

- I. Christ Builds the Church Through the Preaching of the Word of God (13:4-5, 12)
  - A. Christ by the Spirit Sends Preachers (13:2-4)
  
  - B. The Central Mission of the Church: to Make Disciples of Christ by Preaching and Teaching the Word of God (20:27; Matt 28:19-20)
  
- II. Christ Builds the Church by Overcoming Opposition to His Word (13:6-11)
  - A. The Nature and Source of Opposition to Christ's Word (13:6-8, 10; John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
  
  - B. Christ's Power by the Spirit to Overcome Satanic Opposition (13:9-11; Deu 28:28-29; Matt 16:18; Eph 6:10-18)
  
- III. Christ Builds the Church by Granting Faith to Hearers of the Word (13:12)
  - A. Christ Speaks Through the Preaching of His Word (13:5, 12; Rom 10:12-17)
  
  - B. Christ Grants Faith as a Gift to His Chosen Ones (13:12, 48; 2:47; 16:14; Eph 2:8-9)

## Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What does this passage teach us about the church's mission and proper mission strategy?
2. How does Satan oppose the advance of Christ's Word? How can this opposition be overcome?
3. How is Christ active in the faithful preaching of his Word? How does that shape how you receive preaching?