

SERMON and presentation notes

INTRO

What is EGS - Note this is a RE launch of our missions.

Who are we? Me, Kitty and Peter - WE WOULD LIKE ANOTHER COUPLE OF MEMBERS

Bio brief Pete

Been involved in Alpha in churches, businesses and the marketplace. Over years Peter has been travelling to various developing countries including Vietnam, Mozambique, Uganda, Mongolia, Indonesia, Philippines, India & Sri Lanka, exploring & learning how best we can help provide "holistic, sustainable church planting alongside community transformation" and attempting to implement what he has learnt.

****PETE Vid speak for himself - play**

READING - Kitty

****Ps 72:1 - Endow the king with your *justice*, O God, the royal son with your *righteousness*.**

****Ps 72:11 *All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.*** ¹² *For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.* ¹³ *He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.* ¹⁴ *He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.* ¹⁵ *Long may he live!*

****Ps 72:17 *May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.*** ¹⁸ *Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.* ¹⁹ *Praise be to his glorious name forever; **may the whole earth be filled with his glory.***

SERMON - Tim

****Why is mission so important - and whose idea was it anyway?**

Can I remind you of the Fathers plan for all of History?

Can I tell you about the centre of the bible - cover to cover?

1. Right near the start of history - In Genesis - at least 4000 years ago, God made an emphatic promise to Abraham.

****Genesis 22:16-18** ¹⁶ *"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,* ¹⁷ *I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies,* ¹⁸ ***and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.***"

2. 1000 years later - King David - one of Abrahams offspring - the nation thought HE was the one who would fulfil all Gods promises, he wasn't but he wrote Psalm 72 about the coming king through whom God would fulfill his promise to bless all nations.

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3. Then about 300 years later, another one of Abrahams descendants, a prophet named Isaiah speaking for God sent out an invitation to all the earth saying:

***Is. 45:22-23 - "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness, a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance."*

4. When Jesus came, he said in Lk 24.44 that the Psalms spoke about him. Psalm 72 is just one example:

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. ¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. ¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. ¹⁵ Long may he live!

5. But when he was executed - how would verse 17 be fulfilled?

17 May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

God raised Jesus from the dead and rewarded him with all authority over heaven and earth. One of the early church leaders quoted Isaiah 45, that we just read and applied it to Jesus:

Phillipians 2:9-11 "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

6. So after teaching his disciples for 40 days he left and commissioned them in this way:

****Matthew 28:18-20** ¹⁸ *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Jesus command is 2 fold:

- Teach them about me - worship the one true God
- Teach them to obey me - to live out the kingdom in lifestyle, business, education, serving the poor etc.

7. Finally in the last book of the bible it says - here is the future:

Revelation 5:9 *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation."*

Gods heart and mission:

- *that his Son be worshipped by EVERY nation and people (evangelism, discipleship, church planting)*
- *and for EVERY nation and people to be BLESSED through him (social justice)*

We don't know exactly when Christ will return, but we can read the signs. In the last 2000 years the church has reached about 60% of the people groups on the planet with the name of Jesus.

**Check out the joshuaproject.net

With the combination of increasing persecution and technology it is conceivable that we may reach every nation in this generation.

SEE THE TASK - Feel Gods heart and listen to Jesus advice:

***Luke 12:35-36 - Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.*

SO WE KNOW THERE IS WORK TO DO - HOW DO WE DO IT?

It is not as simple as just throwing some money at a few missionaries.

**We want to prioritise missions that are:

- Unreached People Groups
- Proclaiming the Gospel
- Wholistic (i.e. church planting alongside community transformation)
- Sustainable (as far as practicable, working towards becoming self-sustaining)
- Up to 10 partners

****Back to Peter - VID**

HOW?

- Tithe of the tithes (\$25K) - we already do this as a body.
- Additional 'Kingdom Builders' Offerings (\$25K)
 - When you give electronically by direct debit it is a bit of a no-brainer. "Sacrificial giving" is when you feel it. You have thought about it. You own it.
 - We are going to invite you to pledge to mission work
 - We reckon we can another \$25K to send directly to missions every 12 months
 - Begin to think and pray about - if you could budget for extra giving over 12 months - what could you pledge? (\$1000? = \$20 per week)
 - More on kingdom builders next week
- Prepare for 1 STT in Winter 2022

FINALLY WE WANT YOU TO FEEL CONNECTED TO THOSE WE SUPPORT

****Watch VID Cartoon.**

- Every 5th Sunday – Partner Profile
- Cluster Adoption - *prayer focus, special support*
- "Partner Champions" - *church representative, stay connected for the church*
- Incorporate into monthly 24-hour prayer
- World Map (with QR Codes)