

Lecture 22: The Structure of the Work of L'Abri

Father we thank You for the pleasure of being together. We thank You for all You've been teaching us as we have looked at the lives of two of Your servants. We thank You for the things we can learn from them, as Paul said about himself, "Be imitators of me as I am of Christ." We pray Father that we may see those things about Francis and Edith Schaeffer's life where they've been faithful to You, and that we may learn from them how we might more faithfully serve You today in our own lives. We pray You'll be with us in this class that we have now together, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Review and Introduction: Having surveyed the events that led up to the beginning of the work of L'Abri, Professor Barrs now looks more in depth into the structure of the work of L'Abri, concentrating on the priority and necessity of prayer.

The Structure of the Work of L'Abri

I. The Centrality of Prayer

- A. "The Praying Family"
- B. Weekly "Day of Prayer"
- C. What was prayed for?
 - 1. Financial Needs
 - 2. Ministry Needs
 - 3. Staffing Needs
 - 4. God's Direction

II. The L'Abri Staff

- A. Not everyone on staff is a teacher
- B. Professor Barr's experience

III. Maintaining Family Life

- A. The problem of children neglected by Christian parents
- B. The branch at Greatham
- C. *What is a Family*, Edith Schaeffer
- D. Practically wisdom and prayer