

* God hasn't rescinded it so we'd better join Him in it!

THE FINAL WORD:

Living in Mission requires that God's people be captured by His heart for people, that our hearts be broken for what breaks His, that we rejoice in what brings Him joy... It's amazing what we don't see when we're not looking!

Next Session (w/c Sunday March 14th) – 'Living in Reconciliation' -

THE DEBRIEF:

What is the main thought you will take away with you from this message?

What one or two things will you DO with what you have heard?

Is there anything you will do differently based on the truth that has just been shared with you?

W/C Sunday February 21st 2010 A.M.

Series: 'The Rule of Life.'

WEEK 5: LIVING IN MISSION.

Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

1. GOD'S MISSION:

* God is on a redemptive mission –

'... we are astounded at the lengths to which God will go in pursuit of His mission to redeem the crowning achievement of His creation - people.' [Regie McNeal]

* Old Testament – The Exodus – liberating God's people from oppression and slavery in Egypt – Moses

* New Testament – The Incarnation – liberating God's people from oppression and slavery to sin – Jesus

* Old Testament – The Exodus –

* New Testament – The Incarnation –

* Everything else in Scripture flows back to this central theme

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* Deliverance from something and to something –

* Old Testament - God's message to Israel – (Ex. 19:3-6)

* Israel was 'chosen' for a purpose –

* But they 'dropped the ball' –

* New Testament – Peter's message to the Church – (1Pet.2:9)

- Similar language – same message –

* 'Mission Statements' –

* 'Mission Amnesia' –

* Glorifying God and expanding His Kingdom –

* Our union with God is designed for reproduction –

'The appropriate response to the emerging world is a rebooting of the mission, a radical obedience to an ancient command, a loss of self rather than self-preoccupation, concern about service and sacrifice rather than concern about style.' [Reggie McNeal]

* Are we in danger of 'dropping the ball'? –

* Christ centred & Gospel hearted –

* Developing the 'outward look' –

* The Great Commission (Matt.28:16-20)

- God's 'Mission Statement' –

'As priests of God's Kingdom we have been given the responsibility for brokering the relationship between God and humanity.' [Martin Robinson]

* We are 'bound to God' in Mission – (Phil. 1:5)

2. THE CHURCH'S MISSION:

Alan Hirsch - 'Although, we frequently say 'the church has a mission', according to missional theology a more correct statement would be 'the mission has a church.... Every disciple is to be an agent of the kingdom, and every disciple is to carry the mission of God into every sphere of life.'

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