
EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL COURSE

10:10-10:50AM, SUNDAYS IN SUMNERS HALL

You Will Be a Blessing

Finding Ourselves in the Bible's Story of God's Mission

Session One: April 11, 2021

REVELATION 21.22-26

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

WHAT IS MISSION?

■ BCP Catechism:

Q: What is the mission of the church?

A: The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

What is the church?

“The definition of church: a body of people sent on a mission.”

– David Bosch, South African Missiologist

THE CALL OF ABRAHAM / GENESIS 12.1-3

- Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves."

THE END OF THE EMMAUS ROAD STORY

LUKE 24.31-34

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way....

When vision fails
Direction is lost.

When direction is lost
Purpose may be forgotten.

When purpose is forgotten
Emotion rules alone.

When emotion rules alone
Destruction... destruction.



OCTAVIA BUTLER

- *The Parable of the Talents*