

BELONG SERIES – PART 3: ON MISSION

Exodus 6:6-8; Luke 19:1-10
Romans 10:1-17; Matthew 28:18-20

Pray that God would deepen your conviction and joy in being part of His mission.

Opening Sharing Question

1. What comes to mind when you think of Mission?

God the Gatherer

Read Exodus 6:1-13

(Optional cross-refs: Deuteronomy 30:1-6; Isaiah 43:6-7; 56:6-8.)

2. What do these verses show about *God's initiative* in rescuing His people?
3. How do you see God's "gathering heart" at work in the Old Testament story?
4. How does starting with *God's mission* (not ours) change the way we think about evangelism and church?

Jesus the Seeker and Saviour

Read Luke 19:1-10

5. What do we learn about Jesus' character and priorities from His encounter with Zacchaeus?
6. Why is Jesus' mission statement in verse 10 so central to understanding the gospel?
7. How have you personally experienced Jesus seeking and saving *you*?
8. Who are people in your relational sphere that you could approach and share Jesus with?

God's People Share Jesus

Read Romans 10:1-17

9. Trace Paul's "chain of mission" (vv. 13-15). What steps do you notice?
10. What is *our part* in God's mission?
11. Why does Paul call the messengers' feet "beautiful"? (cf Isaiah 52:7)
12. What might "beautiful feet" look like in our everyday context (workplace, school, home, friendships)?
13. What is the encouragement for us in these verses?

On Mission Together

Read Matthew 28:18-20

14. What does Jesus call his disciples to do? What is easy, exciting, challenging, anxious about Jesus' command?
15. How does the promise of Jesus' presence (*"I am with you always"*) encourage us?
16. What would it look like for us at St Mark's to *"know Jesus deeply and make Jesus known widely"*?

Applying God's Word

1. Which truth about God's mission has encouraged or challenged you most?
2. Write down and share the name of one person you would love to see come to faith. What would a "next step" with them look like? (invite, conversation, share your story, etc.).
3. How could our Home Group support one another to take practical next steps in mission?
4. Pray together:
 - Thank God for seeking and saving you through Jesus.
 - Ask Him to use you to seek and serve the lost.
 - Pray that at St Mark's we would reflect God's heart for mission.