



Directions for Rehoboth Sermon Discussion Notes

Opening Thought

Most of us have visited the Rehoboth Beach boardwalk. Not only have we visited Rehoboth but people from the whole region frequent Rehoboth. One of the nicknames of Rehoboth is the "Nations Summer Capital" because so many people from Washington D.C. visit the area of Rehoboth in the summer. Did you know that Rehoboth Beach has spiritual roots? Not only is the name Rehoboth found in the Bible (Genesis 26:22, Genesis 36:37, 1 Chronicles 1:48) but it was first established as a Methodist campground for spiritual meetings. Wikipedia gives this background which numerous other sites confirm: "The city was founded in 1873 as the Rehoboth Beach Camp Meeting association by Rev. Robert W. Todd, of Saint Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington, Delaware, as a site for Methodist camp meetings in the spirit of similar resorts on the New Jersey shore, such as Ocean Grove. The Camp Meeting Association disbanded in 1881, and in 1891, the location was incorporated by the Delaware General Assembly as "Henlopen City", shortly after it was renamed Rehoboth Beach.

Icebreaker - What is your favorite food, place or fun place to visit in the Rehoboth area?

Discussion Questions

1. One of the guidelines for establishing a new meeting location for Bay Shore is the answer to this question. "Does the community already have a church like Bay Shore?" We are going to Rehoboth not because Rehoboth needs another church but Rehoboth needs a different kind of church. What are the unique elements of Bay Shore that you think will minister to the people of this community?
2. Part of the reason we are going to Rehoboth is to obey the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20. Read the verse out loud together as a group.
Matthew 28:19-20 NIV
19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
3. What are the keywords in this verse that stand out to you as it relates to the mission to reach people in the Rehoboth community?
4. We have this in common with the first disciples of Jesus - we were given a command by Jesus to reach others for him. The word "go" implies that we must leave where we are to go to a place where we are not. Discuss the "here consciousness" versus the "there consciousness" of the church.

5. How does the verse below written by Luke in the book of Acts plant the idea of continual expansion of the church? How does it relate to Bay Shore?

Acts 1:8 NIV

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

6. Why do Christians and churches always drift toward fellowship over outreach?
7. In the message Pastor Danny talked about how it is easier to buy fish in the store than to catch fish in the ocean. What did he mean by this and what does that statement say about the mission of Bay Shore?

Matthew 4:18-20 (see also Mark 1:17)

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. NIV

Luke 5:4-10

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. NIV

8. The Bay Shore campus is designed to minister to the whole community and people from all walks of life will be welcome to come to Bay Shore to receive the love of Christ and to be taught scripture in order for their lives to be changed. How do these scriptures below remind us how God feels about a sinner (which all of us are @ some level)? Luke 18:9-14, 1 Timothy 1:15. What do the following words have to do with our success in Rehoboth?
- Burden and concern: Psalm 126:5-6, Luke 15:41-42
 - Invest and Invite: John 1:41-42, Luke 14:16-24.
 - Give and Sacrifice: Luke 6:38

Concluding Thought

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| June 7 – 11 | Info Center and Painting |
| June 14 - 18 | Info Center, Flooring, Finish Work |
| June 23 – 24 | Staff Work Days |
| Sunday, June 27 | Pre Launch Meeting (Focus on Vision Casting/Volunteer Training) |
| July 5, 7, 8 | Staff Work Days |
| Sunday, July 11 | 1st Official Service |