



Leadership Forum • August 20, 2011 “The Missional Church”

RESOURCES

- *The Heart of Evangelism*, by Jerram Barrs
- *Learning Evangelism from Jesus*, by Jerram Barrs
- *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping around Gospel and Community*, by Tim Chester & Steve Timmis
- *Evangelism: Doing Justice and Preaching Grace*, by Harvie Conn
- *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*, by C. John Miller
- *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, by Lesslie Newbigin
- *Let the Nations Be Glad!: The Supremacy of God in Missions*, by John Piper

“AN OUTWARD FACE”

Read Genesis 12:1-3; 17:4-6; Psalm 67; Matthew 28:16-20.

“The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning” (Emil Brunner, quoted by Chester).

“The church must recapture its identity as the only organization in the world that exists for the sake of its nonmembers” (Conn).

“The marks of the church need to be placed decisively within the framework of the church’s mission. This is where they were first set. For in Acts 2:42 the teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers of the newly-formed Spirit-filled and Spirit-enlarged disciple fellowship is described within the missionary context of the Pentecost story from which is cannot be extracted” (Leighton Ford, quoted by Conn).

Read Acts 10:17-23; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.

FELLOWSHIP EVANGELISM

Read John 17:20-23; 1 Thessalonian 2:1-8.

“Evangelism is not something to be undertaken in isolation... Christian community is a vital part of Christian mission... Our commitment to one another despite our differences and our grace toward one another’s failures are more eloquent testimony to the grace of God than any pretense of perfection” (Chester).

WORSHIP EVANGELISM

Read 1 Corinthians 14:23-25.

“It is worship that witnesses before the nations to the true and living God” (Conn).

SERVICE EVANGELISM

Read Isaiah 58:1-8; 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21; 7:18-23; Galatians 2:9-10.

“The local church is not just working with the poor—it is the poor” (Chester).

CHURCH PLANTING AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

“Apostolic mission was church planting” (Chester).

Next Time... “Ministry Skills” (3pm Sat., September 24)

Recommended Reading: *One-to-One Bible Reading: A Simple Guide for Every Christian*, by David Helm (\$7 at the book table)

The Trellis and the Vine: The Ministry Mind-Shift That Changes Everything, by Colin Marshall & Tony Payne

Assignment: Meet regularly with someone to read and discuss the Bible together... preferably someone not from our church!