

Lecture 2: The Beginnings of L'Abri (II)

Introduction and Review: Professor Barrs continues describing the philosophy of ministry of L'Abri following a commitment to prayer, and a dedication to demonstrating transformed lives. Some further comments on outline point III-B begin the lecture.

The Beginnings of L'Abri (II)

I. Early Years in Switzerland - Lausanne

II. Two Important Events

III. The Schaeffer's Philosophy of Ministry

A. A ministry based on prayer

B. A dedication to demonstrating transformed lives

1. Supernaturally restored relationships

2. Hospitality

*3. John 12:23-26 as a basis (page 450, *With Love, Edith*)*

a. Early criticisms

b. Amy Carmichael's influence

c. Importance of faithful self-sacrifice - willingness to follow God's calling with the recognition that our God-given gifts are not themselves our source of self-worth

C. A dedication to proclaiming the truth of God's Word

*1. The truth about reality (page 434, *The Tapestry*)*

2. A commitment to answering any questions

3. A rationalist approach? No... (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

IV. Daily Life at the Early L'Abri

A. The people involved

1. Board of directors, workers

2. The "L'Abri family"

B. The weekly schedule

Sunday - church, tea, conversation

Monday - evening Bible study

Tuesday - Milan Bible class, Bible study in Champéry

Wednesday - children's class

Thursday - Bible study in Lausanne cafe

Friday/Saturday - meals, discussions

C. Present locations

1. Huemoz, Switzerland

2. Eck-en-Viel, Holland

3. Greatham, England

4. Molle, Sweden

5. Southborough, Massachusetts

6. Rochester, Minnesota