

Lecture 5: The Ministry God Gave the Schaeffers

Our Father, we want to thank You for all You give us each day, for the beauty of today, for the signs of fall all around us, for Your glory displayed in all You've made. We thank You for Your care for us each day and for all You give us. We pray Father, that You'll be teaching us now in this class, and as we think about Your hand in Schaeffer's history that it may encourage us to think about Your hand in our own, and what You're able to do in our lives. We pray Father that we may run the race You've set before us with faithfulness, and we thank You for the perseverance that You gave to him and all the ways You've blessed his life and ministry. We pray Father now that You'll be with us, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Introduction and Review: Having introduced the mission and the work of the Schaeffer's through L'Abri, Professor Barrs now examines the many other resources they were able to use to reach a variety of audiences with the truth of the Gospel.

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I. "An Eternal Perspective"

- A. The ultimate significance of historical events
- B. An example: November 22, 1963

II. L'Abri

- A. The "narrow" and "wider" work of L'Abri
- B. "A special bundle of life"
- C. "Ripples in the pool of history"
- D. The "tapestry"

III. Lectures and Speaking Tours

- A. Edith's struggle (page 520, *The Tapestry*)
 - 1. The dynamic of questions and answers
 - 2. Recommitment to the Lord's direction
- B. Wide range of audiences - Universities, seminars

IV. Tape Ministry

- A. The "trick" and the first taped lecture (page 515, *The Tapestry*)
- B. Growing library and growing demand

V. Radio

- A. Popularity of Transworld Radio programs

VI. Books

- A. 23 books published
- B. Millions of copies sold in many different languages

VII. Films

- A. *How Should We Then Live?* (1976)
- B. *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?* (1979)

IX. Political and Social Influence

- A. *A Christian Manifesto* (1981) and *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?*
- B. Christian responsibility