

Outline of Study Day...

Mission and Evangelism Module

10am	Open in Prayer
10.10am	Introduction to module & study day
10.30am	Part 1: What is Mission?
11.10am	Coffee Break
11.25am	Part 1 continued...
Noon	Part 2: Who's Mission is it?
12.35pm	Lunch
1.20pm	Part 3: Reading the Bible Missionally
2.10pm	Assignments
2:30pm	Closing Prayer



Mission & Evangelism

Part 1 – What is Mission?

What is Mission?
What is Evangelism?
Discuss...



“Mission is a multifaceted ministry, in respect of witness, service, justice, healing, reconciliation, liberation, peace, evangelism, fellowship, church planting, contextualisation, and much more.”

Bosch, *Transforming Mission*, 1991 p.512



Mission is the fundamental reality of our Christian life. We are Christians because we have been called by God to work with him in the fulfilment of his purposes for humanity as a whole. Our life in this world is life in mission. Life has a purpose only to the extent that it has a missionary dimension.

Emilio Castro 'Liberation, Development and Evangelism: Must we Choose in Mission?', Occasional Bulletin for Missionary Research July 1978 p87

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Break Time!



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The Five Marks of Mission

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ, and the Church is called:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Mission is...

- Proclaiming the Lordship of Christ
- Discerning the work of God's Spirit
- The redemptive work of God in the world
- The saving work of God in people

Not just something for churches to do “if we get round to it”, “or if we have enough resources to do it”...



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Part 2 – Who's Mission is it?

Who's Mission is it?

Missio Dei = God's Mission

“It is not the Church of God that has a mission in the world but the God of mission that has a Church in the world.”

(Tim Dearborn, Beyond Duty: A Passion For Christ, A Heart For Mission, 1998)

Discussion...

as expressed by Dearborn et al.) have upo

Lunch Time!





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Part 3 – Reading the Bible Missionally

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'As I read the Bible I find in it a quite unique interpretation of universal history and, therefore, a unique understanding of the human person as a responsible actor in history. You Christian missionaries have talked of the Bible as if it were simply another book of religion. We have plenty of these already in India and we do not need another to add to our supply.'

Reading the Bible Missionally

King and Kingdom Narrative

God establishes His Kingdom	Rebellion in the Kingdom	The King chooses Israel	The Coming of the King	Spreading the News of the King	The Return of the King
Creation	Fall	Redemption Initiated	Redemption Accomplished	The Mission of the Church	Redemption Complete
		Act 1: A People for the King Act 2: A land for the People		Act 1: Jerusalem to Rome Act 2: Into the world	

Moses

Revelation

Adam and Eve

Abraham

Jesus

Paul and Acts of the Apostles

King David

1. **God's plan is always bigger**

- Reading the Bible missionally shows how the biblical story moves towards the restoration of the whole of creation to its original goodness

2. **We live in an era of biblical history**

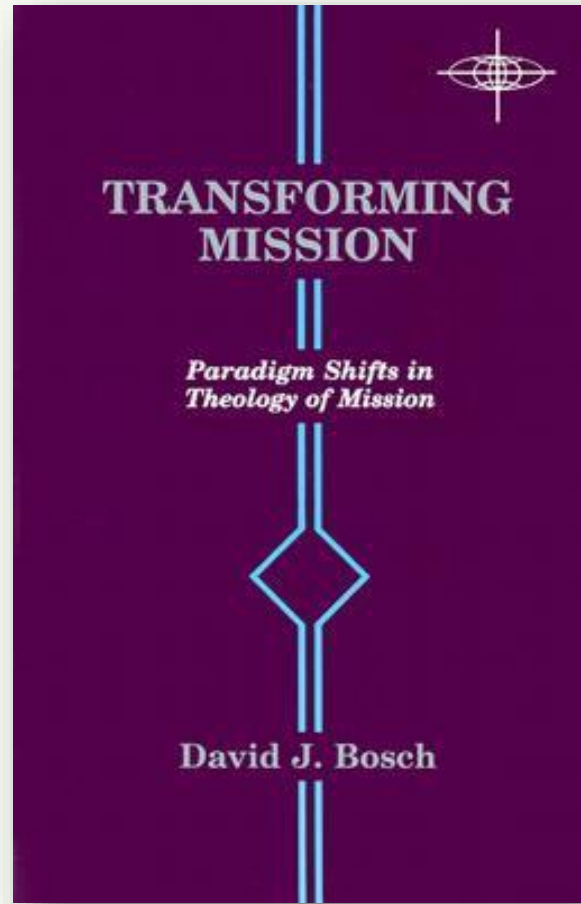
- We are in the story, but the Bible normally records God's dealing with peoples, not just individuals

3. **Mission is central to the Bible**



Christopher JH Wright, *The Mission of God* (2006) outlines the Bible's missional hermeneutic as starting theo-centrally:

*'To read the whole Bible in the light of this great overarching perspective of the mission of God, then, is to read **with the grain** of the whole collection of texts that constitute our canon of Scripture.'*



Matthew

Luke/Acts

Paul

Bosch's New Testament Missiological Paradigms

	Self-understanding of author and audience	Focus	Key Concept	Key Text	Mission
Matthew	A disciple helping other Jewish disciples widen their mission beyond Judaism	Discipleship	Kingdom of God	Mt. 28:18-20	Carry the good news
Luke-Acts	A former outsider (Gentile) helping God's new inter-ethnic community understand its identity and mission	Transcending boundaries	Holy Spirit	Lk. 4:18-19	Go with the Spirit
Paul	A Jewish persecutor turned apostle helping Jew and Gentile converts of his mission understand their conversion	Time (grace period)	Salvation	Gal. 1:1-5	Seize the day
In common	Mission is at the core of who we are, not an incidental matter. We have to adapt our mission as the situation changes	God's new action in the Messiah calls for a new response from everyone	God's liberating influence is arriving among us with present and eternal implications	God sent Jesus as he sends his messengers	Be proactive. Tell the whole world about the Messiah.

Recap...
&
Q&A assignments...

Assignment 2 - Resource for others & commentary

- **PLEASE READ THE ASSIGNMENT OUTLINE ON THE MODULE WEBSITE...**
- Length: 20 - 27.5 minutes **MAXIMUM** (2000 - 2,750 words equivalent). Anything under 20 minutes won't have enough depth and will lose marks. Any overrun will result in a deduction of marks at a rate of 1 mark for every minute/100 words or part thereof.
- Due Date: 13th December 2024