

Notes for the word section week beginning Sunday 21st March

On Mission

Read: Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-7 & 17-21

Summary:

Jesus is travelling around with a crowd preaching the gospel, healing the sick and setting people free from demons.... He is also modelling church planting.

Jesus sends out the 12 Apostles. As the Messiah of Israel Jesus is renewing Israel – the number 12 would have been associated with the nation.

There were to be a missional community – do not acquire too many possessions, travel light for you are on a mission.

Jesus sent the 12 despite them not being mature, even though they had and continued to fail, Jesus entrusted them with the mission. We do not wait to be mature before we go for Him.

Jesus then multiplies the mission by sending out the 70 (or 72)

In Genesis 10 the list of the nations of the world was 70 (or 72) depends on whether Greek or Hebrew text.

Jesus is therefore saying we must go to the nations

The disciples went to the nations after the out pouring of the Spirit at Pentecost

Mission is not just going to another country – it is being missional where you are

This church has been built on a missional foundation – we are to be those who reach out. The only questions is where you reach out – the Borough of Hillingdon which has the nations coming to it, or whether you travel elsewhere

We should pray for more workers to go out into the harvest – in the Borough and Turkey

We must trust God for provision when on mission for Him

We must not greet people along the way – i.e. get sidetracked from what we are called to do

Mission is spiritual warfare... Satan falls

Application:

Please select from the following questions.

1. What did God say to you on Sunday and what are you going to do as a result?
2. What things or people have 'slowed' you down or distracted you from the mission God has given you?
3. Failure may put you off from going. What else has stopped you being on the front foot for God?
4. Pray for those who have gone from The Crown to other countries: Andy & Val Thailand, the group that have gone to Istanbul
5. In what ways have you reached out in the last month?
6. What do you think God is asking you to do for Him in the long term – 10 years from now?