

Declaring God's Goodness to Those Around Us

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Pastor Brian Coles introduction to Mission's weeks and introduce Tracy.

- 1. We get to share the Gospel.**

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- 2. We get to meet the practical needs of people.**

James 2:14-17

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

(Share My Testimony)

I know Jesus because someone reached out to me. My friend created an opportunity for me to hear the gospel by meeting a relational need. Many times, one of the most practical ways to open the door to the Gospel in peoples' lives is meeting them at their point of need.

Our church's mission's statement is...

"Empowered to bring Jesus' love, healing, and hope to the world"

Local missions focus on ministries within Lancaster County.

All of us are called to reach out relationally.

I'd like to give you an overview of local outreach ministries that we support that meet more practical needs and open the door to the gospel.

(logo of each Local Outreach ministry)

Ministry to our local schools (EL, MS, HS)

- New Holland Released Time
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Feed the hungry

- Petra Food Bank
- Harvest Time Ministry
- Seeds for Hope Community Gardens

Christian summer and retreat center

- Tel Hai Camp

Pregnant Woman and Preborn Babies

- Align Ministries
- Cornerstone Pregnancy Care Services

Sex Trafficking

- North Star Initiative

Addictions

- Revelation of Freedom Ministries (ROFM)
- Celebrate Recovery
- Father's Heart Ministries
- The Potter's House (men and women)

Women's shelter

- Good Samaritan Women's Shelter

Prison ministries

- Support for Prison Ministries

CrossNet Ministries

- Youth, Food, Social services – clothing, school supplies, housing

3. For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

Titus 2:11-12

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

4. Jesus wants to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Titus 2:13-14

13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

During this last year with covid I believe the Lord gave us a year to get our houses in order, to purify us.

- Entertainment – ungodly entertainment that is occupying our time like social media, sports, tv and movies, hangouts/gatherings.
- Work – ungodly amount of time spent working. Many of our businesses were shut down causing us to question if we’re doing what we were created to do, if the amount of time we spend working is really worth the amount of time we have left to offer our families, if we’re really making disciples and spending time in relationship with God and then sharing in relationship with others out of our time with God.
- School – ungodly worldview

I believe one assignment this morning is to awaken your minds and hearts to ungodly things in our lives, to bring revelation in these areas of entertainment, work, and worldviews taught to our children, all of this through the power of the Spirit as the Lord has poured into me that I might pour into you.

Closing

(Invite the worship team up and prayer ministers to the side)

We've seen what You can do, oh God of wonders
Your power has no end
The things You've done before in greater measure
You will do again

There's no prison wall You can't break through
No mountain You can't move
All things are possible
There's no broken body You can't raise
No soul that You can't save
All things are possible

The darkest night
You can light it up
You can light it up
Oh God of revival
Let hope arise
Death is overcome
You've already won
Oh God of revival

You rose in victory and now You're seated
Forever on the throne
So why should my heart fear what You defeated
I will trust in You alone

Come awaken your people, come awaken this city
Oh God of revival pour it out, pour it out
Every stronghold will crumble, I hear the chains hit the ground
Oh God of revival pour it out, pour it out

*We don't seek revival, we seek the God of revival, it's a person, transformation relations with Jesus. He is the one who revives our spirits and puts new life in the heart of unbelievers.

We are not seeking emotionalism although it might be emotional,
We don't seek hyper spiritualism although it might be hyper spiritual.

The goal is that we would know him and that we would share him.

Pray:

The darkest night, You can light it up, awaken, let hope arise, All things are possible, revive – dead, broken, lost hearts. bring them back to life.

Song

Closing – Brian Coles

Circuit riders event meet Pastor Brian Flewelling at the front.