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Message Series: GAME PLAN: What's Your Game Plan?

Today's Message: Arguing Properly – In The Spirit

Luke 4:14-32

1. Jesus' Teaching Made People Furious

v.15: "praised" ... **v.22:** "amazed" - **GK:** "thaumazo" - wondering, marveling, admiring ... **v.22:** "gracious words"

v.28: "All were... furious"

With Another Group: **v.32:** "amazed" - **GK:** "ekplesso" - astonished, shocked... **v.32:** "His words had authority"

2. Compare and Contrast: Paul's Reception

1 Thessalonians 2:1, 4-8

Acts 17:1-8

Acts 17:13

v.2: Paul "reasoned" ... **v.3:** "explained" ... "proved"

v.8: "disturbed", "thrown into turmoil" - **GK:** "tarasso" - to agitate, to trouble

3. Properly Presenting Christ Really Matters

2 Timothy 2:23-26

v.25: "in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth."

v.26: "that they will come to their senses... the devil, who has taken them captive..."

Ephesians 3:7-13

Two Truths:

1) This "mystery" - "a truth before hidden from human knowledge or understanding but now revealed by the revelation of God." ~Stott

2) **v.10:** "His intent was that now thru the church the manifold wisdom of God should be made known" - God's infinite wisdom and glory, His beauty and great love and grace to be no longer hidden!

4. In a Darkened, Blinded World: We Are To "Argue" Properly/Lovingly

"Argue" - "to give reasons in support of an idea with the aim of persuading others to one's view"

"Arguing Properly" is a good thing; a virtue, for it holds to what is true and discards what is false

Many Christians: Take any opposition personally; we need to cultivate our ability to disagree politely

Acts 18:4

John 6:44

Get This: You can't "love someone into the Kingdom", you can't argue someone either into the Kingdom; without His Spirit working nothing works!

But: With Spirits work: Love persuades, arguments convince