

Seeking No Good

Acts 21:27-31

Memory Verse: Romans 11:3

When sin is prominent in one's life it has the potential to dim the mind's ability to reason. In our lesson we will look at a few points to assist our discussion on seeking. This is one of a negative position, nevertheless one that needs to be looked at if we are to get the full picture of this topic.

Paul was no stranger to the blinding that occurs when sin has control a person's thoughts. He used to persecute Christians to death. It wasn't until his Damascus road experience, which opened his mind to the truth of Jesus, that he began to seek with a different mindset.

The Jews of Asia went about to destroy Paul by stirring the people with lies. The people went against Paul blindly before he could defend his position. It doesn't take much to cause an uproar when people have their eyes on sin. The people beat Paul and were in the midst of making plans to kill him when the soldiers stepped in to remove Paul from the crowd.

How much thought do we put in when we hear negative information about others. Do we seek God for clarity or do we run with the crowd? It is easy to focus on someone else and overlook myself. The people in the temple were there to worship God yet they changed their focus to kill another brother based on the statements of others.

Plotting can be seen here as an approach to do harm to another physically. Can this be the case in a non-physical way? People do things that really make them look like their hearts are not seeking God when they try to

make others look bad. Some even lose the clarity of scripture when their focus is to highlight someone else.

The point of this article is to create an atmosphere for further discussion on the various uses of the term "to seek". What are some of the other examples that can be brought to the table on this topic? Please come ready to be open with your comments.

Peace,
Bro. D.

NEWS & NOTES

PRAY FOR: Remember to pray for our sick and shut-in, those who have requested prayer, and those who are traveling.

SCHEDULE UPDATE: Remember that there are no scheduled evening services on the 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month to allow members to host fellowships in their homes. We will continue to meet in the ministers' and elders' homes on Wednesday evenings until further notice, pending the completion of the pew reupholstering project.

EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS: Student promotions will take place on Sunday, September 18th. Parents of students who will be transitioning to the next class will receive written notification from their child's current teacher(s) on Sunday, Sept. 11th or Wed., Sept. 14th. The Education Ministry fall open house is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st. More details will be announced.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE FOR GUYANA CONGREGATION – Clothing suitable for tropical climate and canned food items are needed. Items will be sent on September 5th. See Sis. Norville for details.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED: One of our sisters is in need of household items, free or for sale, for her family's new apartment. List to follow.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

- **Six Flags Trip to Springfield** – This event has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 17th. Cost is \$50 per person. Children 2 and under are free. There is still space for additional participants. Sign up sheet is posted on the youth bulletin board. All monies are due to Sis. Carol Johnson by 9/11/11.
- Our 2nd **Annual Youth Rally** is scheduled for September 10th here at the building. The theme is **M.A.S.H. – Mobile Active Spiritual Hospital**. The main scripture is 2 Timothy 2:3-7. We are looking for volunteers from the young adults, adult, and mature in heart for a number of committees to help us organize this event a signup sheet is posted on the youth bulletin board for each subcommittee. See Bros. Tony Johnson or Richard Myers with any questions.
- **Edgewood Youth Rally** – September 30-October 2. Theme: Power Up – Humbe Yourselves, He Will Lift You Up (James 4:10). Registration fee is \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. T-shirts available for \$10 until September 23rd, \$12 after September 23rd. Details will be posted on the youth bulletin board.

Mid-week Bible Class Schedule
Mid-week Bible Class will be hosted in the following homes at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31st:
Cort – 66 Crawford St., Roxbury
Craigwell – 44 Lyndhurst St., Dorchester
Samuel – 88 Alpheus Rd., Roslindale
Simmons – 97 Munroe St., Roxbury

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Church Calendar

"...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ..."

– Ephesians 4:12

August 2011

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
◆ 31	◆ 1	2	3	4	5	◆ 6
● 7	◆ 8	9	10	11	12	◆● 13
14	15	16	17	18	19	◆ 20
● 21	22	23	24	25	26	◆ 27
28	29	30	31			

Worship Services

◆ - Special Events

● - Ministry Meetings

Events:

Meetings:

Weekly Events:

- Community Bible Study (Mondays @ 7pm)
- Prayer Meeting (Tuesdays @ 7pm)
- Mid-Week Bible Study (Wednesdays @ 6:45pm)
- Adult Choral Group (Thursdays @ 7:30pm)
- Basketball Night (Fridays @ 7pm)
- Men's Prayer (Saturdays @ 7:30am)
- Women's Prayer (Saturdays @ 9:30am)
- Youth Choral Group (Saturdays @ 2pm)