

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

5/5/19

Text: Acts 1:1-11

Title: Resurrection - A New Mission

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

In his sermon, Tim taught us from Acts 1 as Jesus addresses the Disciples and directs them on their mission before He departs. As Tim said, Jesus' mission was not completed, but it is eternal and global in its scope. So often we approach our mission in life, and particularly our mission from God, in pride, believing we are enough and don't need God's help; or in unbelief, in inferiority we think it's all about us and have no sense of God's greater mission. The reality is that God doesn't need any of us to get His mission accomplished, and yet, in His great love and mercy, He uses His people (from Abraham, to Israel, to the Church...) as His launching pad for His grace to spread to all tribes, nations and languages. The beauty of the Gospel is that He equips us, inhabits us, and empowers us to go on mission for Him, and convey to our world, from our home to our city and beyond, the glory and wonder and love of God. Like Doctors who were once hospital patients, once we've been rescued, we're on mission..

Reflection Questions:

1. *Tim talked about the "Chain" that connects him to those who led him to faith, all the way back to the first disciples, and ultimately to Jesus.*
 - **What does the "chain" of your faith look like? Who led you to faith? (who led them?...etc.)**
 - **Whose chain are you a link in? To whom are you called to convey what God has done in your life?**
2. *Tim said God's work was never centrally about Israel. (It's never been about us) Israel was meant to be the launching pad for God's grace to go to the whole world.*
 - **Mission - What would the people you're around the most say your life is about?**
3. *Tim talked about 4 concentric circles of the church's work in both its care and engaging its people with God's mission in their lives. The church is like a hospital where every Doctor and Nurse was once a patient. (Once you're rescued, you're on mission.)*
 1. *Individual (Private Worship) - Spiritual Disciplines, Prayer, CBR...etc.*
 2. *2-3 People (Family/Spouse/Close Friend) - Life-on-life ministry (Peter/James/John)*
 3. *Community Group - Encouraging, Equipping, Caring, "Doing life" together*
 4. *Corporate Worship - Regularly Recalibrating our lives to the gospel.*

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- *How have you engaged on each level?*
- *Where do you need God's direction and help to be "on mission" at Trinity?*

WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)

1. ADORATION *(The Father)*

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

- *Worship the LORD for His love and delight to redeem lost and sinful people like us! Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for His grace and His eternal purposes to save!*

2. CONFESSION *(Me)*

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

- *How have you lived as if God's mission is at odds or irrelevant to your life mission? Confess your pride and self-will to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to reconcile your heart to His heart for the lost.*

3. THANKSGIVING *(Jesus)*

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

- *Give thanks to Jesus for His eternal mission and the beauty of His willingness to come down in order to raise us up. Thank Him for His work, His Person, and His provision to save people like us.*

4. SUPPLICATION *(Holy Spirit)*

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

- *Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you the fruit of faithfulness. Pray for a heart for the lost, draw near to the Spirit for His equipping power for your part in His mission, and ask for a readiness to be Jesus' witness.*

5. Prepare for Gospel Community *(My Neighbor)*

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

- *Who do you know that lives with a clear sense of mission in following Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Lord to strengthen them for sustained faithfulness and to help you learn from them as best as you can.*