GALATIANS <u>Congregations and their Leaders</u> Galatians 4:12-20

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1. Lessons for congregations.

- a. Be more concerned about the ______ than the weakness of the man preaching it.
- b. When the message is in line with Scripture, receive it as if the Lord Himself were ______ to you.

1) Understanding the Word of God is a source of great

"To be a son or daughter of God is to find true in the ministry of God's Word." - Philip Ryken

2) Be committed to the ______ even when it challenges you personally.

"We often see that truth produces hatred in the world and that anyone who speaks the truth is regarded as an ______. But it is not like that among friends, much less among Christians." - Martin Luther

c. Be on guard against those who would be _____.

2. Lessons for leaders.

- a. Don't be content to merely understand the truth of the gospel, but ______ it out as well.
- b. Seek to personally _____ with the people to whom you are ministering.

"Embedded here is a principle of far-reaching importance for ministers, missionaries and other Christian workers. It is that, in seeking to win other people for Christ, our end is to make them like ______, while the means to that end is to make ourselves like them." - John Stott

- c. Lead the people with a _____ heart.
- d. Speak the ______ even when it is unpopular or uncomfortable.
- e. Pursue a truly ______-centered ministry.
 - 1) Don't be preoccupied with ______ recognition.
 - Be committed to seeing people truly ______ to Christ as Savior and Lord.
 - Be committed to seeing all those in the congregation fully transformed into the likeness of ______.