

Lecture 9: Survey of Europe: Summer 1947 (Part 2)

Father we want to praise You for such a beautiful day, for this glorious time of year, for Your testimony to Yourself in all creation. We thank You for revealing yourself to us. We thank You too Father for the way You might show Yourself to us, in Your power at work within Your people. We thank You for what we've experienced of that in our own lives, and we thank You for what we see of it in the lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer. And we pray Father, as we continue to think about Your work in them, that You will teach us. We ask it for Jesus' sake, Amen.

Review and Introduction: In this lecture Professor Barrs completes his overview of the lessons Dr. Schaeffer learned from his experiences on his first visit to Europe. The rest of the lecture is comprised of insights regarding the practical issues involved in such an undertaking and in Christian service in general, concluding with the Schaeffer's call to move to Europe.

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- I. Commitment to Sharing the Gospel with Anyone, Anywhere (Letter 10, page 4; *Tapestry*, pages 257, 262)
- II. God's Care in the Details of the Journey
 - A. *Tapestry*, page 261
 - B. His contacts (*Tapestry*, pages 262-263)
 - C. Safety (*Tapestry*, pages 270-271)
- III. The Cost of the Journey (*Tapestry*, page 273)
 - A. His exhaustion
 - B. Wrong demands often laid upon people
 - C. The cost of service (*Tapestry*, page 272)
 1. No room for romanticism
 2. No room for triumphalism
 3. No need to seek asceticism
- IV. Back in St. Louis
 - A. Ministries
 1. Preaching, visiting, discussions, lectures (Francis)
 2. Bible club (Edith)
 - B. Unsettled future
 1. Letters from Europe, U.S.
 2. Letter writing
 3. Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions: ministry needs in Europe
- V. The Call to Europe
 - A. Stopover in Philadelphia (Feb. 1948)
 - B. Counting the cost