

Sunday 20th October 2024 Made for a Mission – week 6

“Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.” John 17:18

As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” John 20:21b

My 5th Purpose is to share the good news – Evangelism

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Jerusalem	= the people closest to me
Judea/Samaria	= people near but different from me
ends of the earth	= everybody else

Completing my mission

1. I must share with those in my World

“The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying, ³⁹“No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you.” So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.” Luke 8:38-39

“The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” ³⁰So the people came streaming from the village to see him.” John 4: 28-30

Some reasons why we don’t share the good news:

- No. 1 We don’t think people are interested
- No. 2 We don’t believe they’re lost
- No. 3 We don’t want to be rejected
- No. 4 We’re not living the good news
- No. 5 We don’t know what to say

“No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” 2 Peter 3:9

2. I must dare to reach beyond my World

Judea/Samaria = people near but different from me

“Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.” 1 Cor 9:22b-23

“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.” James 1:27

“For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.” Matt 25:35-36

3. I must care about the whole World

ends of the earth = everybody else

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.” Colossians 4:5

“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” Mark 16:15

“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” Acts 20:24