

Why prayer must be central to God-honoring missions:

- Because God will not give His glory to another.
- So that we get the help as He gets the glory.
- Because we want to bear fruit that will last.

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Mission: Life in light of God's glory

Week 3

The Christian life is marked by Sentness.

God's Glory through Gospel Grace Church:

“We exist as a church to glorify God by making gospel-centered, grace-saturated disciples of Jesus Christ.”

It's easy to become Apathetic or Overwhelmed.

How can we have a sense of purpose?

1. Do Something.
2. Trust.
3. Keep on.

→ In everything, pray.

“When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” - Bonhoeffer

God's glory in suffering

Why does the Gospel go forward with suffering?

- Who is the cause of suffering?
 - Acts 4:27 – 28... “what your power and will had decided....”
 - Philippians 1:29... “it has been granted to you...to suffer.
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:3-4... “we are destined for this.”
- Why Does God Appoint Suffering for His Servants?
 - Deeper faith and greater holiness
2 Corinthians 1:8-9
 - To give us greater joy in our reward and the glory of Christ
2 Corinthians 4:17-18
 - To wake up other Christians and make them bold
Philippians 1:14
 - Suffering moves Christians to the places He wants them to go
Acts 8:1, Acts 11:19
 - Suffering magnifies the power and worth of Christ
Matthew 13:44-46, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- Who suffers?

1 Peter 4:1, 4:12 “Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin... Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.”

What does this mean for us?

- How Should We React?
 - With joy! – Acts 5:41, Hebrews 10:34

- Should Christians choose to suffer for the sake of the name?
 - Psalm 63:3... “steadfast love of the Lord is better than life.”
 - Phil. 3: 7-8... “suffer loss...that I may gain Christ.”
 - What about exposing others to suffering through missions?
- How Do We Prepare for Suffering in Missions?
 1. Do Something.
 2. Trust.
 3. Keep on.
 - In everything, pray.

If God is Sovereign in Missions, Why Should We Pray?

- Prayer Proves the Supremacy of God in Missions
 - Psalm 50:15... “Call on me in the day of trouble...”
 - John 14:13... “that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”
 - John 16:24... “that your joy may be full.”
- God Will Win the War – So Why Pray?
 - Matthew 16:18... “I *will* build my church...”
 - Genesis 49:10... “To him *shall* be the obedience...”
 - John 10:16... “they *will* heed my voice.”
 - “Prayers and pains through faith in Christ Jesus will do anything” – John Eliot