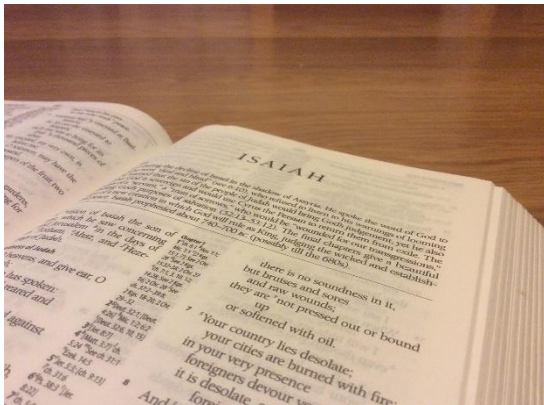


'JOINING HIS MISSION' # 6

One of the final questions in last week's notes was, in part, 'what are we actually supposed to do in response to grace given redemption'? Your answers to that question is the place from which we start this week's study.

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) was the promise of Jesus as he sent his disciples to begin their/his mission work. We will not be alone when doing God's will, which mission clearly is.

- ❖ *Many have a picture of the mission field like the locations where David Livingstone or William Carey travelled and ministered. Where do you think your mission field is?*
- ❖ *When you picture a missionary – what does he/she look like?*

Read Isaiah 49:8-13

God always has compassion, particularly on His own children, but also for all of humanity. We are to model that compassion; it is the driver of mission, and why we should be confident God is with us, indeed goes before us; effectively we join in step with Him.

'Christian mission refers to the endeavour of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples of all nations, as commanded by Jesus in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). This mission is rooted in the belief that salvation through Jesus is available to all people and that

Christians are called to share this message of hope and redemption' (Bible Hub). Hudson Taylor (renown missionary) said of the Great Commission, 'it is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.'

- ❖ *In what ways would you say our church is currently responding to its requirement to be active in mission?*
- ❖ *Clearly, every Christian is required to be a witness; it is an everyday requirement. Mission doesn't just happen; it has to be intentional. Discuss.*
- ❖ *If you agree with the above statement, what preparations do we need to make to ensure we are witnessing both actively and silently?*

Read Revelation 7:9-17

The vision seen and recorded by John is clearly 'the great multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language' who, together with the angels, are thanking and praising God for the gift of salvation.

- ❖ *Mission should be awash with prayer. Who do you know who you fear will not be in 'the great multitude'? Pray for them now.*

Prayer: *Lord, you have called us to be your witnesses. By your Spirit, empower us with enthusiasm, perseverance and hope, so that you will make yourself known through us and speak through us. Amen*