

Mark I – To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

The first mark of Mission is in some ways the summary of all the other marks, and is primary – based upon Jesus' own summary of his mission. (Mark I:14,15). But if we are honest, it is also the most difficult. We can get involved with an environmental project or some social action, but to tell other people about our faith.... We wish that were someone else's job.

But, as the apostle Peter said:

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”

(1 Peter 3:15) (1 minute)

4. Do you feel prepared to do this? (1 minute)

5. How do you feel about proclaiming the Good News? (1 minute)

Read through Exodus 3 (3 minutes)

6. How did Moses feel about the task that God had set before him? (1 minute)

7. In summary, what was God's answer? (1 minute)

Read the final words of Jesus recorded in Matthew's gospel (Matthew 28:18-20)

8. What challenges you and encourages you about the scope and the possibility of mission? (2 minutes)

Read Luke 9:1-6. Just as Jesus was sent by God to be with us, so we too are sent to share the good news, with the promise that he is with us.

9. How would you view the challenge of verses 1, 2 and 6 today? (2 minutes)

10. Looking at verse 3 – what baggage do you think we carry today that might hold us back from sharing our faith? (2 minutes)

Verses 4 and 5 seem to be talking about relationships, knowing when to speak and when to move on.

11. Discuss the relevance of words, deeds and relationships in mission. (2 minutes)

Read Acts 8:26-40

Imagine the scenario, the two men and their differences, yet wonderful things happened. (1 minute)

In sharing his faith, Philip started with the question the Eunuch was asking.

12. What is the importance of listening in mission? (1 minute)