Humility and Convictions

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INTRODUCTION

- I really want us to get to this point this morning where we see the need for humility in our interpretation and our convictions.
- Convictions are important. But in the end, we should be humble with those convictions, realizing that the goal is ultimately to seek and to find truth and to live truth.
- The main point was that you don't know as much as you think you know.

1 Doctrinal Claims Should Be Made Carefully and Humbly

Exodus 16; Exodus 34

- The Pharisees believed that as disciples were walking down this road through the grain fields and were plucking the heads of grain. They essentially equated this to harvesting.
- Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God.
- I do think we need to understand that the Pharisees' concern with Sabbath is not unwarranted.
- From those relatively vague references about work, not working, not laboring, they extrapolated all of these rules and laws in the Mishnah.
- Doctrinal claims should be made carefully and humbly. Because the Pharisees don't do that and they're wrong.

2 I Better Not Miss the Big Picture

1 Samuel 21; Leviticus 19; Exodus 31

- He appeals to this story about David and Ahimelech in 1 Samuel 21.
- If you don't love your neighbor as yourself, then you can't keep the first commandment.
- You're allowing your interpretation of this law to do harm rather than to do good.
- Yes, God says, don't work. But actually, this is a blessing. It is a gift to them.
- I think maybe the most indictment that Jesus makes in this whole encounter is, have you never read?
- Laws do not exist in a vacuum.

3 The Lord's Supper Is Important

Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11

- Similarly, the Lord's Supper is important. It's important that we do it right. And that we're careful to see what God has said, particularly what God has said in Scripture.

- Whatever I believe or my convictions, I need to hold them humbly. I need to make sure that I have carefully considered scripture, and that if I find that I've been inaccurate, I'm willing to adjust.
- Matthew and Mark tell us that they do this during a meal.
- In Luke's account, actually, it's different. The first thing he does in Luke's account in Luke 22 is he took a cup.
- My suggestion is that we act humbly about our interpretations of this text.
- So a lot of times we say, what is wise? That's what we really should be saying most of the time.

4 The Big Picture of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:26

- That it's for remembrance, that it's a covenant. That it's about the restoring or the bringing back of God's kingdom.
- For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- One of the big picture things about the Lord's Supper is that we are God's people together in harmony.
- Am I more concerned with formality than I am content?
- Questions are good. Study is good. But my warning is to be careful about a spirit, a spirit of opposition, a spirit of complaint, a spirit of grumbling, a spirit of arrogance.
- That we come to text sincerely and honestly looking for truth. Even if it goes against the things I've thought before.

THE CHALLENGE

Don't lose sight of what matters most.

MY NOTES