

GCSE RESULTS

As we explore together what God is calling us to do as His people at this time in this place I am going to explore some aspects of mission and ask that we would use this time to help us explore what God may be saying to each of us.

In order to do this we are going to use the acronym GSCE - but rather than General Certificate of Secondary Education we are going to think about the following

**God
Calls
Sends
Empowers**

Empowers

We approach the end of our series exploring how GCSE. How God, Calls, Sends and Empowers each of us. I would ask that you reflect back on what God may have been saying to you about your role in proclaiming the Good News in words and deed.

God calls each of us by name and He sends us to live and witness in the locations we are in.

This can seem daunting and at times we question whether we really are the person God is calling and sending - surely He must mean someone else

MOSES - Exodus 4:1-17

Moses has encountered God in the burning bush and responds to His presence and God sends Moses to set the Israelites free.

Surely that's enough - it will all be plain sailing, he has heard God and it's pretty clear. - there can be no ambiguity.

However Moses finds a host of reasons why he is not the one.

What if they reject me? God responds with signs and wonders to confirm to Moses that God is with him. This is an account where God reveals to Moses His power and seeks to show him the authority of the one who is sending him.

ACTION

You may be faced with situations that you don't think you are capable of. Remember that God is with you. Pray for the situation and ask God to reveal His power.

Moses continues to resist, claiming his lack of skills and abilities.

Surely there must be someone else or someone better! And

eventually Moses simply asks God to send someone else. (v13)

Verse 14 said that God's anger burned against Moses but he didn't give up on him. Instead God used his brother to be the spokesperson.

ACTION

As you pray about the places God is sending you to, pray that God will empower you to fulfil His calling - know that this is not for you alone. Who could God be calling to support you in this calling?

Ephesians 4:7-16

As you read through the early chapter Acts of the Apostles we come across a group of followers of Jesus who are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. They go from a small group in an upper room, not sure of what to say or do next, to be part of a movement that transforms society. It is in the power of the Holy Spirit that they preach, prophesy and perform miracles. And as you read through Acts you see that these were a people who find their power and boldness in prayer. They committed themselves to pray.

ACTION

Think of the situation you may be being called to. Commit to pray for the people involved, asking that God will reveal to you His will and give you the words to say and actions to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit.

When writing to the church in Ephesus Paul encourages the followers of Jesus to grasp what it is they are called to and know that God has empowered and equipped those He has called to serve the mission of the church. Paul sees that to grow we need to serve utilising the gifting and anointing He has given us.

ACTION

What gifts has God given you in serving His calling? Take some time to pray and ask God to reveal to you how He is empowering you to serve. What might this look like in the light of being called and sent?

If God has spoken to you throughout this series please be in touch and ask someone to pray with you. It is exciting that God, calls, sends and equips people like you and me to be a part of His mission in this community. I pray that we would grasp and respond to what He is saying.