



Series:
'The Rule of Life.'

Week 5:

Living In Mission.

1 Peter 2:1-10



SERIES OVERVIEW:

- ☀ **1) Living in Jesus** – Encouraging a deeper relationship with Christ.
- ☀ **2) Living in Prayer** – Encouraging a more disciplined and creative prayer life.
- ☀ **3) Living in Transformation** – Encouraging each other to experience transformation.
- ☀ **4) Living in Fellowship** – Encouraging increased awareness and acceptance of each other.
- ☀ **5) Living in Mission** – Encouraging a greater heart to serve God's world.
- ☀ **6) Living in Reconciliation** – Encouraging a more gracious way of handling conflict.
- ☀ **7) Living in Submission** – Encouraging a greater desire to submit to God and to each other.

1. GOD'S MISSION:

- ☀ God is on a redemptive mission –
- ☀ *'... we are astounded at the lengths to which God will go in pursuit of His mission to redeem the crowning achievement of His creation – people.'*
[Reggie McNeal]
- ☀ Old Testament – The Exodus
- ☀ New Testament – The Incarnation
- ☀ Everything else in Scripture flows back to this central theme –
- ☀ Deliverance from and to something

1. God's Mission Cont'd...:

- ☀ Old Testament – God's message to Israel – *(Ex. 19:3-6)*
 - Israel – chosen for a purpose
 - Israel 'dropped the ball' -
- ☀ New Testament – Peter's message to the Church – *(1Pet. 2:9)*
 - Similar language – same message
- ☀ *'As priests of God's Kingdom we have been given the responsibility for brokering the relationship between God and humanity.'*
[Martin Robinson]
- ☀ We are 'bound to God' in Mission – *(Phil. 1:5)*

2. THE CHURCH'S MISSION:

- ✦ Alan Hirsch - *'Although, we frequently say 'the church has a mission', according to missional theology a more correct statement would be 'the mission has a church...'*
- ✦ **'Mission Statements' -**
- ✦ **'Mission Amnesia' -**
- ✦ **Glorifying God and expanding His Kingdom –**
- ✦ **Our 'union' is designed for reproduction -**

2. The Church's Mission Cont'd..:

- ✦ *'The appropriate response to the emerging world is a rebooting of the mission, a radical obedience to an ancient command, a loss of self rather than self-preoccupation, concern about service and sacrifice rather than concern about style.'* [Reggie McNeal]
- ✦ **Are we in danger of 'dropping the ball'? –**
- ✦ **Christ centred & Gospel hearted –**
- ✦ **Developing the 'outward look' –**
- ✦ **God's Mission Statement –**
(Matt.28:16-20)
- ✦ **God hasn't rescinded it!**



THE FINAL WORD:

'Living in Mission requires that God's people be captured by His heart for people, that our hearts be broken for what breaks His, that we rejoice in what brings Him joy... It's amazing what we don't see when we're not looking!