

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Stop Kidding Yourself"

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James 1:19-27

Saving speech is any speech that is intended to lead people to Salvation.

What do we need to know concerning saving speech if this in fact is going to characterize our lives?

We need to know the need for messengers.

We need to see the world as in need of a shepherd, who will meet their real needs at their deepest level (Matthew 9:35-36).

The world needs to be introduced to the Good Shepherd who is called Jesus (John 10:11-15).

There is no other way for people to come to the shepherd than by messengers going and telling people to call on the Lord for Salvation (Romans 10:13-14).

We need to know the identity of the messengers.

The disciples of Christ are the ones who have been sent into the world to be the messengers (Matthew 28:19).

The word "sounded forth" in 1 Thessalonians 1:8 means "to trumpet".

We need to know the power source of the messengers.

The Holy Spirit is the power source (Acts 1:8).

The Holy Spirit's filling ministry in our lives is not a luxury but an absolute necessity (Ephesians 5:18).