SINNERS, SAINTS & SERVANTS

Philippians: Finding Joy in a Negative World Marion Oaks Assembly of God - 1-24-24

Text: Philippians 1:1-2; Acts 16

1. Sinners

We are ______ sinners.

- A. ______ was a sinner. (1 Timothy 1:15)
- B. _____ was a sinner. (2 Timothy 1:5)
- C. The Philippians were all sinners. (Acts 16)
 - The people of ______ needed Jesus. (Acts 16:1-10)

_____ people groups need Jesus.

• Lydia, a ______ of God, needed Jesus. (Acts 16:11-15)

_____ people need Jesus.

• The slave girl, possessed by a _____, needed Jesus. (Acts 16:16-18)

Those who seem _____ need Jesus.

 The jailor, just doing his _____, needed Jesus. (Acts 16:19-34)

_____ people need Jesus.

• The ______ world needed Jesus. (Acts 16:35-40)

_____ needs Jesus!

2. Saints

_____ who know Jesus as Savior are saints! Saint = "holy one" — "one set apart" — set apart from ______ for service to God.

- A. We are saints not because of what we have done, but because of what ______ has done for us. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- B. We are already "holy ones" in God's eyes, but we are called to live a life of ______ in this world. (Romans 6:19, 22)

3. Servants

Servant = "______" - "one who is subject to the will and wholly at the disposal of his master"
Philippians 2:7-8
A. Apostles - "______ ones" - Paul
B. Overseers - elders, bishops, pastors - those who gave ______ oversight to the church (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)

- C. Deacons literally "those who ______ — those who were entrusted with matters of ______ service in the church (1 Timothy 3:8-13)
- D. _____ believer has the privilege and responsibility of serving Jesus Christ.
 - Our service is to do _____ Jesus asks us to do.
 - Our service often involves ministering to each ______. (John 13:14; 1 Peter 4:10-11)

Conclusion

1. The gift of grace

Grace — God's ______ favor — He gives us what we don't deserve. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

2. The gift of peace (Romans 5:1)