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Short-term Mission...

Why do we do it?

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Our foundation:
The Bible



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The Bible ***describes*** God's mission
and ***tasks*** the Church in that mission

The Bible is the ***product*** of God's mission

The Bible is a ***tool*** of God's mission



**What in the Bible has encouraged
you to take mission seriously
– particular passages, or themes,
or aspects of the character of God
– or what?**



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‘The whole Bible renders to us the story of God’s mission through God’s people in their engagement with God’s world for the sake of God’s purpose for the whole of God’s creation. Mission is not just one of a list of things that the Bible happens to talk about, only a bit more urgently than some. Mission is, in that much-abused phrase, ‘what it’s all about.’

Chris Wright



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God's Heart
for the World



In the New Testament....

Paul's letters

often written in the midst of his missionary activities

The Gospels

the good news of Jesus Christ - the early church needed to have confidence in the foundations of their faith.

Luke-Acts

shaped around the mission mandate



In the Old Testament....

Torah

Israel came into existence as a people with a mission
God unfolds his plan for the nations

Historical narratives

Israel's failure to be the people God intended them to be

Exilic and post-exilic texts

Israel as a community of faith living under
empires of varying hostility or tolerance.



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In the Old Testament....

Wisdom

interacted with international wisdom traditions in the surrounding cultures

Worship and prophecy

'reflected on the relationship between their God, Yahweh, and the rest of the nations'



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*‘The writings which now comprise
our Bible are themselves a product of,
and witness to, the ultimate mission of God.’*

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“there is one God at work in the universe and in human history, and that God has a goal, a purpose, a mission which will ultimately be accomplished by the power of his word and for the glory of his name.”

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What is the **ultimate** goal of mission?

Ephesians 1;
Revelation 7

The Glory of God



What is the **immediate** goal of mission?

John 17: 1-5

The salvation of the lost



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Jesus' Mission in the whole of scripture

Jesus testifies in **Luke 24:44-49**

Paul testifies in **Acts 26:22-23**



Jesus does short-term mission!

