

Real Mission Discerned

In June 2015 we followed up on our previous Sermon Series on Real Lives by looking at Real Mission specifically. We focused on: Mission at the Centre; Mission and Worship; and Mission without Compromise.

At the conclusion of the series and following the Café Church I explained that we would refocus on Mission in our Sunday services in the Fall and work to develop an actual plan for Mission in a Tuesday E.F.L evening series. The details of both these approaches are below:

Date	Topic	Readings
20 th September	“Come to Me” <i>(Matt. 11: 28)</i>	Exodus 33: 7-11 Psalm 23 Matthew 11: 25-30
27 th September	“Follow Me” <i>(Matt. 4: 19)</i>	Exodus 13: 17-22 Psalm 119: 33-40 Hebrews 12: 1-3 Matthew 4: 18 - 22
4 th October	“Wait for Me” <i>(Acts 1: 4)</i>	Acts 1: 1-5 Psalm 27: 7-14 Hebrews 3: 7-19 Mark 4: 26-29
11 th October	“Go for Me” <i>(Matt. 28: 18-18)</i>	Exodus 3: 1-10 Psalm 9: 1-2 & 7-11 Matthew 28: 16-20

The sermon series will help us focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ as our perfect example of a Missionary. On October 4th, the day we remember St Aidan, we will engage in a Prayer Walk in River Heights to prepare the way for Mission. This will be run in the same way as our Prayer Walk around St Aidan’s School that took place in June. We will then have three evening sessions in October which will be very practical.

Date	Topic	Area of Focus
13 th October	Our Context	Our Culture. Our Communities. Our Church.
20 th October	Sharing our Faith	Our journey of faith. Our areas of influence. How to share our faith.
27 th October	God’s Mission Plan for St Aidan’s	What might a plan involve? A Church Plan. A Personal Plan.

The aim is to help us understand our situation, our faith and how to share that faith in obedience to the Lord’s commands. The outcome will be an actual plan for the way forward. The purpose is not to create huge amount of activity but to help develop the Lord’s heart in us for those who do not know Him and in doing so to allow the Lord to equip us as His witnesses and disciples.

We will all, I am sure, have mixed feelings over this endeavour to obey our God. There will be trepidation, a feeling of excitement, a desire to share God's love, feelings of inadequacy and possibly a sense that we have too much on already. Whatever your thoughts are I ask that you support the approach and give the Lord your commitment. He promises to empower and to equip; our part is to be willing to step out in faith.

Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” John 20: 21

Real God, Real Church, Real Lives