

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 4th July 2021



Week 1 – A MISSION MINDED CHURCH
Isaiah 6:1-8. Matthew 28:16-20

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/u7SiA_Y6af0
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Isaiah 6 New International Version - UK

Isaiah's commission

⁶ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ ‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, ‘See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.’

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’

Matthew 28:16-20 New International Version - UK

The great commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’

Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. Steve shared three definitions of what it means to be MISSION MINDED.

A Mission's Minded Church is one that invests in bringing those who are lost and dying spiritually to the saving knowledge of Jesus...
Jeany Schmidt
(Missionary in west Africa)

i. Looking at each do you agree or disagree with each?

A Mission's Minded church cares about missionaries and those being ministered to enough that when they receive a prayer letter asking for prayer they get on their knees and bring the request to the Father and pray with fervency.

Christa McCartney
(Missionary in Burkin Faso, South Sudan)

ii. How would you sum up the definition or each quote in a sentence?

Mission's minded means that you are focused on finishing the great commission of reaching the lost around the world and at your doorstep. You understand that it is the responsibility of every member of the church to reach those around them and to pray and support those who are reaching the unreached (Those without any access to the Gospel) around the world... Mission's minded means that you are not leaving the job for just those called to "missions" but that everyone is involved in some form with missions.
Joni Erickson (speaker and Author)

iii. What is your own definition of what it means to be MISSION MINDED?

3. Steve said that for some lockdown has given people time and space to pray and to get to know their neighbours. In what way has lockdown been positive for you spiritually?
4. Steve listed several things that ought to be the foundation for us being mission minded. What else do you think ought to be included with list? And why?

*Prayer, Being Aware Of Our Communities' Needs, Building Relationships, Rebooting
Praying For Our Global And National Partners In Mission,
Being Prepared To Speak About Jesus To Others.*

5. Matthew 28 (The great commission) – what does you understand Jesus to be asking of his followers from this command today?
6. In the Isaiah passage – it ends with the young prophet saying, “Here I Am send me”. As we return to being in person - How willing are you for these words to be your words when it comes to serving in the church, speaking about Jesus, and following God?

Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.