

# Fight the Good Fight, Part 3: Do the Dirty Work

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Ezek 33.7-20; Ps 85; 1 Cor 10.1-13; Lk 13.1-9

## Pre-Service Children's Message

The shepherd uses his staff for three basic reasons:

1. to gently \_\_\_\_\_ ;
2. to \_\_\_\_\_ ; and
3. to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Jesus is God himself, who has come to do what is necessary to give us \_\_\_\_\_ ...

## Introduction

Ezekiel 33:11

What is God's desire for us?

How do we measure what *life* truly is?

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

CCT: Jesus Christ is God, who does everything necessary to give us \_\_\_\_\_ ...

What is a key false assumption about life in our culture?

## **I. Prophets and Pastors**

Ezekiel 33:7–9

What is the sacred responsibility of prophets like Ezekiel and of pastors?

Luke 24:46–48 (ESV)

<sup>46</sup> . . . said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

What is the twofold sacred responsibility Christ has given to His Church:

- 1.
- 2.

If you find yourself thinking “I don’t really want those things” what are you really saying?

## **II. Jesus Does the Dirty Work**

### **A. Pilate and the Galileans**

Luke 13:1–5

What was the assumption? How did Jesus confront it?

### **B. The Parable of the Fig Tree**

Luke 13:6–9

Who is the landowner?

Who is the vinedresser?

Where is Jesus traveling towards as He speaks?

What is the extent to which He will go to call people to repentance, that they might show the fruits of faith?

### **III. Your Calling**

What does your Baptism mean for you?

Galatians 2:20

We all have callings from God, most specifically in our families. How are you doing everything necessary to lead them to repentance and growth in Christ; that is to "abundant life"?

### **The Head of the Household**

Husbands, you have spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
in your household.

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

What is the key way in which a Christian husband leads his wife and family?

Small Catechism: "As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household."

Wives, be \_\_\_\_\_ with husbands

### **Conclusion**