

What are the Navigators

Lorne Sanny

I. Introduction.

- A. What the Navigators are is difficult to define in only a few words.
- B. Some say the Navigators are experts in follow up, but this does not sum it up.

II. The Navigators is a work that God raised up—you must always begin with God. (Jeremiah 27:18)

- A. God gives us a spirit of discernment not to criticize and judge but to pray.
- B. God purposes; therefore, He promises. God promises; therefore, we pray.
- C. One of the most important things that we need to do is to find what is on God's heart and get our minds off of ourselves.
 - 1. A test of this is what we pray for people. Paul prayed for spiritual understanding and a worthy walk before the Lord for others. (Ephesians)
 - 2. God makes us a partner in carrying out what He wants to see done.

III. The purpose of God's new creation is for the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:12)

A. Man was created for God's glory. Man was marred. God starts over by making us new creatures in Christ.

B. The manner we glorify God.

- 1. As believers bear fruit. (John 15)
- 2. By letting our light shine. (1 Corinthians 6, Matthew 6)
- 3. By offering praise. (Psalm 50:23)
- 4. By how we react in our suffering. (1 Peter)
- 5. The more like Christ we are, the more we will glorify God.

C. We are changed by beholding Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- 1. As we fellowship with Christ, we become more like Him. (Acts 4:13)
- 2. When we fellowship we listen and share.
- 3. Listening and sharing with Christ is praying and reading God's Word.

4. One can get into the Word through the following: reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating on it.

5. The Navigators put out programs for all people to get into God's Word in these ways; this ultimately leads to fulfilling God's purposes.

6. The heart of what the Navigators about is "man to man" so that spiritual habits concerning prayer and the Word can be built into the life of a man.

D. The ordained method that people are supposed to know Christ is through the gospel—this is a prerequisite to glorifying God. (Hebrews 2:10)

1. God wants everyone to believe the gospel.

2. God wants everyone to come to maturity in the gospel.

3. We have a responsibility to get everyone to come to the gospel and to build a life of obedience into them.

4. The gospel must get out through laborers living a Christ-like life through the Word and prayer.

5. The heart of the Navigators is to recruit and to build laborers.

6. The only way to recruit and build laborers is to deepen the spiritual lives of believers.

7. We seek laborers so that God's purposes would be carried out; God is interested in people over methods and programs.

Application questions

1. What is the importance of laborers to God's program? How do the Navigators participate in this?

2. What place does the gospel have in God's program? Explain.

3. What are you doing to further God's program? Is it through His ordained method? Take time to assess where you are spending your time and how this contributes to God's purposes.
