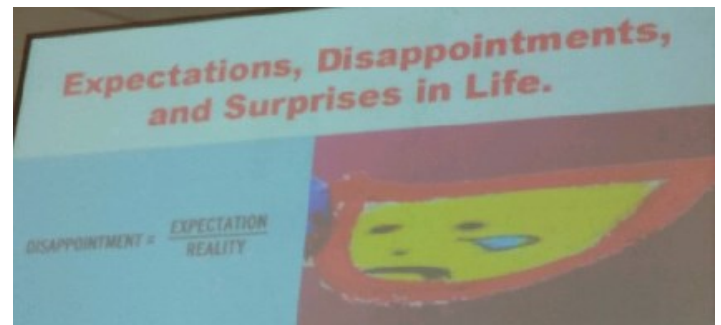
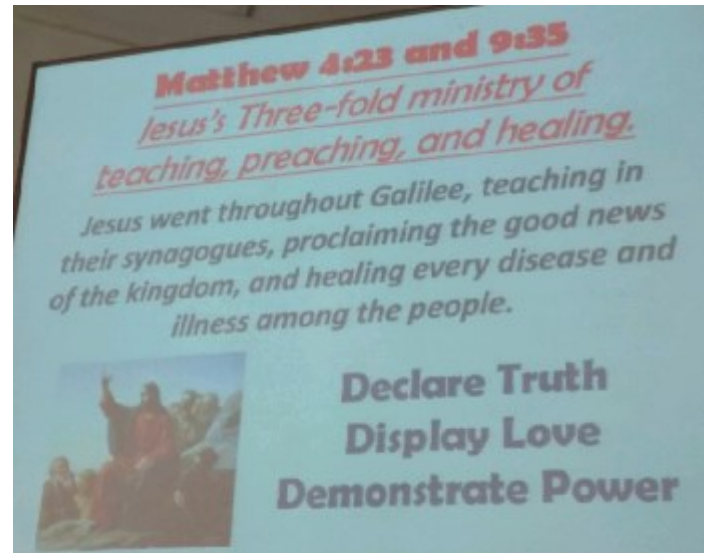
SERMON NOTE: Becoming A Contagious Church-The Authentic JESUS

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Bible Ref: Matthew 8:18-34 NIV

When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead." Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

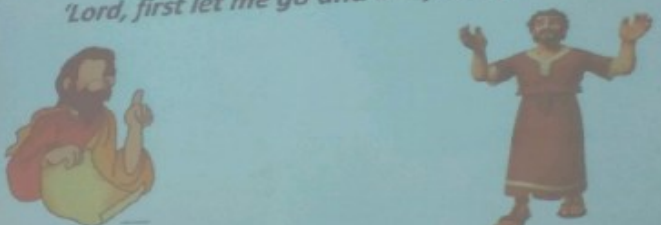
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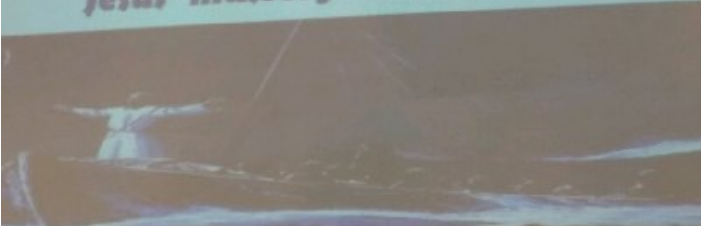


Are we like one of these 2 disciples?

The disciples were pleasantly amazed at the unexpected power encounter

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Jesus' mastery over nature




Two unexpected responses

To the overconfident teacher
'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

To the reluctant disciple
'Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.'

FOLLOW

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP




Urgent commitment?

Another Unexpected Encounter

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Even the demons knew Jesus and feared him



The Unexpected Fierce Storm


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Jesus restored the men with an unexpected method


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Jesus rebuked the disciples and calmed the waves

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Their fear of the wave drove out their faith



The unexpected strikes fear into their heart

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The Authentic Jesus

When we follow Jesus
Know the Cost and Urgency
Expect the Unexpected!


FULL COST OF
FOLLOWING



Evangelism by Michael Green

A presentation of Jesus Christ
in the power of the Holy Spirit
so that people will put their trust
in God through him,
accept him as their Saviour,
and serve him as their King
in the fellowship of the church.

SHARING THE
GOSPEL



Holy Lighters
Be Contagious Witnesses

Declare Gospel Truth
Display Love of Christ
Demonstrate Power of God



The Authentic Jesus
Seek Him, Know Him,
Follow Him.

Be pleasantly surprised by him!



Have the Right Expectations

Practice evangelism in the
holistic way
Declare The Full Gospel

GOSPEL

