

Understanding the Mission

Part 1, Cross Segmentation

- I. Intro
 - A. Drilling a well at the school → Different strata requires a different strategy
 - B. 2020 has been a stressful year, but what if instead of viewing it as a threat we view it as an opportunity?
 - C. What if it is revealing to us holes in our efforts to spread the Word
- II. Where should we be investing our energy during these crazy times?
 - A. **The Mission:** *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)*
 - B. **The Vision:** *Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God... (2 Peter 3:11-12).*
 - C. **The Mandate:** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20).*
 - D. The Strategy: Disciple who make disciples who make disciples who make... until the whole world hears. A movement of the gospel until Jesus comes back. That's where we should be investing our energy during these crazy times
- III. If our task is to expand his kingdom, and work towards this end, then we need...
 - A. *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8).*
 1. We need power. We need Holy Spirit power.
 2. Part of that power is eyes to see things as God sees them so we can follow his lead and do his work.
 3. We need...
 - B. **Eyes to see where the kingdom of God is already present**
 1. This is easy - it's wherever YOU are, wherever WE are
 2. Jerusalem → This is where you live, work, learn, and play
 - a) If you work somewhere, it's your mission field
 - b) If you live somewhere, it's your mission field
 - c) If you shop somewhere, it's your mission field
 - d) If you go to school somewhere, it's your mission field
 3. Judea → These people are still like us, but maybe a little removed
 - a) People we don't interact with all the time, but they are still like us
 - b) They might drive to our church or we might help them find a church up by them that will reach them

C. Eyes to see where the kingdom of God is NOT

1. Samaria
 - a) Not where I live, work, learn, or play...
 - (1) I actually have to go out of my way to engage here
 - b) They don't look, act, talk, eat, shop, learn like me
 - (1) I actually have to go out of my way to engage them
 2. Ends of the Earth
 - a) Not where I live, work, learn, or play...
 - (1) I actually have to go out of my way to engage here
 - b) They don't look, act, talk, eat, shop, learn like me
 - (1) I actually have to go out of my way to engage them
- IV. Each of these population segments requires the same mission, the same vision, the same mandate, and the same message, but they also require us to GO to them without dragging the other population segment's baggage along with us
- A. Jesus → Fishermen vs. Pharisees vs. Woman at the Well vs. Demoniac
 - B. Paul → Acts 13 vs. Acts 17
- V. We need 3 things:
- A. A Christ-exalting posture of our heart**
 1. A heart that hears and obeys Jesus no matter what
 2. A heart that seeks his face in prayer, desiring to grow in intimacy
 3. Eyes and ears to see and hear what the Spirit is saying (prompts)
 - B. An access point to the new population**
 1. Access points in the Scripture are always PEOPLE
 2. How do you find people?! Sometimes they fall into your lap (where the kingdom is)
 3. But normally they don't! You need to go to them (like the NT workers did)
 - a) Praying as you go through new areas and asking God for help and to show you who he is drawing to himself
 - b) Observing the needs of the community and asking God to show you how you can demonstrate the love of God
 - c) Coupling these acts of love with truth proclamation
 - (1) Proclaiming the Scripture
 - (2) Proclaiming your testimony
 - (3) Proclaiming the gospel
 - C. A willingness to stay and invest for the long haul. (What do you do if you find someone who seems open to learning more or responds positively?)**
 1. Invite them to learn more in the Word
 2. Invite them to invite others to learn what they are learning from the Word
 3. Invite them to continue being developed by the Word as you coach them
- VI. Conclusion
- A. Revolve is relatively healthy.
 1. Triangle
 - B. We've baptized over 60 people in the last 2 years.

- C. We've given a ton of money towards overseas workers who are doing the things listed above
- D. But one glaring thing we are lacking → Crossing into new population segments (e.g. people who aren't like us, people who won't come to us)
 - 1. Those who aren't from a Christian background most likely won't visit a church
 - 2. Those who don't have cars won't drive to church
 - 3. Those who look different, speak different, who won't feel comfortable won't come here.
 - 4. We need to go to them and then empower them to reach their own population segments.
- E. The gospel travels fastest through your own social circles, but it travels furthest through people you don't know as it moves through THEM through THEIR social circles.

TABLE TALK:

- What are some examples of other population segments (e.g. census tracts) that most likely wouldn't come to Revolve?
- What could it look like if your Discipleship Group or even two families prayerfully adopted the mission of bringing the gospel to that population segment?
- Spend a few moments praying for God's wisdom, clear direction, and a stirring to obedience.