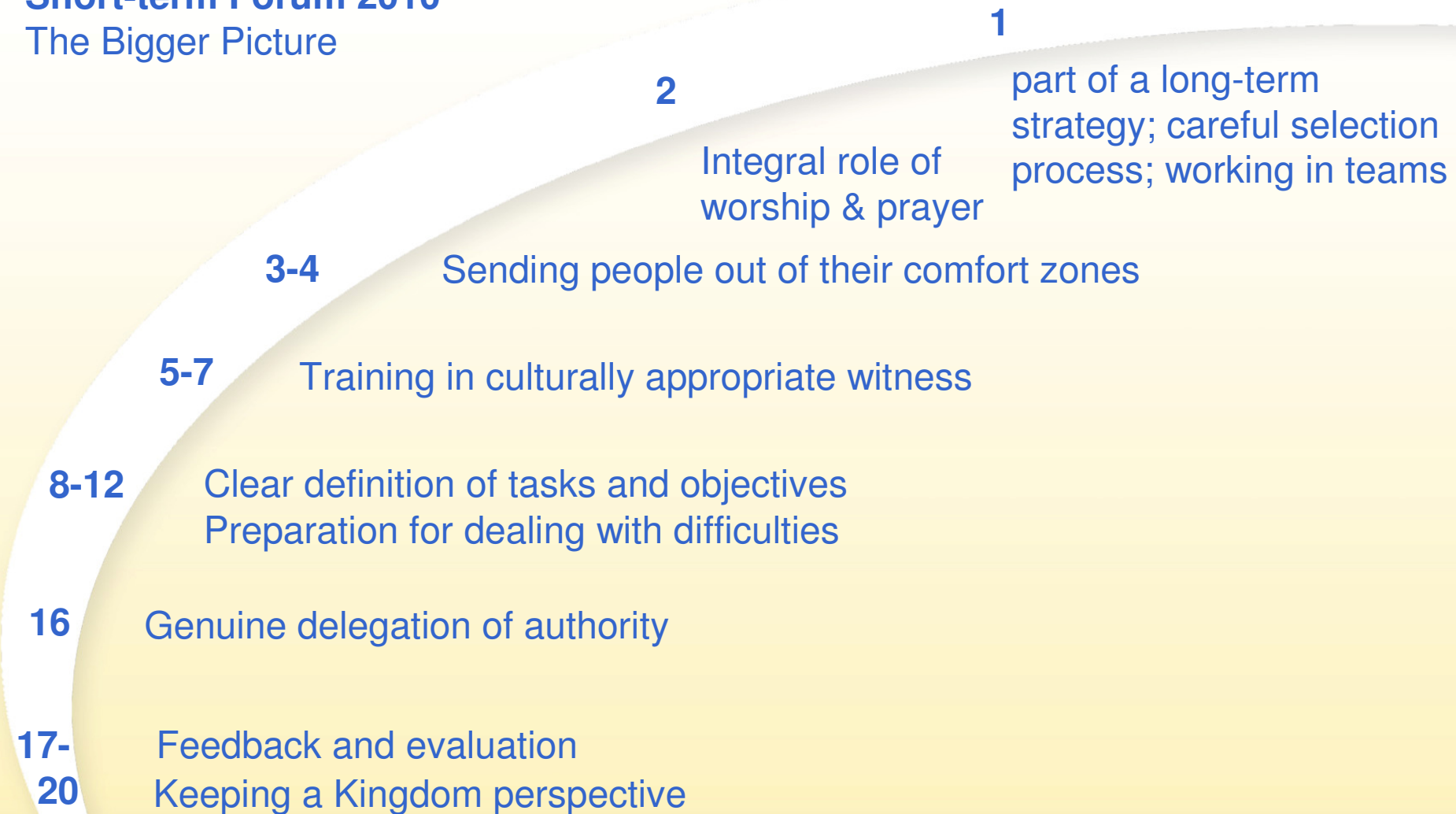
Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Look at this passage and see what you can glean about Jesus model of Short-term Mission.



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'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Matthew 28:18b-20



GO.....

make disciples.....

baptising them.....

teaching them.....



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the message of
the Bible
is the
message of mission



It reveals....

God's purposes for his whole creation,
including the redemption of humanity and
the creation of the new heavens and new earth;

God's purpose for human life in general on this planet,
and of all the Bible teaches about human culture,
relationships, ethics and behaviour;

God's historical election of Israel, their identity and role in
relation to the nations, and the demands he made on their
worship, social ethics and total value system



It reveals....

The centrality of Jesus of Nazareth, his messianic identity and mission in relation to Israel and the nations, his cross and resurrection;

God's calling of the church, the community of believing Jews and gentiles who constitute the extended people of the Abraham covenant, to be the agent of God's blessing to the nations in the name and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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What are the key principles included in your teaching about the Biblical Basis of Mission?

Is there anything you need to change in your teaching?

What kind of disciples are you making as a result of your mission theory and practice?



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‘A world Christian isn’t better than other Christians. But by God’s grace, they have made a discovery so important that life can never be the same again. World Christians are day-to-day disciples for whom Christ’s global cause has become the integrating, over-riding priority for all that he has for them. Like disciples should, they actively investigate all that their master’s great commission means. Then they act on what they learn.’

David Bryant



Scripture's last word....

'God will wipe every tear from their eyes' (21:4)
the motivating force now to reach out to the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the dying.

The vision of a garden city (see 22:1-5)
motivates us to care for today's groaning earth and all its non-human creatures.

'the glory and honour of the nations'(21:26)
motivates us to seek the redemption of all human cultures

'nothing unclean will enter [the city]' (21:27)
motivates us to proclaim a gospel of repentance

'all nations will be his peoples' (Rev.21:3)
challenges the church to be faithful in her witness among the nations.



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